



Dear Parents/Carers,

This month I have the following news items:

School Uniform

From the beginning of next session, Balfron Primary School will strongly encourage the wearing of school uniform and requests the support of all our families in the implementation of the School Uniform Policy from August 2023. The Balfron Primary School Uniform policy has been refreshed and is listed below for your information.

The policy has been discussed and agreed with the Parent Council and we would ask for the support of all our families in its implementation.

Please note, our sweatshirt and fleece suppliers, Border Embroideries www.border-embroideries.co.uk have listed 9th July as the last date for orders to be guaranteed for the start of the new term.

Balfron Primary School Uniform Policy

Balfron Primary School believes that a consistent school uniform policy is vital to promote the ethos of the school and provide a sense of unity and inclusiveness for all pupils. A school uniform also positively contributes to school ethos, safety and security.

Our School Uniform options are:

Item	Where to Acquire
White polo shirt	Plain polo shirts are available from regular retailers. Sustainable/Pre-loved polo shirts are available from Balfron Primary Parent Council
Navy blue trousers / shorts / skirts / pinafore dresses	Available from regular retailers. Sustainable/Pre-loved trousers, shorts, skirts and pinafore dresses are available from Balfron Primary Parent Council
Turquoise/jade green Sweatshirt	Jumpers with the school emblem are available online from Border Embroideries www.border-embroideries.co.uk . Plain green school sweatshirts are available from regular retailers. Sustainable/Pre-loved sweatshirts are available from Balfron Primary Parent Council
Navy cardigan or jumper	Plain navy cardigans and jumpers are available from regular retailers. Sustainable/Pre-loved navy sweatshirts/cardigans are available from Balfron Primary Parent Council
Navy fleece	School fleece with the school emblem is available online from

Item	Where to Acquire
	Border Embroideries www.border-embroideries.co.uk . Sustainable/Pre-loved fleeces are available from Balfron Primary Parent Council.
Light blue gingham school dresses	Gingham dresses are available from regular retailers. Sustainable/Pre-loved gingham dresses are available from Balfron Primary Parent Council.

PE kits:

- All PE kits (with the exception of trainers) should be plain without sports branding or logos.
- Football kits are not permitted as PE kits
- School uniform should be worn by all pupils on their PE days. PE kits should be brought in a bag, with pupils changing in school.
- Please send a gym kit into school from Day 1 of the new term, meaning pupils will be able to do PE on any day as teachers co-ordinate class PE times over the first couple of weeks

Cost

The school is committed to ensuring that its school uniform is affordable and accessible to all pupils and does not place an unreasonable financial burden on parents. Please contact the school for examples of low cost items from various outlets.

Footwear and clothing grant/ free school meals application form for school year 2023/2024 is now live.

The form and guidance notes can be found on the links below -

- <https://www.stirling.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/free-school-meals-and-clothing-grant/> (guide page)
- <https://www.stirling.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/free-school-meals-and-clothing-grant/apply-for-free-school-meals-a-clothing-grant-or-both/> (form)

Please contact the school office should you require assistance completing these forms.

Other information:

- Please remember to label your child's school uniform, in particular, jumpers, cardigans and jackets.
- At different times throughout the year, the Parent Council organises opportunities for parents to swap items of school uniform. Details of the uniform swap initiatives will be advertised on the Parent Council Facebook Page. Requests for pre-loved uniform can be made via the Parent Council Facebook Page or Email – balfronpspc@gmail.com
- In our main foyer we have:
 - A 'PE kits' for all area where pupils or parents can take some PE clothes
 - A lost property uniform area
 - Free spare outdoor jackets

Parent Council Uniform Swap Stall

Please drop off any pre-loved, good quality, clean uniform into the collection boxes in the foyer before the end of term. Our Parent Council hope to organise a uniform swap stall – details of dates to follow.

Parent Council will retain a stock list and any requests for pre-loved uniform can be made to the Parent Council via its Facebook page or by emailing the Parent Council – balfronpspc@gmail.com. All pre-loved uniform items are free.

Our uniform policy will be re-iterated throughout next session and will also be accessible on our school website from August.

Pupil Achievements

We were delighted to recently have been awarded both the 2023 Nursery and Primary Schools Drymen Show Shields, following our entries of pupil work to this year's show. Well done to everyone who had an entry on display in the schools tent.

Millie Conway, P6 had an outstanding Drymen Show achievement as part of the pony competitions being awarded Champion of Champions for the Pony Club and Beginners' Pony classes.

Play and Creativity Week

All classes were involved in a focus on learning through creativity and play last week. Pupils were given a range of challenges including designing a 'Worry Box' which could be used by pupils in their class. Many of the boxes were shared at Friday's assembly with pupils explaining the reasons for their specific designs.

P4-P7 Interhouse

On Friday afternoon, House Captains will be organising teams for a fun interhouse tournament - netball and football matches. Anyone in P4-P7 that would like to be involved should bring their PE kit with House Captains using rolling substitutes throughout the games.

Ardroy 2024

It is our plan that next session's P6 will take part in a residential excursion to Ardroy Activity Centre from Monday 4th – Friday 8th March 2024. Further details of the planned trip will be issued at the start of the new school year, including a parent information evening and payment details.

P7 Leavers

All of our P7 pupils have been busy with high school transition activities recently while farewell events will be taking place during the final week of term. Thank you for the energy and generosity of our P7 parent team who have organised a P7 leavers' party which will be held on Wednesday 28th June at 7:00pm. We are very proud of our P7 group and look forward to hearing of their successes at high school.

Last Day of Term

Term finishes at **12:45pm** on Friday 30th June. Packed lunches can be ordered on the last day of term, with the choice of sandwiches listed below:

Red – ham

Green – cheese

Blue – tuna

And finally...

As session 2022/2023 draws to a close, I would like to thank everyone within our school community for their support and help during the year. Whether it be achievements, successes or dealing with challenges; all staff and families in our school do pull together effectively to improve outcomes for children. I hope that everyone manages to have a safe, restful and enjoyable summer, hopefully with some further sunshine.

Yours sincerely



Angus Black
Headteacher

June		
Friday 23 rd	P4-P7 Interhouse football and netball games	1:30pm – 2:30pm
Friday 23 rd	'My Year of Learning' end of year pupil reports issued	
Tuesday 27 th	Organisation of Classes Policy – Parent Drop-In Session	3:30pm – 5:30pm
Wednesday 28 th	P7 Leavers Assembly in primary school hall – parents joining	1:45pm
Wednesday 28 th	P7 Leavers Party	7:00pm – 8:30pm
Thursday 29 th	P7s class trip to Indoor Bowling	
Thursday 29 th	P1-P6 Moving On Afternoon – visiting new classroom and new teacher	2:00pm – 2:30pm
Friday 30 th	P1-P7 Balfron Primary's Got Talent Show	9:30am
Friday 30 th	End of Session	12:45pm
August		
Monday 14 th – Tuesday 15 th	Staff Development Days	
Wednesday 16 th	P1-P7 Pupils return to school with stocked gym bags.	8:55am