

Balbardie Primary News



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Dear Parent / Carer,

I hope that everyone had a restful holiday and is looking forward to the new school session. A special welcome to our new P1 pupils. They all looked fantastic today in their new uniforms. I know that everyone at Balbardie will make them feel very welcome.

I am extremely excited about the year ahead, working with the children, staff and community of Balbardie Primary, and am fully aware of the high standards we aim to sustain and improve upon.

We have, as always, a very busy term ahead of us, and I look forward to seeing and hearing about our children's successes.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of the school, please do not hesitate to contact me at school or by email.

Greg Welsh - Head Teacher (greg.welsh@wled.org.uk)

Questions and Concerns

As always, we operate an open door policy for parents/carers so that any questions you may have can be answered as quickly as possible. In the first instance, your child's class teacher should be contacted as they have responsibility for the education and pastoral care of the children in their care. If you wish to discuss anything further, I have outlined the school's management team's areas of responsibility.

P1 – P3 Miss Henderson

P4 – P5 Mrs Spence

P6 – P7 Mr Welsh

Class 1 – Class 3 Mrs Stewart

Support for Learning / Home Learning Club – Mrs Waddell

Breakfast Club

Our breakfast club operates from the dining hall each morning from 8.15am-8.45am. This provision is **free** for all pupils.

Home Learning Club

Our lunchtime home learning club will begin again after the September break. This will allow our children (and you!) time to become familiar with the new home learning format. Children requiring support with home learning activities will be identified by their teachers.

EE2s / Contact Details

You will receive an EE2 form to complete about your child. This ensures we hold up to date medical information and is required to be updated annually. Please return this as soon as possible.

Also, please ensure that we hold up to date contact details, including emergency contact numbers. This is extremely important so that we can contact you quickly in case of an emergency.

Uniform

We value the support of our parents / carers in encouraging all pupils in the wearing of school uniform. It is important that our children take pride in their school and attending in uniform is a vital part in building the ethos of our school.

Pupil Absences

A reminder that you must notify the school office of your child's absence by 9.30am. This allows us to ensure that all of our children are safe.

House Badges

Primary 1 children will be issued with their house badges in the next few weeks. Children in P2-P7 who have lost their badge can purchase a new one from the school office for £1. Please encourage your child to wear their badge!



Equipment

We recommend that your child has the following equipment to help them with their learning –

School bag for carrying homework etc
Pencil case, 5 pencils, rubber, sharpener, ruler, pack of coloured

pencils, pack of felt tip pens, glue stick

PE – black shorts, plain t-shirt and gym shoes

Please ensure that all items, including clothing which may be removed, are clearly labelled with your child's name.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Money

School Lunches – New cost is £1.80per day

School Fund – This term's contribution is £2.70

Balbardie Credit Union – Will begin in September

P5 Low Port – All money should now be paid in full. The itinerary and clothing list will be issued next week.

P7 Belgium – A reminder that the 4th payment of £50 is due to be paid on 30th August.

Golden Wall



The Golden Wall in school is used to celebrate the achievements of our children, both in and out of school. If your child has done something special, taken part in an event, won an award or been recognised for an achievement, please let us know so that we can celebrate it in school.

Parent Council

The Parent Council's AGM will be held in school on Tuesday 27th August at 7pm. All parents / carers are welcome to attend any Parent Council meeting.

Bus Providers

The following buses are available to and from school. A reminder that there is no school supervision on the buses and any issues regarding this provision should be discussed with the provider.

Boghall 8.30am/Ramsay Crescent/Crosshill Drive 8.38am
(WS Hamilton 08000509290)

Easton 8.20am /Belvedere 8.25am (Prentice Westwood 01506871231)