



# Burnside Primary School

## September 2016

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

What a great start to school P.1 pupils have made! It is wonderful to see our pupils returning after a refreshing summer holiday—all 390 of them!



Due to the role increase, we now have 6 buses (and a mini bus) travelling to/from school daily and we are proud of our pupils who usually travel safely and sensibly. However, should any behaviour concerns arise, please contact us directly at the school. Any other issues regarding buses should be referred to Support Services on 01355276810. Buses aim to leave

Burnside at 8.45 am so please ensure that your child reaches the bus in plenty of time to be safely accounted for and belted in. Thanks to those of you who have responded as bus contacts in the case of emergency information being required. **Please continue to phone the school office before 11 am to inform us of any changes to drop off/pick up. Absences should be phoned in by 9.30 am daily.**

Please return all remaining **admin forms** as soon as possible. It is a requirement that we have updated information, thank 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. **Shirts and ties should be worn daily**, with the exception of gym days.

Please ensure all items of clothing are labelled with your child's name. Already, many unclaimed jackets and jumpers are in school. A keyring or similar on a jacket zip can also help your child identify their own clothing, but names are needed to return items to their owners.

We are on schedule to be moving back to our wonderful new Burnside Primary in February 2017. Please see page 4 for more information.

Thank you!

### Staffing Updates

A very warm welcome to **Mr. Michael Law** (Room 10) and **Miss Nicole Laidlaw** (Room 9), newly qualified teachers who have joined us at Burnside Primary this year.

We are delighted to have welcomed back **Miss Jennifer Edelsten**

(Room 14) for the year and **Mr. David MacKenzie** (Room 13) who has just been made permanent to the school.

Due to our increasing role, **Mr. Gary Campbell** continues as Acting Deputy Head Teacher.

### Welcome

to new pupils:

Lola Miller  
Jackson Miller  
Sabrina Abdelaziz

### Vision & Values

#### Together at Burnside Primary we will:

**Harness children's abilities, encouraging ambition and resilience through a varied, challenging and enjoyable curriculum. We will foster personal achievement and skills for life in an inclusive, nurturing, respectful and shared environment.**

#### Happy High Fives

Safe  
Healthy  
Respectful  
Responsible  
Active

#### September weekend

**School will be closed on Friday 23 and Monday 26 September.**

Enjoy the holiday weekend!

## The month ahead.....September 2016

5	6.15 pm–P7 Residential info session for parents. 7.00–Parent Council AGM—all welcome!
6	10.00-12.00pm–P4 Touch Rugby begins. P1 Reformer photo.
7 & 8	Karate taster sessions for all pupils.
13	11.00 am–Room 5 parents/carers visit to ‘share in the learning’. Roald Dahl’s birthday.
16	Parent Council Quiz Night in Cambuslang Rugby Club. See
20	P5 pupils visit Stonelaw for Hospitality Launch event. Area Touch Rugby final for P4 pupils.
16	Karate taster sessions for all pupils.
23 and 26	<b>School closed–September Weekend.</b>
29	9.30-11.15 am–P1 Parent Workshops in Literacy, Numeracy,

### More Dates for the Diary.... see website calendar

#### Healthy Burnside



#### Illnesses

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 e.g chicken pox.

#### Medicines

All inhalers should be kept with children 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 other children.

#### Mobile phones

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. If your child is travelling on school transport, please support us in discouraging them from using their phone on the bus at all.



#### Healthy eating



Children are encouraged to bring any uneaten food within packed lunches home, so that you can see what they have eaten. **As P1-3 pupils are entitled to a free meal, if your child brings their own packed lunch to school, they are welcome to help themselves to soup, fruit, yoghurt etc.**

#### Toileting

Your child will always be allowed to visit the toilet when needed however staff will also encourage children to ensure they go at break times in order to establish good habits and minimise disruption to learning. Please contact us if you have any concerns regarding toileting.

## Working Together

Thanks to those of you who managed along to our recent 'Meet the Teacher' event and thank you for such positive feedback. We continue to hold this event to provide an informal opportunity for parents/carers to say hello and see their child's class. We are aware that the mid-morning timing of this doesn't always suit. Unfortunately the constraints of the decant building have ruled out other times, however we hope to return to an end of day time once we move back to Burnside.

Thanks to our dedicated team of library volunteers, **library sessions**



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. Reminder letters will be issued shortly. Children will only be able to borrow books once any outstanding borrowed books are returned.

Thank you to senior pupils and our parent helper, Mrs. Inglis for supporting Financial Education at Burnside by giving up



their time on Friday afternoons to oversee the **Credit Union**, which is now up and running. Your child can join by collecting a form at the school office and P.1 pupils have been issued with application forms. The Credit Union provides an opportunity for your child to develop Financial Education awareness. Can you give up an hour or so on a Friday afternoon to help out? Please contact the HT for more information.

### Improvement Priorities 16/17

We are working in line with the National Improvement Framework which highlights schools should have a focus on literacy and numeracy.

This session we plan to:-

- Continue to raise attainment in literacy through revising reading programmes and reviewing approaches to learning & teaching within writing.
- Continue to raise attainment in numeracy & maths by building on our recent successes.

- Introduce the next phase of French within P1–P5 as well as begin to introduce Spanish.
- Continue to raise the profile of learning and teaching in science.
- Develop new approaches to ICT, particularly with the re-location to our new school.
- Refresh our approaches

to Inter-disciplinary learning with a focus on Social Studies.

In addition we will take on board valued feedback from pupils, parents and other stakeholders to continually improve.

As you can see, we have a busy year ahead! Please don't hesitate to let us know if you can offer support in

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 Person for Room 1 to 3, Mrs. McGovern looks after Rooms 4 to 9, while Mr. Campbell oversees Rooms 10 to 14. You can also use your child's home/school communication diary if easier.

As part of our ongoing commitment to Eco, we aim to use e-mail for most communication. We will send out communication soon about this. In the meantime, if

you are already signed up to the e-mailing list, you will continue to receive any whole school e-mails.

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



## Burnside Primary ~ the story so far.....

Our brand new school is well under development now and is on schedule to open in February 2017. Walls and ceilings are up and all utilities are in! Any savings are being ploughed in to the existing part of the building in the form of new windows, furnishings etc. I have recently been working with the Schools Mod Team to plan the school grounds which are going to be wonderful! We will have a new trim trail, climbing walls, a multi use games area (MUGA), an outdoor classroom area, cycle racks, planters for all classes and plenty more space to develop.

The building works have moved on since our last visit in June but until our next site visit, here are a few photos from then.....

Looking along the top corridor, classrooms on the right and ahead on the left.



The beginnings of our new cafeteria.



The view of the hall from the mezzanine library



A typical classroom

