



Kilbarchan Primary School
Newsletter 1 August 2022



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome Back!

It is so lovely to have our children back after the summer holiday! We would also like to extend a warm welcome to those families who have joined the school this session. We hope that you had a lovely summer break; managing to enjoy the lovely weather and finding time to relax as a family.

Communication – Whole School

- ParentPay – Our main method of communication will continue to be ParentPay and it is vital that every family is signed up to this. Head Teacher newsletters, permission for trips etc will all be communicated through ParentPay.
- Texts – We will issue reminders or brief items of note through our text system. It costs the school for each text sent and so we try to keep this to a minimum.
- Twitter – We love to share our successes with the wider community and so many of these will be posted on Twitter. We would love for you to follow us on @KilbarchanPS.

Communication – Individual Classes

- SeeSaw Pilot – We are piloting this app to see whether families and pupils find it useful. Primary 1 have already been set up, with Primaries 2 and 3 to follow shortly. This will provide a snapshot of some of the activities that go on during the day and will support conversations at home. We are aware that some of our children may forget all the wonderful things that they do each day and so we hope this helps!
- Sway – Primaries 4 through to 7 will continue to pull together the work they do over a Term, and this will be shared via the Sway presentation.

Contacting School

It is important that the details we hold about your child, absence information, health issues etc are all communicated to our main office, rather than messaging teachers directly. This ensures our Senior Leadership Team have a good overview of the needs of your child and are better able to co-ordinate supports.

Should you need to contact the school for any reason please call or email using:

0300 300 0163

Or

kilbarchanenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk

Important Dates

A list of important dates will be sent out via ParentPay shortly. In the meantime:

- 01/07/22 – Parent Council Meeting 7-8pm (via Teams)
- 07/09/22 – Meet the Teacher afternoon
- 04/11/22 – Flu vaccinations

Information Points

- We are a Nut Free School so ask that all items brought from home do not contain nuts.
- Children should bring a water bottle with them every day and are encouraged to stay hydrated. The water bottles should only contain water and not juice.
- All items belonging to your child must be labelled with their name. Where items are labelled, we can return them to your child. Unfortunately, many items without labels are often recycled if the owner cannot be identified.

PE Days

- Details regarding PE days will be sent home by class teachers by the end of this week.
- Pupils in Primaries 1 – 4 will be asked to bring their kit in a bag and get changed in school. It is often beneficial if children wear a polo shirt on this day to make changing easier and more efficient.
- Pupils in Primaries 5 – 7 can come to school dressed in their PE kit. Pupils should wear their school polo shirt on their PE days and can wear joggers/leggings/shorts suitable for indoor/outdoor exercise. We ask that those joggers/leggings/shorts reflective our school colours and are with minimal branding. As always, football colours and branding are not allowed in school at any time.
- On non-PE days all pupils are expected to wear school uniform.

Outdoor Learning

We place great value on outdoor learning and so ask that pupils are dressed appropriately for the wide range of weather conditions we experience! A warm jacket with a hood is always a good investment but we do appreciate that as costs rise, this can be a challenge for some. If you would like financial assistance to purchase such an item, please contact Mrs MacKenzie directly, where your conversation will be held in the strictest of confidence.

I hope that you and your child, have enjoyed the first few days of term and I look forward to the exciting year ahead!

Yours faithfully,

Fiona MacKenzie
Head Teacher