



# Burnside Primary School

## October 2016

*Learning together, growing together to be all that we can be.*

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Dear Parents/Carers,  
We are looking forward to meeting with you at next week's **Parents' Evening** when we hope you can gain an overview of how your child has settled in their new class, strengths and areas for development. Appointments are allocated at 5 minute intervals so please get in touch if you have a concern to discuss further.

**A huge plea!** 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. Children are encouraged to look for lost items at break times. All unclaimed, unlabelled items will be sent to the charity shop on Friday 14th October.

**The temporary closure of Spittal Road between Carrick Road and Alloway Drive** is now scheduled for next week, commencing 10th October. We are hopeful that works will be delayed until the October break but if not, this may mean some bus delays next week.



**Save the date.....**  
Jingle on down to our **Christmas Fayre on Sat**

**26th November, 11-2 pm.**



Look out for more information from the Parent Council with opportunities for you to help make our Christmas Fayre wishes come true. Our wish list includes donations of chocolates, bottles and pre-loved items; budding bakers young and old and some festive helpers to make the day a roaring success.

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

Thank you!

*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**

**October Week Holiday**

**School will close at 3 pm on Friday 14th October and re-open on Monday 24th October at 9 am.**

**Have a lovely holiday!**

### **Assemblies** **~ September~**

School rules/expectations  
Protective Behaviours  
Wisdom  
School Committees

### **Welcome**

to new pupils:

Jake Miller  
Zoe Kelly

We are delighted you have joined up at Burnside Primary!

## The month ahead.....October 2016

3	7.00–Parent Council AGM—all welcome!
4 & 5	Individual and family photos.
6	Classes begin visiting the Book Fair.
7	Sportshall Athletics competition—good luck everyone!
10	Interim reports and Parents’ Night appointments issued.
11	Flu Immunisations.
12	School Nurse, Dawn Loudon, supports P.1 classes in primary massage.
13	Parents’ Evening.
14	Library book sale (books priced 20p).
17-21	<b>October week Holiday—have a lovely week!</b>
27	Evening Halloween Parties for pupils P2-7.
28	Afternoon fancy dress party in school for P.1 pupils.

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

#### Healthy Burnside



#### Handling Teenage Behaviour course for parents.

Would you like to be able to understand teenage (or P6/7 children) behaviour better? This popular course will run again locally. For information contact Susan Dickson, Family Support Worker 0141 643 4431

sdickson@stonelaw.s-lanark.sch.uk

#### 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. We welcome your support in this matter. Please contact us if you have any concerns regarding toileting.

## Working Together

Thanks to those of you who managed along to our recent **P.1 Parent/Carer workshops**. We are glad you found them both enjoyable and useful. We will be introducing massage to our P1s next week so watch out for a letter!

Thanks to our dedicated team of library volunteers, **library sessions** will begin very soon. Please ensure all books are transported in the special book bag at all times.



Thank you to Parent Council members who have agreed to fund **gardening club** places this session due to the high number of pupils involved and the positive impact on the



positive impact on the whole school. All £5 fees already sent in have now been reimbursed.

Thank you for all **pre-loved uniform items** sent in. The Christmas Fayre planning committee are already organising these for sale on 26th November. We would be delighted to accept any more items you may have.

### Better behaviour...better learning...

We have tweaked our Behaviour Policy in light of ongoing feedback from pupils, staff and parents. We continue to have high expectations but have included more opportunities for pupils to be recognised and rewarded for exceeding expectations. We will

send some information home about this next week. As always, we value your support with this. Pupils achievement and attainment is maximised when school and home work in partnership.

### Helping hands wanted!

We need your help to continue to provide the best opportunities for your children. Please get in touch if you think you may be able to help out in any way...classrooms...excursions...clubs...



## Community Links

- \* We are collecting used stamps for the local Hospice so please send yours our way ~ thank you!
- \* It's time for the annual 'Bark in the Park' event on Sunday 9th October at Cambuslang Park ....dog show and lots of fun & games.
- \* We are so pleased to announce that our previously loved large white playground container has found a new home with Grow73 in Overtoun Park. Thanks to pupils Samuel Kelly, Lily Wilders and Ruby Hunt who proudly attended the official 'handover'.
- \* There was great excitement last week at Burnside Primary when we had a special visit from local actress Jane McCarry (aka Isa, Still Game). Jane was interviewed by our own 'cast' Rory Wallace, Danny McAteer and Sophie Vergoz.

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 **each month.** also use your child's home/school communication diary if easier.

Please follow us on Facebook [www.facebook.com/BurnsideParentCouncil/](http://www.facebook.com/BurnsideParentCouncil/) and Twitter [@burnsideprim](https://twitter.com/burnsideprim)



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

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

We have had an exciting couple of weeks planning for our new school. I have met with the Graphics Team and I am thrilled with how our ideas and wishes are being taken forward. We have decided on bright rainbow colours to be used throughout the building—as well as providing a stimulating environment, the colour will help our pupils (and staff) navigate their way around the new building. Our staff have worked hard to agree on child friendly poignant quotes about learning which the Graphics Team have incorporated around the space. We have lots of super ideas for additional graphics and are about to ask our children to enter a competition to design a graphic for our new library. Furnishings and finishes have been agreed and our school grounds are beginning to take shape!

Mrs. McGovern, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Woods and I hope to visit the site again at the end of October. Here are some recent photos.....

### A classroom upstairs overlooking the railway



Our school hall

Corridor

