



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 19.8.19**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome Back!



I am delighted to welcome everyone back to Braehead Primary as we look ahead to another successful session. I look forward to working with you and your children to ensure high quality learning experiences and to continue to promote the vision and values of Braehead. It was lovely to see the children back in school looking refreshed, enthusiastic and so smart in their school uniforms.

As a shared Head Teacher with Carmichael Primary School I feel it is important at this stage to set out my intended work pattern outlining the days I will be at Braehead Primary and those days I will be at Carmichael Primary. Please be assured that regardless of where I will be I can be contacted at either school on any day should you wish to speak to me. Contact details of both schools are as follows:

Braehead Primary School 01555 811252
Carmichael Primary School 01555 880216

Work pattern beginning Monday 19 August 2019 will be as follows:

Monday	Braehead
Tuesday	Carmichael
Wednesday	Braehead
Thursday	Carmichael
Friday	Alternate schools beginning with Braehead

There are occasions where this pattern is altered depending on meetings and staff training but on the whole this is where I aim to be each day.

P1 Pupils

We are delighted to welcome Euan, Abigail, Gabriel, Poppy, Callum, Jenna and Jacob into Primary 1. I am sure they are going to have a wonderful experience here and have settled beautifully so far.

Staffing

We are in a very fortunate position this session having been allocated some additional staffing. We welcome back Mrs Cardwell who will be working in Braehead every Wednesday supporting learning across the school.

Braehead Primary School
Small School, Big Ambition

Braehead Flower Show

Once again we will be entering some of the categories at Braehead Flower Show. Some of our afternoons this week and next will be filled in designing and creating our entrants – look out for them at the show on Saturday 31 August! As a community it is great to show our support at such events and we are delighted to be taking part once again this year.



Outdoor Learning

Outdoor learning for P1-7 will continue this session where the whole school will be going into the forest to enhance the curriculum. An EV5 will be administered for this in the coming days as we aim for the first session to be Monday 26 August. This session we will be attending fortnightly rather than weekly with alternate weeks working on pupil leadership teams, creative choices and STEM activities. Children will need appropriate footwear to access the forest so please send in some wellies or old boots which can be worn and kept in school.

Parent Pay – Milk

Milk should be pre-ordered and paid for through parent pay. Should you have any difficulties with this please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Permission Forms

• School Transport

Please complete the enclosed School Transport Information Form (green) and return it to the school as soon as possible if your child uses school transport.

• Internet Agreement

Please discuss the contents of the Internet Agreement Form (lilac) with your child, complete and return the appropriate section, in order that your child is able to access a wide range of useful educational websites within school.

• Photo/Video/Website Permission

A Photo/Video/Website Permission form (white) has also been enclosed requesting permission to take photos/videos of your child during the school year in school related activities. Please return the above forms as soon as possible.



Water Bottles

Just a reminder that all pupils should be encouraged to bring to school a bottle of water to avoid dehydration.

Telephone Numbers

Any change of phone numbers, particularly mobile numbers should be provided to allow us to update our records accordingly.

Absence From School

We wish to work with parents in encouraging all children to attend school. However, we are required by law, to record all absences. Absence will normally fall under two categories, authorised or unauthorised. The safety of your child is extremely important therefore we would ask parents to support us by informing the school by letter or telephone by 9.30 am at the latest, if your child is going to be absent. Absence with no explanation from parents will be recorded as unauthorised. When absence falls below 90% parents will be informed by letter and invited to discuss how we can help support pupils' attendance where appropriate.

Administration of Medicines

If at any time during the year, your child requires to take, or be given medication in school, parents must complete an Administration of Medication/Carry Own Medication form. These forms are available in the school office. Please call in to complete one if required. Please remember you must complete a form if your child carries an inhaler to school for self-administration.

Breakfast Club

Our breakfast club started today and we were delighted to see such a great turn out. Breakfast Club is open from 8:15am-8:45am for those children who wish to attend. Please do not drop children off before 8:15am as there will be no supervision available and the Breakfast Club will not yet be open. Children who come to school on school transport will be able to attend for 'toast to go' when the bus arrives.

Parent Council Facebook Page

Our Parent Council have a Facebook page called 'Braehead Primary School Parent Council.' This page is great for reminders, information regarding events and any weather related school closures or disruption to school transport as well as a forum for any help/questions parents may have. Please feel free to add yourself to the group. We often upload photographs, where permissions have been granted, showing the children at work throughout the school day and taking part in activities in the forest.

Parent Council

Our Parent Council is still looking for a Secretary following the AGM in June. If this is something you feel you would be able to help with please contact either myself or Mrs Charlene Campbell, our Parent Council Chairperson. As a group we meet every 2 months to help support learning and teaching across the school.

Swimming – Parent Helper Volunteers

Our P5-7 attend swimming lessons every Friday afternoon for the next 11 weeks. We are currently looking for a parent helper to accompany Mrs Straiton to the pool. If you were able to help with this and have the appropriate PVG checks in place please let me know or call Mrs Campbell in the school office – thank you in advance for this support.

Should you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.



Elizabeth Steele
Head Teacher

Dates for the Diary:

12.9.19	Open Morning for Parents to visit learning environments 9.30-10.30am
27.9.19	HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
30.9.19	HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
8.10.19	Parents' Evening 3:30-6.30pm
11.10.19	School closes 3pm – October Week
21.10.19	School reopens 9am
18.11.19	IN-SERVICE DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
19.11.19	IN-SERVICE DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
16.12.19	Christmas Service –Time TBC
20.12.19	School closes 2.30pm for Christmas Holidays
6.1.20	School reopens 9am
7.2.20	IN-SERVICE DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
10.2.20	HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
11.2.20	HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
12.2.20	IN-SERVICE DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
24.3.20	Parents' Evening 3:30-6.30pm
3.4.20	School closes 2.30pm for Spring Break
20.4.20	School reopens 9am
7.5.20	IN-SERVICE DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
8.5.20	BANK HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
22.5.20	Reports to Parents
10.6.20	Sports Afternoon 1:30pm
11.6.20	LANIMER HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
12.6.20	LANIMER HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
18.6.20	Summer Celebration – Time TBC
24.6.20	School closes 1pm for Summer Holidays