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"Learn and discover, care for each other"



Dear Parents/Carers,

As we begin the summer term, I have the following news item to share:

Headteacher

By October, I will have reached 20 years working as a headteacher across two schools.

I have, therefore, decided that the end of October would be a good time to leave my post as headteacher at Balfron Primary in order to seek a new challenge.

I have always felt real support and encouragement from pupils, staff and parents since my appointment in 2012 and would, therefore, like to thank everyone in the school community, both past and present.

The process of appointing a new Headteacher will begin well in advance of me leaving, with a smooth transition being prioritised.

In the meantime, I look forward to business as usual and leading the school through the next two busy terms.

Parent Council

Thanks go to the Parent Council for the Easter Eggs given to all pupils during a whole school daily mile on the last day of term. Everyone was delighted that the Easter Bunny also joined us on the playground walk, along with some Parent Council committee members.

The next meeting of the Parent Council will be Tuesday 28th April at 7:00pm. Items for the agenda should be sent by Friday 24th April at 5:00pm directly to the Parent Council at balfronprimarypc@gmail.com

Parents can attend the meeting in person or online using the Google Meet link <https://meet.google.com/gju-inba-irj?authuser=0>

Parent Council will also be organising a Summer Fayre which will be held in the school building and grounds on Sunday 14th June. More details to follow.

Fun Run

Date & Time- Sunday, May 3rd 2026 at 10am

Venue- Balfron High School

Cost- £2.50 to enter the race

Further Information and sign up link- <https://www.entrycentral.com/balfron-fun-run>

The event will be held before the Balfron 10k Road race on Sunday 3th May at 10am and is an out and back 1mile run starting at Balfron High School.

Join in the race atmosphere and be in it to win some fab spot prizes. Great one for the kids but big kids also welcome.

All proceeds raised go to support the school.

In order to make this happen, we need a merry band of volunteer marshals - it's a lot of fun and really easy! If you think you can help, please email balfrofunrun@gmail.com.

As usual our Parent Council will be running the teas and coffees stall at the race. Donations can be dropped off on the morning of Sunday 3rd May from 9:00am. Please come along and support the runners and help raise money from buying some of the delicious cakes.

The medals for the 10K race are this year being made by our P7 class as part of an enterprising project.

Crossing Patrol

Mrs Adams last day as school crossing patrol has been confirmed to school as Friday 1st May.

All parents/carers are asked to avoid driving into the campus between 8:30am and 3:30pm.

Recommended alternative parking is in the Church/Donaldson Park car park which is only a short walk to the school.

Ultimate responsibility for ensuring that pupils arrive and leave the campus safely, remains with parents and we therefore anticipate and welcome an expected increase in numbers of parents walking to and from the school with their children, providing necessary supervision.

School Photographer

The photographer will be in school on the morning Wednesday 13th May for the annual class photographs. Additionally we will be having our first whole school photograph since 2019 taken on the same morning. All pupils should be wearing school uniform.

Organisation of Classes – 2026/2027

Currently we have enrolled 15 pupils for P1 in August. Based on these projected P1 figures and the overall school roll, it is planned that the organisation of classes next session will remain seven straight classes: P1, P2, P3, P4, P5, P6 & P7.

Teachers for next session will be confirmed towards the end of this term.

All arrangements do remain provisional right up to the start of the new school year, depending on further changes to the school roll.

Red Nose Day

Our Red Nose Day dressing up day last month was a big success and raised £329. Thank you to everyone who took part and also to our House Captains for organising fun activities additional to those which occurred within each individual class.

Reading Den

P1 and P2 have been creating a new reading den in their shared open area and this work has benefitted from some kind donations of soft furnishings from parents. Thank you to everyone who helped with the project.

Village Library

Two classes will be visiting the village library this term. Mrs Grisanti and P7 will be making a visit on Thursday 23rd April, while on the following Thursday Miss Bruce and P5 will be having a presentation from local historian Pat Thomson entitled, 'Carnival of the Wolf'

Staffing

Mrs Bradnam, one of our P6 teachers, got married over the Easter holidays and now becomes Mrs Proctor. Congratulations to Mrs Proctor and her husband.

