



# Braidwood Primary School

## January 2023 Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,  
Happy New Year! Welcome to our first newsletter of 2023. It has been lovely to see our pupils back today and hear all about their holidays. They've been full of excitement and stories! I hope you had a restful break and look forward to the year ahead.

### **Infant Enrolment – 9<sup>th</sup> January**

If your child is due to start school in August 2023, you can enrol your child online from Monday 9 January 2023. Children normally start school in August if their 5th birthday falls before 1 March of the following year. If your child will be starting in August please complete the enrolment form on South Lanarkshire Council's website. Placing requests to our school should be completed online too.

Please share this information with friends and family who may have children starting school this year. We look forward to welcoming our new pupils to Braidwood. If you would like any further information please call us at the school on 01555 770279.



[https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/info/200186/primary\\_school\\_information/392/enrolling\\_your\\_child\\_for\\_school](https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/info/200186/primary_school_information/392/enrolling_your_child_for_school)

### **Staffing**

Mr McBroom has started this week and will be working in P4. He joins us from Queen Margaret University. P4 are excited to have him working in their class.

### **Homework**

Thank you for sharing your views on homework at our Parents' Night. We will send out the results of the survey this week. Please note there will be no set homework this week or next, although pupils are still encouraged to read for pleasure. Homework will start week beginning Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January.

### **Class Assemblies**

I'm delighted to say that this school session we will be welcoming you in to see your child perform a class assembly in the hall. Our P3 pupils did an outstanding job of performing the Nativity in December! P5 will be leading their class assembly on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February at 2pm. We hope our P5 parents and carers can make it along. Dates for all other classes will be sent home asap.



Be the best you can be!

## **Attendance**

We always monitor our absences across the school and will get in touch with you if we are worried about a child's attendance.

The table below highlights the importance of being in school.

100%	0 days missed.	Best possible chance of success and reaching full potential.
95%	9 Days of Absence 1 week and 4 days learning missed.	Is likely to make it harder to achieve full potential and secure the best possible outcomes.
90%	19 days of Absence 3 weeks and 4 days of learning missed.	
85%	27 Days of Absence 5 weeks and 3 days of learning missed.	Almost half a term missed. Is likely to impact significantly on learning and progress which can lead to poorer outcomes in achievement, wellbeing and social and emotional development.
80%	36 days of Absence 7 weeks and 3 days of learning missed. Half of a term missed.	

## **Mid Year Learning Reflections**

Our pupils will soon be busy writing their mid year learning reflections. This gives them a chance to share with you their learning. These will be sent home at the beginning of February. Please enjoy reading them with your child, and discussing their learning together.

## **Food Bank Donations**

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who contributed towards the food bank donations. We are going to continue collecting donations this term, and hand them in to the foodbank before the Easter holidays. Any donations you can make would be kindly received.

## **Road Safety**

We have discussed using the zebra crossings at school again with pupils to help them to cross the road safely. We would ask that parents and carers encourage their children to use these in the morning and at the end of the day when crossing the road. Thanks.



Best wishes,

*Gray Sinclair*

Head Teacher

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## Dates for your Diary

If parents and carers are invited along to a school event, it will state 'Parents invited' next to the event.



### **January**

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> – P1 and P7 Dental Checks in school

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> – Parent Council Meeting 7pm

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> – Sports Hall Athletics (some pupils attending)

### **February**

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> – P5 Class Assembly 2pm (P5 parents invited)

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – Holiday

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> Holiday

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> – In-service Day (school closed to pupils)

### **March**

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> – P7 Transition Coffee Morning 9.30am – 10.15am in Braidwood (P7 parents invited, info to follow)

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