



Kilbarchan Primary School
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Introduction

I was having a look at the newsletters and information sheets sent out this year and I think (?!) this is number 30! I hope you have found the information provided over the last year helpful, however I do understand that as we have been unable to invite you in to our school, it must have been very difficult for you and you may have had many more questions.

If you have items you would like me to address in our newsletters, please let me know. We are always here to help and support and are only a phone call or email away.

Lunches

We have been informed that pupils will return to eating in the Dining Hall in the next couple of weeks. We will plan accordingly around this as more details from our Catering Service are made available. Once we have this information, we will share it with pupils and families.

New menus will be in place from 14 June onwards. When the new menus are available, we will post these on our school website. Please make sure you discuss the options with your child so that they are confident when placing their order.

P1 Transition

Letters informing our new Primary 1 parents and carers about transition activities have gone out this week. We are so sorry that current restrictions do not permit adults to visit the school with their children and fully appreciate how disappointing this must be. It is our plan that, as soon as restrictions are lifted in the new academic year: we will invite parents and carers in to see where their child(ren) work; meet with the adults who support them; and an opportunity to explore the resources that are available.

In the meantime, the Head Teacher and Depute Head Teacher will be hosting two live Question and Answer sessions during which a video of the school and class bases will be shown to our new families. We will discuss the life of the school, what the children and families can expect, our learning and teaching approaches, and the ways in which we celebrate success. We are very excited to be able to see our new families, albeit virtually!

P7 Transition

Primary 7, their teacher, our Parent Council and the Senior Leadership Team are working very closely to ensure that our end of term celebrations are as enjoyable as possible for our children. We must continue to plan with strict adherence to health and safety guidance and be flexible should changes be required.

It is important to note that we are unable to invite parents/carers to the school for any events and will not be organising anything that requires families to purchase prom dresses/kilts etc.

I have also organised, along with our Active School's partners, a very special day just for our Primary 7s. A separate letter outlining all of these plans in detail will be sent out next week.

Nut Free

A further reminder that we are a Nut Free school and that no items containing nuts should be brought to school.

Changes to website

Over the next few weeks, we will be reorganising our website, with the hope that the new layout makes items easier to find for our families. Should you be unable to find any information or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school where we are happy to help.

Parking

Could I respectfully ask parents/carers to be mindful of where they are parking when picking up and dropping off their child. We would ask that no private driveways are used or blocked as this has caused some distress for our neighbours and can result in a safety concern for children crossing the roads around the school. Thank you in advance for supporting us with this.

Pupil How Good Is Our School?4

Our pupils have been evaluating the life of the school along with the standard of learning and teaching they have received this year. We use a pupil version of the How Good Is Our School framework to support us with this. The responses I have received so far have been insightful, balanced, positive and creative! Every year we use this information to help us design our priorities for the next academic year. We will share this with you once everything has been collated.

New Academic Year

I know many families are starting to think about uniform for the next academic year. From August we will return to our normal school uniform, with PE clothes brought to school on gym days. Our school will also return to a 9am start in the morning. We hope that by providing this information as early as possible, it will help families to plan for next year.

We are also excited at the prospect of organising our Primary 7 residential trip to Ardentenny in April 2022. I know this seems quite a long way off however we felt it was important to register our school's interest in visiting the centre and enjoying all that is on offer! I know our pupils and staff share this excitement and it has been lovely to have something to plan towards!

I realise this has been a fairly full newsletter but if there is something you feel I have left out please let me know.

Yours faithfully,

Fiona MacKenzie
Head Teacher