



### 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** **8 June 2020**

Dear Parents/Carers,

### **Pupil Award Ceremony**

Today would have been the annual Pupil Award Ceremony, this is an opportunity for young people's achievements across all schools within South Lanarkshire Council to be celebrated. Unfortunately this has not gone ahead this year but we felt this was something we did not want to miss given we have participated the last two sessions. Therefore we have decided that we would still like to identify a pupil from Braehead Primary who we feel exemplifies our school values and has faced a particularly difficult year with courage, resilience and determination. For 2020, Braehead Primary School would like to celebrate the achievements of Niamh Blunsum. Congratulations Niamh – we will post your certificate to you.



### **Lanimer Holiday**

As you are aware this would have been Lanimer week. Our school will be open providing emergency childcare Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday of this week but will be closed for Lanimer holidays on Thursday 11 and Friday 12 June. Children of key workers who have been allocated a place in the hub should attend St Mary's in Lanark on these days and return back to Braehead Primary on Monday 15 June. Google Classroom will have work for three days this week. Enjoy the long weekend with your families.

### **Message from Rev MacLean**

I have been in regular contact with Rev MacLean from St Paul's Church in Forth. As our School Chaplain she has conveyed her best wishes to all our families. Please find below a message for our school community:

Hi everyone!

How are you all coping? I bet you've been enjoying the glorious summer weather, well until today, I know I did. And being able to visit friends and family, while still social distancing is so lovely after weeks of no contact.

But we have to still stay at home, most of the time, and be very careful when we do go out. And that requires patience, as does home schooling I'm sure!

I wonder if any of you gave prayer a go? I was once at a church meeting where we were asked if we had any prayer requests. I was going through chemotherapy at the time, and whispered to my friend, "I

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need patience”. He then stood up and announced in a loud voice “Elsbeth wants patience, and she wants it NOW!”

The Bible tells us that “patience is better than pride”, it lists patience as one of the ‘fruit of the Spirit’, and of course in the favourite wedding verses from 1 Corinthians 13, we read “4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.”

Nowhere does it say that patience is easy, because it’s not, but I will be praying that you find some patience when you least expect it. Try simply stopping and taking a deep breath, that can provide a moment of patience.

Love and blessings to you all from Rev Elspeth MacLean

### **ALJ**

ALJ in Lanark are our official uniform stockists. They are now taking online bookings should anyone wish to purchase uniform for next session. There is also a blazer fitting service for those pupils who are about to start Lanark Grammar School. When we return to school in August. I would be happy to facilitate a uniform swap if this was deemed safe – with restrictions around sharing resources we may not be able to do this but I will keep this in mind.



### **Transition Visit**



Now we are back in Braehead Primary we have organised a transition visit for our new Primary 1 children starting in August to attend. They will be visiting school on Friday 19 June at 11am for around 45 minutes. This is to allow them to familiarise themselves with the classroom, playground and canteen area.

### **Return to School August 2020**

As of yet there are no final decisions with regards to our return to school and what that will look like for your children. I realise this is a very difficult time as there is so much uncertainty however I can assure you that there is a lot of work going on behind the scenes to ensure the safety of pupils and staff remain at the heart of all decision making. We must be able to accommodate our children following social distancing guidance of 2m between desks which has implications for the maximum capacity our classrooms can accommodate. I hope to have more information from SLC by the end of this week – as soon as I have this I will share it with families.

Please continue to take care of yourselves and I look forward to seeing you all again soon.

Kindest regards,

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