Poppy Bud Bus

Parents may have seen the return of the Poppy Bud Bus in our playground at the end of last term. Not restricted to November, the bus travels around schools throughout the whole year, sharing the work of Poppy Scotland, so we were delighted that P1-P3 pupils were able to visit the bus just before the holidays.

School Football

Our P6 & P7 school football team has had another successful year competing against other local schools. For the third year in a row, Balfron Primary won the Killearn Garage Cup, which was presented to the team's captains, Innes Nelson and Lewis Skinner, following a final game against Strathblane PS. Well done to all members of the football squad –

Joni Greig, Finlay Anderson, Murray Conway, Robin Fitzgerald, Ker Gilbert, James Limbert, Harry Morgan, Ellie Morrison, Logan Murray, Innes Nelson, Marc O'Neill, Joe Saunyama, Lewis Skinner, Finlay Stevenson, Fynn Wyper



Smart Watches/Mobile Phones

Mobile phones are not required in school to support learning in class and therefore the expectation is that they are not brought into school by pupils.

In an exceptional case, some parents require their child to have a phone for contact purposes after 3:15pm, for example if attending an after-school club or bus journeys, phones should be kept turned off and in bags at all times during the school day. Please note that Smart watches with phone access and messaging facilities should also not be brought into school.

Dogs in the Playground

Parents are reminded that dogs, even on leads, are not permitted in any part of the school playground either at the beginning or end of the school day.

Sickness

We continue to remind parents that in order to reduce opportunities for spread of infections, when children suffer from a sickness or diarrhoea bug they should not return to school until 48 hours after the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea.

Should I keep my child off school or childcare?

✓ Yes

Illness	Until...
Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the advice on NHS inform if they've tested positive for COVID-19
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

✗ No

but make sure you let their school or childcare know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Head lice	Threadworms
Glandular fever	Tonsillitis	Slapped cheek

Parents and carers can find further health advice on [nhsinform.scot](https://www.nhsinform.scot)

Advice and guidance

To find out more, scan the QR code or visit publichealthscotland.scot/hpcyp



Parent Portal

Have you signed up for parentsportal.scot yet?

parentsportal.scot replaces the traditional “school bag run” and allows you to complete school forms and receive important information online.

Signing up only takes a few minutes and provides:

Faster updates to your child’s details

Secure access to school information

A more streamlined experience throughout the school year

The attached information shared at launch gives more information or get started at parentsportal.scot

Yours sincerely

Angus Black

Dates for the Diary

April		
Monday 27 th – Wednesday 29 th	P6 Bikeability	
Tuesday 28 th	Parent Council meeting	7:00pm
May		
Friday 1 st	Staff Development Day	School Closed to pupils
Sunday 3 rd	Balfron Fun Run and 10k	Morning
Monday 4 th	Local Holiday	School closed to P1-P7 pupils and staff
Tuesday 5 th	Ardoy information evening – P6 parents and pupils	6:00pm – 6:45pm
Friday 8 th	P3 Class Assembly	1:45pm
Wednesday 13 th	School Photographer – class and whole school	morning
Tuesday 19 th	P7 Transition Balfron High in-person meeting for parents & pupils	5:45pm - 7:00pm
Wednesday 20 th	P7 Transition - Blazer fitting at Balfron High	5:30pm - 7:30pm
Thursday 21 st	P7 Play	7:00pm
Monday 25 th	School Sports Day	9:00am - 11:30am
Tuesday 26 th - Thursday 28 th	P7 Transition Days at Balfron High	
Wednesday 27 th	P1 Induction Morning	9:30am – 11:45am
Friday 29 th	P2 Class Assembly	1:45pm
June		
Tuesday 2 nd – Friday 5 th	P6 Residential Trip to Ardroy	
Wednesday 10 th	P7 Class trip to Bowling and Kings Park	Full Day
Friday 12 th	P1 Class Assembly	1:45pm
Friday 19 th	P1-P5 Trip to Briarlands Farm Park - Blair Drummond	Full Day
Wednesday 24 th	P7 Leavers' Assembly	1:45pm
Wednesday 24 th	P7 Leavers' Party	7:00pm

Friday 26 th	End of Term	12:45pm