



Burnside Primary School

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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 has been wonderful to see all our pupils returning after a refreshing summer holiday—we can't believe how much they have grown!

It was great to see so many parents/carers along to our 'Meet the Teacher' event. I hope you had the opportunity to see your child's learning environment and meet their teacher.



Please continue to support us in ensuring the safety of your children near school grounds. As a 'Park & Stride' school, our policy is that we require parents to park as far away from the school as possible and

walk the remainder of the way. There is strictly no parking in the staff car park or on zig zags/double yellow lines at the school. Please also do not park across driveways or on the pavement on Blairbeth Road. Already a child has almost been hit and parental concern is growing. **Thank you to parents who have been in touch with registration numbers of cars parked dangerously. We will continue to pass information on to Rutherford Police who are logging incidents and are committed to contacting drivers who persistently park dangerously as well as issuing fixed penalty tickets. Several drivers were visited during the summer holidays.** Please park safely and pass this information on to family members and taxi drivers who may be dropping off/collecting pupils.

Please also ensure children do not enter the car park area before/after school. **Help us to help you keep your children safe.**

Please return all remaining **admin forms** by the beginning of next week. 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 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.

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**

Staffing Updates

A very warm welcome to **Miss Fiona Marquis, R. 6** and **Miss Jennifer Panton, R. 11** newly qualified teachers who have joined us at Burnside Primary this year.

We are delighted that **Miss Jennifer Edelsten, Room 14** is now a permanent member of staff. We are also pleased to welcome new permanent teachers **Mrs. Eilidh Graham, R.13,** **Mrs. Elaine Sherry (Mon-**

Wed mostly with R. 6) and Mrs. Erica Mirner (Thurs & Frid with R.11).

Congratulations to the former Miss Aitken who became Mrs. McNeill during the summer!

Welcome

to new pupils:

**Halima Zazai
Zahra Zazai
Sophie Millar
Maria Musleh**

September week-end

School will be closed on Friday 22 and Monday 25 September.

Enjoy the holiday weekend!

The month ahead.....September 2017

5	Visit to Hamilton Town House for selected pupils in the library's 'Summer Reading Scheme'.
5	6.00-6.30pm—P7. Residential meeting for parents/parents/pupils. 7.00 pm—Parent Council Meeting in school ~ all welcome!
11 (from)	Brass and Woodwind tuition starts for new pupils.
12	1.30 pm ~ P.7 trials for Sportshall Athletics. 3.00 pm ~ P.6 trials for Sportshall Athletics.
13	11.15 am—Room 5 learning showcase ~ all family members welcome.
21	9.30-11.00 am—P1 Parent Workshops in Literacy, Numeracy, Primary Massage. Tea/coffee from 9 am.
22 and 25	School closed—September Weekend.

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

- 4th October ~ Scholastic Book Fair arrives (more info to follow)
- 4th October ~ 7 pm, Parent Council AGM
- 6th October ~ Parent Council Quiz Night, Cambuslang Rugby Club
- 9th October ~ 'Settling In' reports issued
- 12th October ~ Parents' Evening (more info to follow)

Healthy Burnside



Illnesses

Please do not send nuts in to school in any form (this includes chocolate spread, Nutella etc). We have 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.



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 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. 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.



A huge thank you to P2-7 parents/carers who completed **questionnaires** during the final Parents' Evening last session. Again, responses have been overwhelmingly positive and have given us some points for improvement. These responses together with feedback from pupils and staff have helped shape our Improvement Priorities for this session. **A copy of parental feedback will follow.**

Thank you to senior pupils and our parent helpers for supporting Financial Education at Burnside by giving up their time on Fridays to oversee the **Credit Union**, which will be up and running from **Friday 8 September**. Your child can join by collecting a form at the school office and P.1 pupils will be issued with application forms. The Credit Union provides an opportunity for your child to develop Financial Education awareness and is a positive, popular feature of Burnside Primary.



50/50 Club

Thanks to those of you who have already signed up. The club provides vital school funds and there's a lucky winner every month. It's not too late to sign up—ask for a form at the office or download from the school website. The first draw is coming up soon!

Can you help us out with any spare children's underwear.....pants or socks? From time to time little accidents occur and stocks are low at the minute.

CLUBS AT BURNSIDE

Already several clubs are underway during lunchtimes and soon to follow, at the end of the school day.

If you can spare any time, even for a few weeks, to introduce a skill to pupils we would be most grateful.

We can help with organisation, planning and can come along too so please don't worry. Our children love when a club is introduced by a non-staff volunteer! Please get in touch if you think you may be able to help out.

We recently issued a letter about our **gardening club** ~ please let us know if you can help out on Thursdays.

Improvement Priorities 17/18

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 and numeracy. We will implement our reviewed approaches to writing and continue with a focus on reading for pleasure.
- We will continue to review our whole school approach to Digital Technologies.

- We will extend opportunities for learning within Food & Health.
- We will extend opportunities for outdoor Learning!

As you can see, we have a busy year ahead! These are the main aspects of our improvement planning, however we will take a look at some other areas such as homework.

Please don't hesitate to let us know if you can offer support to take forward our plans in any way.

Please see our '**Looking Back to move Forward**' leaflet for more information, which will be uploaded to the website soon.

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 4, Mrs. McGovern looks after Rooms 5 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. This is also a quicker way to contact you in case of unforeseen circumstances such as a school closure. Please ensure you sign up for e-mails by visiting the Parent Council website. We will send a test e-mail soon, followed up with a paper note home. If you do not receive the e-mail, please ensure you are signed up.



As we begin the first full session in our new Burnside Primary, we can see how far we have come.....

Before.....andAfter

Senior corridor



Lunch hall



A typical classroom



Gym Hall

