



Burnside Primary School

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A very warm **Welcome back** to all pupils, staff and parents!

What a great start our new P1 pupils have made, all thanks to parents and staff. I hope that P1 parents enjoyed the coffee morning with our Parent Council and you all found our 'Getting to Know You' session helpful.

Please ensure your child brings a small healthy snack to school each day and a bottle of water. This should be a spill-proof bottle with a sports cap which can be topped up at lunch time in the cafeteria.

The cost of a school lunch is £1.20. I ask for

your continued support in ensuring that your child's cafeteria account is always in credit.



We advise that you pay for meals in advance using notes/cheques (made payable to South Lanarkshire Council). This minimises disruption to learning & teaching and balances are easily tracked either by your child at the machine or via a phonecall to the school office.

Please ensure that you return all **admin forms** issued. It is vital that we have all updated information as soon as possible, thank you. Please also return the **e-mail communication** reply issued last week so that

we can ensure all important information is reaching you.

Thank you for ensuring the children are coming to school in full uniform; it really has a positive impact on ethos, attainment and achievement.

Thanks to your support, the attendance rate last session was an encouraging 95% with most absences attributed to term time holidays. Punctuality has been good so far this session—thank you for your support. Please remind your child to report to the school office, if late, so he/she can be signed in and order lunch.

We look forward to a busy term ahead!

Thank you!

Physical Activity

This session we will be aiming to deliver a minimum of **2 hours weekly activity** in line with Scottish Government recommendations. So unless the weather is not on our side, the children will undertake additional physical activity outdoors on a weekly/fortnightly basis. Your child can keep a P.E kit in school for both indoor and outdoor sessions which can be taken home for washing. Gym bags can be purchased from the school office.

Staffing Updates

We are delighted that Miss Ferry, R.10 and Mrs. Chan, R.6 are now permanent full time teachers at Burnside.

Welcome to Miss Sheikh, R.8 who will be with us for the session and Miss McCracken who will teach R.8 on Mon-

days and Tuesday mornings this term.

Welcome also to Mrs. Bashir who is helping us out with our role increase. We hope to have a second DHT appointed later in the term due to this increase in role – exciting!

WELCOME

To new pupils

Kyle Hampton, R.5

Ryan Hampton, R.12

Madeline Clark, R.12

Carla Cavanagh, R.12

Logan Stewart, R.15

Abdul Samad Hussain, R.15

We are pleased to see you settle so well at Burnside!

September week-end

School will be closed on **Friday 26th and Monday 29th September**. Enjoy the holiday week-end!

The month ahead....September | 2014

1	P.5 after-school Mandarin Club begins.
1	6.30 pm. Lockerbie Manor info session for P.7 parents/carers.
1	7 pm–Parent Council meets–all welcome!
2	After-school Athletics Club starts for P6 and P7 pupils.
4	After-school Choir starts for P5 to P7 pupils.
8	Artsnet begin weekly drama/health work with R.13 pupils.
8	After-school Bikeability 1 begins for P.6 pupils.
11 and 12	Karate taster sessions for all pupils.
12	3.15 pm–Cinemagic presents ‘Turbo’.
18 and 19	In-service Days for staff. School closed to pupils.
26 and 29	School closed–September Weekend.

More Dates for the Diary....

October 3	‘Settling In’ reports issued
October 6	Parent Council meeting
October 8	Parents’ Night
October 13 to 17	October Week holiday
October 30	Evening Halloween Discos

Healthy Burnside



Please remember to check your child's head regularly for head lice. If you would like any further advice you can contact Dawn Lowden, our School Nurse on 0141 643-4459.

Please do not send nuts in to school in any form. We have several children in school with life threatening nut allergies. Please also inform the school if your child has an infectious disease, especially chicken pox, we have both pupils and parents who are immune compromised and could become very ill if infected. Thank you for your co-operation in these important matters.

