



### Our Vision

Our vision at Braehead is to provide a positive and engaging learning environment which challenges and supports all children to be the best they can be.

## **Braehead Primary School Newsletter** **Week beginning 10.6.19**

Dear Parents/Carers,

### **Transition**

Our P7 pupils will be heading to Lanark Grammar School for their 2 day visit on Wednesday and Thursday of this week. Children are to make their own way to and from the Grammar on these days. They should arrive at the school by 9:20am – I will be waiting in the street area to greet them. They will be put into their classes to begin with then will follow their timetable until 2.30pm which will be the end of the school day for them. Parents should collect their children from the school at this time. I would recommend car sharing if possible as it is always difficult to park and very busy around the school throughout the day. Children are then free to go home – they should not return to Braehead Primary. This will be the arrangement once again on Thursday. A letter was issued to all P7 pupils from Mrs Wilson outlining information regarding the school show and how to purchase a house badge on the two day visits; should you require this information again please let me know.

I am sure the children are very excited about this next step on their journey, we wish them all the very best.

### **Primary 1 Transition**

The last of our transition visits for our new Primary 1 children will be on Tuesday of this week from 1:15pm-2:45pm. All children have settled very well on the last two visits – we very much look forward to them joining us permanently in August.

### **Rag Bag**

Rag Bag will be collecting on Tuesday 18 June from Braehead. Any unwanted textiles should be placed in the clothing bin in the front playground of the school. Many thanks, this is a good fundraiser for us. If the bin is full please leave any bags in the shed.

### **Summer Celebration**

As previously intimated our Summer Celebration will take place on Thursday 20 June at 11am. Should your child have any certificates or medals awarded at netball or cross country can we please ask that these be brought into the school on Monday 17 June so that they can be presented at our celebration.

### **Staffing Update**

I am delighted to inform you that we have been successful in securing another teacher for next session. As you are aware Mr MacDonald was with us for one year only and will take up a new post in August. In his place we will have a new teacher at Braehead for the year ahead. Having an additional class in the school hall four mornings per week makes a real difference to our class sizes and has been very successful over the last two sessions.

Miss Kennedy is also moving on to pastures new at the end of this session. She has decided to take some time to travel with her family across America. This is a very exciting opportunity

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and we wish her all the very best. Miss Kennedy has been a member of staff at Braehead for 11 years and will be greatly missed by our school community.

I am delighted that Mrs Wallace has agreed to increase her hours to work 4 days per week on return to school in August, this fills the vacancy Miss Kennedy leaves and provides stability and continuity for our children.

Class configurations for next session will therefore be as follows:

P1-3            12 children  
P4/5            12 children  
P6/7            18 children

Staff will be allocated as below:

**Primary 1-3**

|           | 9:00-10:30          |  | 10:45-12:15         |  | 1-3                 |
|-----------|---------------------|--|---------------------|--|---------------------|
| Monday    | Mrs Straiton (P1-4) |  | Mrs Straiton (P1-4) |  | Mrs Straiton (P1-4) |
| Tuesday   | Mrs Wallace (P1-3)  |  | Mrs Wallace (P1-3)  |  | Mrs Wallace (P1-4)  |
| Wednesday | Mrs Wallace (P1-3)  |  | Mrs Wallace (P1-3)  |  | Mrs Wallace (P1-4)  |
| Thursday  | Mrs Wallace (P1-3)  |  | Mrs Wallace (P1-3)  |  | Mrs Wallace (P1-4)  |
| Friday    | Mrs Wallace (P1-3)  |  | Mrs Wallace (P1-3)  |  | Mrs Straiton (P1-4) |

**Primary 4/5**

|           | 9:00-10:30                               |  | 10:45-12:15                              |  | 1-3                                      |
|-----------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Monday    | Mrs Straiton (P1-4)<br>Mrs Macrae (P5-7) |  | Mrs Straiton (P1-4)<br>Mrs Macrae (P5-7) |  | Mrs Straiton (P1-4)<br>Mrs Macrae (P5-7) |
| Tuesday   | New Teacher (P4/5)                       |  | New Teacher (P4/5)                       |  | Mrs Macrae (P5-7)                        |
| Wednesday | New Teacher (P4/5)                       |  | New Teacher (P4/5)                       |  | New Teacher (P5-7)                       |
| Thursday  | New Teacher (P4/5)                       |  | New Teacher (P4/5)                       |  | New Teacher (P5-7)                       |
| Friday    | New Teacher (P4/5)                       |  | New Teacher (P4/5)                       |  | New Teacher (P5-7)                       |

## **Primary 6/7**

|           | 9:00-10:30          |  | 10:45-12:15         |  | 1-3                |
|-----------|---------------------|--|---------------------|--|--------------------|
| Monday    | Mrs Macrae (P5-7)   |  | Mrs Macrae (P5-7)   |  | Mrs Macrae (P5-7)  |
| Tuesday   | Mrs Macrae (P6/7)   |  | Mrs Macrae (P6/7)   |  | Mrs Macrae (P5-7)  |
| Wednesday | Mrs Macrae (P6/7)   |  | Mrs Macrae (P6/7)   |  | New Teacher (P5-7) |
| Thursday  | Mrs Macrae (P6/7)   |  | Mrs Macrae (P6/7)   |  | New Teacher (P5-7) |
| Friday    | Mrs Straiton (P6/7) |  | Mrs Straiton (P6/7) |  | New Teacher (P5-7) |

As you will see each class will have a maximum of 3 teacher across the week. This is very common in all primary schools and is very good, especially in the senior stages in preparing children for their transition to secondary school where they will meet eight teachers per day.

All of this information is subject to change over the summer should our new teacher be withdrawn for any reason, we hope this is not the case and look forward to a settled session for all children at Braehead.

### **Previously Loved Uniform**

As we try to look at ways in which we can reduce the cost of the school day I would encourage parents to recycle any previously loved uniforms for others to use. If your child has outgrown any of the uniform and you feel it is in good condition please return it to the school where we will set it up for recycling. Hopefully this will allow us to set up a table on morning of Friday 28 June for parents to come along and help themselves to whatever they feel will be of use. Like the Christmas Jumper swap the success of this venture very much depends on people using the service – it would be great if this was something we could establish to run year on year in the school.

### **Free School Meals/Clothing Grants**

If you are in receipt of housing benefit and/or council tax reduction from SLC there is no need to apply for free school meals online – the information held by the council will be used to automatically award free school meals to pupils in P4-S6 and/or clothing grants to eligible families of P1-S6 children. For further information regarding eligibility please search either free school meals or clothing grants on SLC website. I would encourage anyone who thinks they may be entitled to this support to access the website for more details. Should you need any assistance with this please do not hesitate to contact myself or Mrs Campbell.

### **Breakfast Clubs**

I have had some enquires from parents regarding Breakfast Clubs – these were to be rolled out to all schools in South Lanarkshire, in some shape or form, in the coming sessions. I have not yet been given any information about a Breakfast Club starting in August however I am meeting with facilities staff tomorrow, any information will be shared as and when it is received.

As always should you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,



Elizabeth Steele  
Head Teacher

#### Dates for the Diary

|         |   |
|---------|---|
| 14.6.19 | Bikeability 5                                 |
| 18.6.19 | Rag Bag Collection                            |
| 20.6.19 | Summer Celebration 11am                       |
| 21.6.19 | Bikeability 6                                 |
| 28.6.19 | School Closes 1pm                             |
| 31.8.19 | Braehead S.W.I Flower and Industrial Show 2pm |

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