



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 17.8.19**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome Back!



Welcome back everyone! It is wonderful to see all the children back in school after such a long time. I am sure it will feel a little strange for the children being back in school but, having had the one day introduction to the new routines last week, I have to say they are all managing remarkably well.

As a shared Head Teacher with Carmichael Primary School I feel it is important 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/Both Schools

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 Lewis, Emily and Logan 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 Miss Ellwood who will be with us for the session. Miss Ellwood will have responsibility for P4/5 in the mornings and P5-7 in the afternoons. Welcome back to Mrs Campbell – it is lovely to have her back in school. I received confirmation prior to the

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summer holidays that Mrs Forrest will remain at Braehead this session full time, this too is excellent news for the school.

Mrs Macrae will take on the role as Acting Principal Teacher full time this session in Mrs Straiton's absence and will continue to teach P6/7 every morning and support individual learners and groups in the afternoons.

Mrs Cardwell will be covering two days of Mrs Straiton's maternity leave, the other two days will be covered by Mrs Macrae and Mrs Wallace taking them both to full time for this session.

With a full complement of staff and some additional staffing hours we look forward to a wonderful session at the school.

Congratulations – It's a Girl!

Many congratulations to Mrs Staiton who welcomed another beautiful baby girl on Sunday 9 August. Baby Jasmine and her mum are doing very well.



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 **Wednesday 26 August**. This session we will be attending weekly while the weather is fair. We will review this in the winter months if required. In the current climate I would ask that children attend school in appropriate clothing and footwear for the forest – as we cannot change clothes in school, uniform will be relaxed on forest days.

PE

As previously intimated PE will be delivered outdoors. On PE days children should attend school wearing their joggers/leggings/shorts with their polo shirts and sweatshirts and suitable footwear for PE. We are unable to change into PE kits while in school so on PE days, like forest days, the uniform will be relaxed to accommodate. New guidance for delivery of safe PE has been provided by Education Scotland. At this time some of the activities we would participate in are not yet allowed but we will do our best with what we are able to deliver. We will plan to take the children outside on the days identified below however if the weather is very wet we may have to cancel and try to find another opportunity later that week. If that is the case please do not worry that children are not in PE kit – we have to be flexible at this time and do what we can when we can. At this time the health and wellbeing of our children is paramount, we want to see them enjoying exercise and time outside. The days PE will be delivered are as follows;

P1-4 Tuesday and Thursday

P5-7 Tuesday and Thursday

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 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 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 has also been enclosed requesting permission to take photos/videos of your child during the school year in school related activities.
- Annual data checks.

An envelope is enclosed with the paperwork for you to return the forms back to school. Please return these 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. Younger pupils should have their names on the bottles to avoid any mix up. Refills will be provided for our P6/7 pupils to top up their water if required since they do not have a sink in the hall.



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 is not operating at the moment. I have not been given a restart date as yet but I know SLC are hopeful that this is up and running again in September. I will update you with any changes.

Photographer

We have been informed that at this time we are not allowed to have an official photographer come to school to take the children's photographs.

Parents in School

At this time parent visits to school are to be kept to a minimum and should only take place where absolutely necessary. If for any reason you require to speak with a member of staff please call the office to make an appointment. We are not permitted to have 'drop in' appointments at the moment. Feel free also to email myself or the school office with any questions. Sadly this means we will be unable to hold our open morning as we did last

session with parents visiting the children at work. The health and safety of all parents, children and staff remains a priority therefore I appreciate your understanding in this.

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.

Weekly Newsletters

Moving forward all newsletters will be sent electronically either via an email address provided or by accessing the link which will be posted on our Facebook page every Monday. We are trying to limit contamination and the need for school staff to be touching letters for home. Obviously this cannot be avoided where there is a return to be made but most weeks newsletters do not require this.

Homework

Homework will begin next week. Our priority this week is returning all children to school safely. Further details about homework will be provided in next week's newsletter.

Reading Books

All pupils were provided with reading books to use during the school's closure. Please return these books to school as soon as possible as all books require to have a 72 hour quarantine before we can use them again and you will appreciate that school readers are required year on year.

Now more than ever it is important, particularly if our child is in P1-3 to return the reading books every week to allow us to quarantine before redistribution the following week.

School Lunches

A new lunch menu was issued last week for all pupils. Mrs Buchanan continues to prepare beautiful meals for the children. Please be assured that the strictest of hygiene and safety measures are carried out in the preparation and serving of school meals.

A-Z of Attachment and Resilience



Our weekly newsletter will feature this session some information for parents and carers on the A-Z of attachment and resilience. This information will be well known for most parents but is often a reminder of what our children need to form healthy attachments and build resilience and good to know when you read the advice that you are doing these things in your home. This is an authority wide initiative which has been delivered to all staff in accordance with SLC Attachment Strategy which was launched to HTs during lockdown.

This week we highlight A – AFFECTION

Risk Assessment

The school have a risk assessment in place, signed off by South Lanarkshire Council regarding minimising the risk and spread of Covid-19. This risk assessment can be viewed on our website from the following link:

https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/si/public/braeheadprimary/uploads/sites/11105/2020/08/17091727/Ed-Res_Cov19_Pupils-Return-to-Schools-11-August-Braehead-Primary-School.docx

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



Elizabeth Steele
Head Teacher

Dates for the Diary:

25.9.20	HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
28.9.20	HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
9.10.20	School closes 3pm – October Week
19.10.20	School reopens 9am
16.11.20	IN-SERVICE DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
22.12.20	School closes 2.30pm for Christmas Holidays
6.1.21	School reopens 9am
8.2.21	HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
9.2.21	HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
10.2.21	IN-SERVICE DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
1.4.21	School closes 2.30pm for Spring Break
19.4.21	School reopens 9am
6.5.21	IN-SERVICE DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
3.5.20	BANK HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
21.5.21	Reports to Parents
9.6.21	Sports Afternoon 1:30pm
10.6.21	LANIMER HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
11.6.21	LANIMER HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
21.6.21	Summer Celebration – At this time we are unable to confirm if parents will be invited.
24.6.21	School closes 1pm for Summer Holidays