



Braidwood Primary School

August/September Newsletter



WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to our new school year and our first newsletter of this session. I hope you all had a lovely Summer. It is great to welcome our new P1 pupils and their families to our school. It's a very special time and we are delighted to share it with them. I look forward to seeing you and your families throughout the year in school. Here are some happy pupils having fun in the playground (on a sunny day!).



Curriculum News

As we start another new school year, we have discussed our vision with staff and pupils. This is the basis for all the work that goes on in our school and shapes our curriculum. Our vision and values are shared below. Pupils take pride in being a member of Braidwood Primary and are delighted when awarded a values wristband for showing our school values.



Our Vision

'To provide a happy, safe and fun environment where everyone is valued and shows respect for each other in our learning family. Pupils are proud of who they are and develop their own talents.'

*We remove barriers to the learning adventure, enabling us to have a 'can do' attitude and **be the best we can be.***

Our School Values

Trust Happiness Friendship Respect Responsibility

Relationships and Attachment

We are proud to say we have been awarded South Lanarkshire Council's Attachment Accreditation 'Act to Make a Difference'. This recognises the work that we do as a school to ensure all members of our school community are valued. We place positive relationships at the heart of our school ethos. We continue this session to take forward Attachment Informed Practice, and will be working on developing 'Hear my voice' throughout our school.



Communication

The easiest way for us to communicate with you is by using Parents Portal. We will send out newsletters and other information, including consent forms for trips this way. Please check this regularly in the hope you don't miss information.

We will on occasion send out paper copies of letters and information too. These would be in your child's school bag. As this is the first newsletter, we've sent a paper copy. Please look out for future newsletters on the website and your Parents Portal account.

Be the best you can be!

We also like to share what the pupils have been doing in school on our X (Twitter) account, and our school website.



PE days

Please see the table below to find out which days your child will take part in physical education.

Class	PE days	
P1/2	Monday	Friday
P2/3	Tuesday	Thursday
P4	Tuesday	Thursday
P5	Monday	Wednesday
P6	Monday	Wednesday
P7	Friday (2 hours)	

General School Updates

There are lots of things to update you on, and information to share at the start of term!

Playground Safety

A reminder the car park is for staff and visitors only. It is not a drop off area. The safety of pupils is paramount, and I thank you for your support in this matter. Please also note that pupils are supervised in the playground from 8.45am.

Please do not park on the pavement on the hill across from the school, or on the zebra crossing.

Breakfast Club

Our breakfast club runs daily from 8.15am to 8.45am. If you would like your child to attend they can come along and join us in the dining hall.



Wet Weather

On days when the weather is particular wet, pupils come into the building via the infant playground door, or senior playground door from 8.45am. They are then supervised in the gym hall by support staff until 9am.

School Uniform

All our pupils are back after the summer looking incredibly smart in their school uniforms! Thank you for your help in making this happen. We are very proud of the high standards of our uniform and appreciate your support in making sure your children wear their uniform everyday. Our uniform consists of grey or black trousers/skirt/pinafore, red jumper, white polo shirt/white shirt and tie, and black school shoes. We have lots of pre-loved uniform, and would be delighted for you to come and help yourself to it. This helps with the cost of new items, but also supports us being more sustainable and eco friendly.



PLEASE can I ask that your child's name is inside their jacket, cardigan/jumper etc. We already have a number of items in lost property with no names, and no one is claiming them. Thank you in advance.

Indoor Shoes

All pupils require a pair of indoor shoes. They should change in to these every day in school. This helps keep the classroom areas clean and tidy.

Homework

Homework will start week beginning 2th September. We understand family life can be very busy. A little reading each day and practise of phonics/spelling would be very helpful if you can support your child with these. Homework will be issued by teachers and noted in the homework diary. We do not issue homework in December or June as these are particularly busy months for families.

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School Meals

All children in P1-5 are eligible for a free school lunch however if you are in receipt of certain benefits it is important that you still register with SLC for their school clothing and free school meals grant.

School meals are £2.17. P6 and P7 pupils pay for meals via Parent Pay. We monitor ParentPay regularly, so it is important that parents/carers check their account and maintain a credit balance. You can set up an alert advising you of a low balance to avoid going into debt.

Pupils who are following a Vegan diet can still request this through completing an Adapted Diet request form for Vegan or Halal diets. Please note pupils who already have a special diet in place do not require to complete any updated forms.

Skills Week

During the week beginning Monday the 16th of September, all pupils will be taking part in a variety of learning activities helping develop their skills for life, learning and work. They will be taking part in outdoor learning at the local pond, food technology, and digital learning activities and many more! Information on when your child is going out of school will follow.

Consents and paperwork

Thank you for your assistance already in completing questionnaires and consent forms in Parents Portal for your child. This helps us get things up and running in classrooms and the school quickly. You have been sent an All Excursions consent form this year. This will mean you will be notified of trip/excursion details via letter, but will not need to complete another consent form. Thank you for your assistance in completing these forms quickly.

We hope you have a lovely week.

Best wishes,

Mrs Sinclair
Head Teacher

Dates for your Diary

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

Tuesday 27th Aug – P1 'Stay and Play' 2.30pm (*P1 parents invited*)

Thursday 12th Sept – School Photographs Day!

Monday 16th Sept – Skills Week (*More info to follow*)

Friday 27th Sept – Holiday

Monday 30th Sept – Holiday

Tuesday 1th October – Parents' Night (*in school*)



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