

BEARSDEN PRIMARY NEWSLETTER
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Welcome Back!

I am delighted to welcome you to a new session at Bearsden Primary School. Newsletters are sent to you at the end of every month via your email address. They can also be found on the school website. These help to keep you informed about everything that is happening in school. Our school roll is now 403 as we have welcomed 58 new P1 pupils to school.

Staff News

I would like to welcome Miss Emma Stewart in Primary 1 and Miss Tamilla Matchett in Primary 4, Mrs Amy MacLeod and Miss Amy Thomson who will cover teachers non class contact time. We also have 3 new support staff members, Mrs Catherine Campbell, classroom assistant, Miss Cara Davie, support for learning assistant and Miss Ebony Macpherson, support for learning assistant. I am sure you will all join me in wishing each and every member of our staff and pupils success in the year ahead!

We are also sorry to be losing Miss Donna Hicks who has been covering maternity leave in Primary 1. Miss Shona Gray will be returning on 7th October. We wish Miss Hicks well for the future.

Allergies-Nut Free Zone

Some of our pupils suffer an allergic reaction to nuts, including peanuts. In some cases this is a severe reaction and could be life threatening. In order to minimise the risk to those pupils, please do not send packed lunches or snacks containing nuts. Your cooperation in this is greatly appreciated.

Staff have received training to ensure the safety of our pupils with severe allergies but we require that you are vigilant regarding our Nut Free policy.

Unfortunately, we are also not able to accept cakes, sweets or other treats from parents to be handed out to classmates to celebrate a pupil's birthday. Although this is a lovely gesture, due to our procedures in regard to allergies, this is prohibited.



Medication in School

If your child needs to take medicine during the school day, including inhalers, the appropriate parental consent forms must be completed. Please speak to Mrs Johnston in the office if you require a form.

If your child needs to use an inhaler in school, please make sure that this has been returned to school after the summer break. All medication must be clearly labelled with the child's name and the dosage and must have been dispensed by a pharmacist or doctor. We can no longer accept any medication that has been bought off the shelves e.g. Calpol/ Piriton.



Dojo

Please do not use Dojo as a way of communicating with the teachers. If you wish to contact them, please do so through the school office. office@bearsden.e-dunbarton.sch.uk
Thank you.



Harvest Church Service

Our Harvest Church service will not take place this year due to Covid-19 restrictions. We will be having our virtual assembly on Thursday 8th October which all the children will watch in their classrooms. Revd. Wilson has offered to send us a short message during the assembly. Our collection for the East Dunbartonshire Food Bank will still take place this year. You can send your donations in on the morning of 8th October (please do not send anything in on any other day). Please put your donations in the outdoor classroom at the infant door where they will be uplifted by EDC Foodbank later that morning. A shopping list of items they are looking for has already been sent home.



Fundraising Group News

Fundraising will be playing a big role in helping the school this year and maybe even more than usual as different types of resources will be needed so we have one last favour to ask... it might even be the easiest ones yet!

We would love you all to nominate us as your charity on Amazon. Amazon will give 0.5% of your spending to a nominated charity. We have registered with them which means every time you spend the school receive money from them. This is a great way to help the school raise funds. Please click on the link below with our unique charity code and this will automatically register you.

<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/SC043589>

Then, to make it even easier, you can go to your Amazon App, in Settings and click on Amazon Smile.

This will update your app so every time you buy something you will get confirmation that you have helped Bearsden Primary School Fundraising! You can also send this link to any spenders you know! The more the merrier.

Uniform News: We have had a delivery of uniform and have stock of most items in school. A new order form is attached. Our new gym kit is proving popular and looks really smart as you can see from our picture, modelled very well by Max!

Contact details: The Fundraising Group: via our email address : bearsdenfundraising@outlook.com

Maths Week Scotland

Every class in the school has been given a Maths Challenge slot in the hall this week—keep an eye on Dojo for photos! Homework this week is also themed for Maths Week. There is also a Sumdog competition running—we hope to see Bearsden Primary in the leaderboards! Depute First Minister Challenge will also be posted daily.



Wet Weather

Please ensure your child is suitably dressed for the changeable Scottish weather as pupils will be spending their intervals and lunchtimes in the fresh air of the playground unless the weather is extremely poor. Please send your child wearing a waterproof jacket or keep one in their school bags.



Road Safety and Traffic Issues

Bearsden Cross is very busy at 9am and 3pm. Please allow time to park safely and make sure that your child crosses any roads with the Lollipop Person or at the pedestrian lights. .



Important dates for your diary

Friday 9th October
Monday 12th October
Monday 19th October

In Service Day
October Week Holiday
Pupils return

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