



Borestone Primary School Newsletter



August 2019

Dates for your diary:

August

19th - Teachers return
21st—Pupils return
23rd—P5 & P5/4 swimming starts (Fri & Tues) and continues until 1st Nov.

September

2nd—Nursery play on pedals block starts
2nd – Parent Council AGM @7pm
6th - Meet the teacher (all primary classes) @2.30
18th—Dalguise meeting P7 @6pm
30th—Powerful Play in Nursery (am)
30th—Maths Week

October

2nd - Shared Learning Event 6.00-7.30pm all classes
4th - Powerful Play in Nursery pm
7th—Harvest Assembly P3 & Celebrating Success
7th—Parent Council Meeting @ 7pm
7th—11th—Max in the Middle (P7/6 Performance for parents on Friday)
9th—11th—P7s to Dalguise
11th—Last day of term for Primary classes.
14th—18th—October holidays for Primary classes (Nursery open)
21st—E-Safety week
23rd-25th—School Photos
29th—Flu Immunisations
29th—Parent Council Halloween Disco

Information for the full year is attached to the back of

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to welcome everyone back to our new learning session at Borestone Primary and I hope that you all enjoyed the summer break. I would like to extend an additional welcome to all our new pupils and families in Nursery, P1 and throughout the school.

The school day has changed this session with a 45 minute lunch break and school finishing at 3pm. For the duration of this academic session we have established a Book Club to support working parents to manage this change. It runs from 3-3.15pm and can be accessed by completing a form which is kept in the office.

We have dates for your diary on the left hand side of this page but please also be aware of the full year of events attached to the back of this newsletter.

Staffing News

We are delighted to welcome a number of new members of staff to Borestone Primary School this session.



Mr Kirk P7/6



Miss Murray P3



Miss Fitzpatrick P1



Mr Brown P4



Mrs Armstrong
School Admin



Fiona Young DHT

We are also in the process of recruiting a Headteacher and will update you on this as things progress.

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Parent Council—26th August 2019

Dear Borestone Parent,

A big welcome back to school and a special welcome to the new P1 children and their families! We hope you have all had a relaxing summer and are ready for a new school year.

Our Parent Council is an active group of parents, with lots of plans and ideas for 2019-2020. As always we are keen to attract new members to our parent council. If you think you might be interested in becoming a Member of the Parent Council please do join us at our next meeting or get in touch via e-mail. As a Member of the Parent Council you provide a voice for all parents at Borestone Primary School on issues that are important to us and our children. The Parent Council plans to meet 7 times over the year, on a Monday evening 7:00-8:30pm: meeting dates for 2019/20 are published in the school calendar.

The first meeting of our Parent Council will be the Borestone Parent Council Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Monday 2nd September, 7:00-8:30pm in School, to which all parents and carers with children at Borestone Primary School are very warmly invited. The AGM will include a report on the activities of the Parent Council during 2018/19 and the election of Parent Council Members and Office Bearers.

We will continue to use the school newsletter to keep you informed. If you would like to find out more about our activities or have any questions, comments or suggestions then please do email us, or contact us via Facebook or Twitter. We are keen to hear your thoughts and suggestions.

Thank you for supporting Borestone Parent Council.

Lucy Fraser

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Parentpay



We would like to encourage as many families as possible to sign up for Parentpay. Paying electronically by Parentpay is the easiest way for you to keep a check of what you've paid and what payments are needed, and it also saves a huge amount of Admin time in school.

It's the most efficient way to pay for school trips, lunches, breakfast club etc.

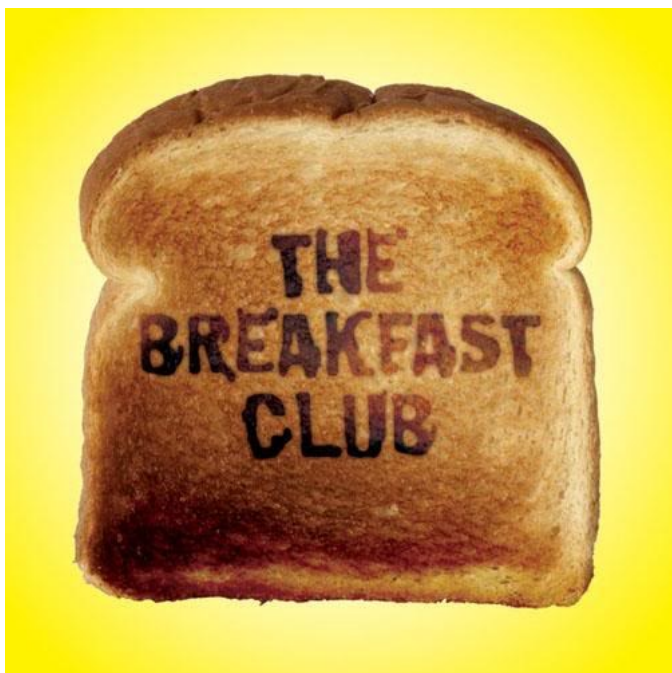
Even if your child is in P1-3 and receiving free meals, there will be times when you need to pay for breakfast club or school excursions.