Medicines

All inhalers should be kept with children within school bags however, for your child's safety, we would be grateful if you would send in a spare to be held at the office. If your child needs any medicine to be administered during the school day, a form must be completed at the school office before we can help. Please do not send painkillers etc. to school in a schoolbag as this can pose a danger to all children.



Parental Involvement

Please return all remaining library contracts this week.

Library sessions will begin for P2-6 pupils soon. Please ensure all books are transported in the special book bag at all times. If you have been unable to track down an unreturned



book from last session, we would be grateful for any replacement book you can provide or donation. Children will only be able to visit the school library with their class if books

Thank you to Mrs. Kent who is already setting up the P.7 Party Committee who will plan a series of fundraising events with school staff to ensure that P7 have a leaving party to remember. We will be there before we know it!

Thank you to Mrs. Inglis and Mrs. Johnstone for supporting Financial Education at Burnside by giving up their time on Friday afternoons to oversee the Credit



Union. A third of pupils are now learning about the benefits of saving in this way. Your child can join by collecting a form at the school office.



Please ensure all items of clothing are labelled with your child's name. Already, many unclaimed items have been found. A key-ring or similar on a jacket zip can also help your child identify their own clothing.



Improvement Priorities 2013/14

This session we plan to:-

- Obtain our second Eco Green Flag.
 - Continue work on Fairtrade and gain full 'Fair Trade' status.
 - Introduce basic French P1-P5.
 - Introduce our new Science programme and hold a 'Science Week'.
 - Continue to develop CfE Health & Wellbeing by focusing on Food and Health.
 - Hold a 'Scottish Week' and explore Scots language at all stages.
- In addition we will continue to do all we can to ensure high attain-

ment and achievement at Burnside Primary. As you can see, we have a busy year ahead! Please don't hesitate to let us know if you can offer support in any way.

Please see our 'Looking Back to move Forward' leaflet for more information, which will be issued soon.

Staying in touch....

Please remember no worry or concern is too small! You can contact us by phone or e-mail.

In line with GIRFEC (Getting it Right for Every Child) legislation, every child has a **Named Person** within school who has pastoral responsibility for them. I am the Named Per-



son for Room 2 to 9 and Ms. Mooney is the **Named Person** Room 10 to 15. You can also use your child's home/school communication diary if easier and general feedback/ comments can be posted in the box on the Parents' Noticeboard in the foyer.

The first classroom newsletters

have been issued. These will come home each term.

As part of our ongoing commitment to Eco, we aim to use e-mail for most communication.



School newsletters are posted on the school website at the beginning of each month.

Celebrating Success

'Gaining recognition for their achievements and the skills for learning, skills for life and skills for work that are developed through them, benefits all young people. It can increase their confidence, raise their aspirations, improve their motivation for learning and keep them engaged in education'

Education Scotland

Successful Learners, Effective Contributors, Responsible Citizens and Confident Individuals!

Clubs at Burnside ~ Term 1

Bikeability	P.6	Mondays 3.15-4.30 pm
Mandarin	P5	Mondays 3.15—4.15 pm.
Athletics	P6 and 7	Tuesdays 3.15—4.15 pm.
Bridgeton Burns	P1 to 7	Tuesdays Wednesdays 3.15—4.30 pm
Choir	P5 to P7	Thursdays 3.15—4.30 pm

Thank you to parents and staff who give up their own time to run clubs for pupils. More clubs will be introduced soon. Please get in touch if you have any skills or time to offer and could spare an hour for a few weeks.

Richard Salvetta, our football and tennis coach, has moved on to pastures new - great news for Richard, but not for us. However, it looks like we have a new football coach so we hope training will be underway soon!

Celebrating Success

Children's successes are celebrated in class in various ways e.g stickers, points, praise notes. We also celebrate achievements during assemblies. Watch this space each month to find out about our **'Wonderful Workers'**, **'Secret Superstars'** (for successes out with school—nominations are available around the school) and **'Citizenship'** awards.