



Burnside Primary School

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I would like to welcome you to our new **Burnside Primary website**

www.burnside-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk

We are very excited about launching on Friday 10th October! We hope to provide you with updated information on a more regular basis so we do hope you will find our new website informative. Monthly newsletters will be shorter, as we will include a calendar and updates on our website.

Thank you for ensuring your children are coming to school in full uniform—

it has such a positive effect on achievement and gives our pupils a real sense of identity and pride.

Plans are on track for the building of a wonderful new Burnside Primary!

More information can be found overleaf.



Thank you for your support with our recent **Scholastic Book Fair**. Pupils from Room 14 did a super job of organising this for our school—thanks to all of you and our team of staff and parent volunteers. I will let you know soon how much money has been raised for the school.

Thanks to our parent volunteer team, **school library visits** should be underway after the October holiday. We will also be ensuring that all pupils have access to class libraries this year also. As a school and as part of the Stonelaw Learning Community, we will be exploring new ways of engaging pupils in social reading—as always we welcome any support or suggestions you can offer.

Kind regards,

Helen McGarvey
Head Teacher

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.

Mid-term Break

School will be closed from Monday 13th to Friday 17th October.

Enjoy the holiday!

Assemblies

Focus for **August/September**:-

- School rules and high expectations,
- Credit Union/Financial Education.
- Visit from Rutherglen Library.
- Wonderful Workers awards.
- Setting Our Goals.

September Highlights

All pupils had the opportunity to take part in karate taster sessions.

Room 13 pupils began working with Artsnet to explore personal safety through drama. We hope parents/carers enjoyed finding out about this earlier in the week.

We enjoyed a visit from local Lynsey Gallagher, netball player, who competed in the 2014 Commonwealth Games.

Pupils and teachers from P.1 upwards begun 'dipping their toes' in the French language—fantastique!

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 this important matter.

Medicines

All inhalers should be kept with children within school bags in order that they have them at hand at all times. 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.

We would prefer that children do not bring mobile phones to school. However, if your child has a phone in school, please remind them that it must be switched off during the school day and should never be used to photograph or film anyone in school.



The New Burnside Primary School

I am pleased to say plans are now underway for our wonderful new school. We are on schedule to leave the present school around May 2015 and decant to the old Spittal Primary building, where we are likely to make ourselves at home temporarily for around a year.

Our existing original building (foyer area, gym hall, ICT Suite, garden and Rooms 1 to 8) will be demolished and completely rebuilt. This will join to the current newer building (HT office, Rooms 9-15) to form one two-storey new school. Many adaptations will be made to the existing newer building to create one, new larger school.

At this early stage, I can confirm that our new school will include:-

- ~ most of the current grassy embankment areas and at least one garden area
- ~ a larger car parking area
- ~ within the school building, a separate cafeteria
- ~ a gym hall with a fixed staging area
- ~ a general purpose room and library area
- ~ cloakroom and changing room areas
- ~ various open learning/teaching open areas

A series of meetings with staff, Parent Council members, parents and the community will be organised in the coming weeks; I will provide more information as soon as it becomes available.

Staying in touch.....

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

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. Currently, I am the **Named Person** for Room 2 to 6 and Ms. Mooney is the **Named Person** for Rooms 8 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.

School newsletters will be posted on the school website at the beginning of each month. A copy is also displayed on the outdoor noticeboard at the main entrance and in the foyer. Please ask for a paper copy at the school office if you do not have internet access.

The first **classroom newsletters** of the session have been issued. These will be published on the website each term (September, January and April). Again,

please ask at the school office if you require a paper copy.

As part of our ongoing commitment to Eco, we aim to use e-mail for most communication. In all cases, especially in an emergency, it is quicker. If you find that you are receiving paper copies of whole school communication and would prefer e-mail communication, please contact our school office.