If you need help in signing up or have forgotten login information, please see Anne in the school office.

Breakfast Club

We are up and running with this very popular morning support for parents. The club will open from 8.15-8.45am with staff on hand to welcome P2-P7 pupils who wish to join them. From the start of term 2 we will open this up to P1s but for the moment their focus is on settling into their classes.

At breakfast club children will get a drink and some toast or cereal, providing them with a great start to the day. The children also enjoy the social aspect of connecting with their peers before the school day starts. Costs remain at 50p a session which is great value.



Nursery News

We are welcoming some returners back to nursery and over the first three weeks we will be welcoming and settling new children into nursery.

Mrs Clare Hay continues with us as our Modern Apprentice and will be with us for another year. We also welcome Julie Smith and Lisa McMurray to nursery as Senior Early Childhood Educators, and Clare Campbell (who you will recognise from the school office) has moved to the nursery as our Administrator.



Julie Smith



Lisa McMurray



Clare Campbell

We are currently learning routines in nursery, sharing our knowledge with our new friends and making new friends

We are learning the stories Owl Babies and The Three Little Pigs this term.

We still have little visits from our old friends and siblings who have moved class to P1 too, we do miss them and we are enjoying hearing about P1.

Some dates for your diary:

2nd September — Parent and Family Support Team drop in between 9-10am

30th September—Powerful Play 9am

4th October— Powerful Play 1pm

Footballs & Bikes/Scooters

We are very aware of the large number of families in the playground at drop off and pick up times, including prams and toddlers. There were a number of near accidents last term and we want to ensure the safety of everyone.

During our first assembly this session we have reinforced that bikes, scooters and footballs should not be used at these times. Can we ask that parents support this message when discussing with their children.

Footballs should be kept in bags with no hard balls being used on the tarmac **at any time**. We have a lovely field area for football at play and lunchtime. Bikes and scooters should be dismounted on entering the playground and taken to the bike rack area. Bikes and scooters should be chained up securely and helmets worn by riders.



Positive Relationships

This session we are updating our positive relationship policy and have already made some initial changes to our classroom and school environment practices. All teachers will welcome their own classes into the building at 9am and bring them down to the door at 3pm.

When in the building all pupils and staff are walking on the left hand side. Don't be surprised or offended if you are asked to do the same by our pupils, we are encouraging everyone to take responsibility for our visible consistencies.

We have a whole school theme on showing good manners and recognising this in others. Our initial assemblies will have a focus on this and the themes will change throughout the year.

In class we have taken away our traffic lights and have replaced them with recognition boards. When our pupils demonstrate a particular behaviour they get their name on the board. Names do not get taken off the board and the class work to support each other to all get on the board. When this is the case the class celebrate their achievement and the board is refreshed.

All classes are currently working on their Class Charters which underpins the ethos within the classroom environment and our school values. We also have a staff charter which does the same.



Borestone is a great place to learn and work and the above actions are intended to further reinforce the positive ethos that we already enjoy at Borestone. We will be consulting with parents during this year as we work towards updating our policy.

Star Jar

We have a star jar in school to celebrate wider achievement. If your child does something special out of school that you want us know about then please get your child to tell their teacher. Examples from last year were sporting medals, certificates, life skills achievements, acts of kindness etc



Families Connect

We are pleased to be running Families Connect this term. This is a programme developed by Save the Children to encourage families to have fun while learning. There are 8 weekly sessions to attend covering topics like emotions, reading, writing and numbers.

The programme is aimed at families who have a child between the ages of 4-6 years old (Primary 1 or 2). Each session follows the same structure :

- Discussion/Chat— Parents only
- Snack time—Parents and children
- 1:1 time - Parents and Children

Last year we had great feedback from those who took part. The children in particular loved it!

If you are interested in finding out more, please come along for a **Coffe and Cake, 12th September 9.15—10ish Alsorts Hut.**



ALIVE WITH EVENTS

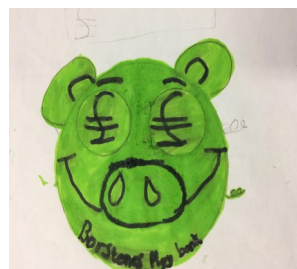
Stirling's Halloween Lantern Parade
Stirling City Centre
Saturday 2nd November 2019
5pm – 8pm



Borestone Credits—Junior Savers Club

Every Friday morning, the Borestone Credits meet in the Lab. Each class is invited to come along and deposit any money they have into their account.

If you would like to join or want further information please speak to Mrs McFarlane.



Change to the school day

Pupils have been back at school for almost a week now and we have been testing out our new procedures to support the change to the school day. I am happy to report that we can get all the children through the lunch hall in 45 minutes with the hall then ready for afternoon sessions.

Our book club has opened at the end of the school day 3-3.15pm. This is to support working parents who would otherwise struggle to get to school for 3pm and will be in place all year to help with this transition. It is important to remember that this is not a drop in club and needs to be booked in advance. If you think you might need to use the club please get in contact with the school office who will keep you right.

BOOK CLUB