



Borestone Primary School Newsletter



September/October 2020

Dates for your diary:

October Break

Finish Friday 9th October

Return Monday 26th October

Christmas Holidays

Finish Wednesday 23rd December

Return Thursday 7th January

Inservice Days

Monday 15th and Tuesday 16th February

Local Holiday

Wednesday 17th—Friday 19th February

Spring Term

Finish Thursday 1st April

Return Monday 19th April

Local Holiday

Monday 3rd May

Inservice Day Thursday 6th May

Summer Term

Finish Friday 25th June

Return Wednesday 18th August

Dear Parent/Carer,

As always, I would like to start the Newsletter with thanking all of you, the children and staff at Team Borestone. Although it has been an unusual start to our year, I do feel that we have all risen to the challenge and settled into our routines at school. I have so enjoyed seeing and hearing the children outside laughing, playing and learning their way through the school day. We have been lucky with the weather so far and the children have really enjoyed their extended time outside in our beautiful grounds.

I do wish you all a lovely, well deserved holiday and hope that we will all be refreshed and ready to take on the next term with the same enthusiasm that we have tackled this term.

My warmest wishes and kindest regards to you all!

Mrs Dawson, Proud Headteacher!

Wishing all our families and friends at Borestone Primary a happy and restful October Holiday

We finish school on Friday 9th October 2020 at 3.00pm.

We return to school on Monday 26th October—remember we are having 2 weeks this year due to the early start in August.

Please note that Breakfast Club arrangements will stay the same after the holidays until further guidance from Scottish Government is issued.

Breakfast club will run from 8.30am start until 8.50am when pupils will be dismissed from hall to their classrooms.



**All pupils have from 8.50am—9.10am to come into school
Remember no bell, just come inside and go straight to class!**



Remember when we come back to school we will still be going outdoors at much as we can so dress for the weather to stay dry and cosy as the days get wetter and colder.

Hello and welcome from the Parent Council

Everything has changed over the past few months and the Parent Council has had to adapt, to ensure we can continue to support the school community.

We are now meeting virtually and hope you can join us on **Monday 7 November @ 7pm** for our next meeting. A link will follow closer to the time, but in the meantime you can always contact us at borestonepc@gmail.com. We want to encourage more people to attend these meetings – you might just want to listen, you might have something you need help with, or you might have something you can help us with! Please come along.

At our last meeting, after 6 years, Lucy Fraser stepped down as Chair. Thank you Lucy for all of your hard work, we're pleased to welcome Vicki Dawson and Mary Anne Wood as our new co-Chairs.

Sadly our Halloween Disco will not be going ahead this year because of the situation with Covid. We will be sharing the party decorations amongst the classrooms for children to get involved and have some fun.

Finally, we just want to remind you that Allsorts are still providing out of school care in the mornings and after school until 6pm. They are situated in the huts in the school playground, they have undertaken a lot of measures to keep the children safe in line with current guidelines and are operating Monday – Thursday. Please do contact them direct if you are interested to learn more about what they can offer, they recognise it's difficult to manage work whilst your childcare options might be reduced at the moment.

Best wishes, hope to see you on 2nd November!

Keep up to date with us on



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<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/st/borestoneprimary/>

Nursery News

We have now settled all of our new children into nursery and we are enjoying a variety of interests from fishing, writing, climbing and outdoor play and reading on our Borestone Book bench



We have had lots of engagement from families and we must say huge THANK YOU to Jim Black a former nursery grandparent and Lynn and David McEwan, former nursery parents, for their help and support. Jim has built us lots of planters, enabling children to plant flowers. We can learn about different plants and how to look after them—as well as appreciating the colour and smells when they flower.



Lynn and David have donated a playhouse that their children have become too big to use. This has been a marvellous addition to our nursery garden with lots of excitement around climbing, hiding and role playing.



Please note:

The nursery windows in our corridor looking outside are our new parent notice boards. Please have a look as they will provide you with lots of information around nursery including QR codes you can scan so we can have your input into developing nursery and snack information.



Facebook: our Facebook page regularly as

using this as well as seesaw to keep you up to date with what is happening in nursery. nursery a better place for you and your children.

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Primary 7 Mentoring Programme

This session the Borestone Management Team have split Primary 7 into groups to support our young people and to start thinking about their transition to secondary school.

What happens in a Mentoring appointment?

The staff member will meet with your child individually each term to discuss

- What is going well in school
- What your child is proud of
- What your child is finding tricky
- What help is needed

This gives your child a chance to take about their progress in school and their mentor will help them identify targets and ways that they can help themselves and what others can do to help. Your child will be able to post their targets on SeeSaw so that parents can see what their children are working on

The mentors are Mrs Dawson, Mrs Orr, Mrs Johnstone, Mr Logan and Mrs McFarlane

P6W News



We have started working towards our John Muir Discovery Award. We have four challenges to meet and have already 'Discovered' and 'Explored' our local area, including the woodland and the grounds of the Heritage Centre. Our next steps are to 'Conserve' and 'Share' what we find. Watch this space for our next update...

News from P6/5

This term P6/5 has started working towards their John Muir Discovery Award. As part of this we have been discovering and exploring our school playground and surrounding woods. We have built shelters, learnt about trees, measured their ages and researched their food chains. We have identified invertebrates and



enjoyed getting to know our surroundings through exploration and team work. The next step for our award will be to share our knowledge and think about how we can conserve and look after the nature around us.

P2DY have been enjoying their outdoor gym lessons this term and so far we have been very lucky with the weather.

"I can skip now" "I am good at bouncing the basketballs" "Look how fast I can run".



News from P5MW

Primary 5MW have settled well into our new classroom. We been discovering the woodland area around our school grounds as part of our topic. We have been researching, designing and building small animal shelters, designing animal playgrounds, building birds' nests and bird watching. Everyone is excited to be working towards the John Muir discovery award, and we will continue to learn outdoors as the year progresses.



We have also been focusing on our mental and emotional health and wellbeing through the Emotion Works programme. We are learning about the 5-cog model and applying this learning across the curriculum.

P2M have been focussing on health and well-being and are enjoying getting outside as



much as possible. We love our new P2 area to play in.

We are continuing to enjoy learning about emotions and can identify lots of ways we feel and do a daily emotional check-in.

We enjoyed reading 'While we can't hug' and made some cards for people we love and are missing during lockdown.



Seesaw Family App

Each child has now been sent home with an invite letter for Seesaw. This is a digital platform that we will be using for profiling our learners' progress from Nursery to P7. The children have been familiarising themselves with Seesaw and have uploaded some learning posts that they are proud to share with you at home.

If you have a Smartphone or tablet, you can download the Seesaw Family app from the App Store, Google Play Store, Kindle store or via a Chromebook. Once you have done this, create an account and use the QR code scanner in the Seesaw Family app to scan your child's unique code. Don't worry if you don't have a Smartphone or tablet, your child's Seesaw account can also be accessed on a laptop or computer via the web link on the invite.

You can allow up to 10 family members access to each child's digital portfolio. This can only be seen by the class teacher, child and their family members. Families cannot see the names or progress of any other learners in the class. The content of each child's journal is safe, secure, private and never shared publicly. We would encourage you to have a look at what your child's been learning, discuss it with them and add any positive comments or feedback where appropriate.

If you have had any issues in setting this up and getting started, please contact the class teacher or Mr. Logan via the school office for support in doing so.



Virtual Meet The Teacher

Due to restrictions in place around visiting school, this year's Meet the Teacher has taken place virtually!

All of our class teachers and senior leadership team recorded a short video to introduce themselves to you and provide a bit more information about their classroom or role at Borestone.

To watch these, please click on the relevant link(s) from the list within the ParentMail message that was sent to all of our families.



If you have any further questions or issues accessing the content, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us. We hope you enjoyed the videos and getting to know a little more about your child's teacher!

It remains the case that it is essential that people who have COVID-19 symptoms, or who share a household with someone who has symptoms, do not attend school and must self-isolate along with all members of their household.

The main symptoms of COVID-19 to be aware of are:

- new continuous cough
- fever/high temperature
- loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste

If, however, your child does not have symptoms of COVID-19 but has other cold-like symptoms, such as a runny nose, they do not need to be tested and they and you do not need to self-isolate. Your child can attend school if fit to do so.

I ask for your support in ensuring that we are aware of the specific reason for absence if your child is going to be absent from school.

If the reason for absence is due to your child demonstrating at least one of the three COVID-19 symptoms above, then please do advise us in your communication that you are seeking a COVID-19 test, that your household will be self-isolating and that you notify us of the outcome of the COVID-19 test.

Returning from a country that's on the quarantine list

As the October holidays approach, you may be thinking of taking your family abroad. If you are, I would respectfully remind you that if you return from or travel through a country which is on the quarantine list, you should not send your child back to school until they have completed the required 14 days quarantine period.

BORESTONE PUPIL LEADERSHIP TEAM

It has been our absolute pleasure to interview and read applications from the Primary 7s around Leadership Roles that they will take on the year! A massive well done to all our young people who took part in this process and I am delighted to inform you of the outcome.

Prefects

Riley, Abbie, Aimee, Amber, Aiden, Cassie, Eilidh Jay, Caitlin, Reece, Luke, David, Mason, Dylan, Colin, Lewis, Emma, Keera, Jordan

Our Head Pupils

Maja (P7K) and Ryan (P7M)

House Captains

Bruce—Ethan and Erin

McGregor—Connor and Coral

Stewart—Kirsty and Ryan

Wallace—Sophie and Andrew

Senior Prefects

Aaron, Brooke, Frankie, Natasha, Mia, Freya, Summer, Joshua, Connor and Caleb

Pupil Council

Primary 1 Ruby and Mila

Primary 2 Kamran and Nina

Primary 3 Norie and Mia

Primary 4/3 Harry and P4 Tom

Primary 5 Eilidh and P6/5 Erin P6 Shaun

Primary 7 Ellie and Teegan