



# Burnside Primary School

## September 2018

Head Teacher: Mrs. Helen McGarvey [headteacher@burnside-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@burnside-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk)  
DHT: Mrs. Allyson McGovern [depuht1@burnside-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk](mailto:depuht1@burnside-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk)  
DHT: Mr. Gary Campbell [depuht2@burnside-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk](mailto:depuht2@burnside-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk)  
Absence reporting [office@burnside-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk](mailto:office@burnside-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk) 0141 634 1916

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

It has been wonderful to see all our pupils returning after a refreshing summer holiday—we can't believe how much they have grown! What a great start to school P.1 pupils have made!

I hope you had the opportunity to see your child's learning environment and meet their teacher on Friday.

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.

Also please do not park across driveways or on the pavement on Blairbeth Road. **Thank you to our Police colleagues who are logging incidents and are committed to contacting drivers who park dangerously as well as issuing fixed penalty tickets.**

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.**

We also ask that dogs are not brought in to the school grounds, or car park.

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. Please also ensure your child has indoor shoes in school to change in to.

Our **Breakfast Club** will begin on Monday 10 September for all requested places. Pupils can enter via the lunch hall door in the senior playground from 8.15 am.

We will continue to provide diary dates in our monthly newsletters (published at the beginning of each month) as well as updating our website calendar regularly.

Thank you!

### Staffing Updates

A very warm welcome to **Miss Eilidh Thomson (R.11) and Miss Nicole Laidlaw,(R.8)** who have joined us this year. Also, welcome back to **Mrs. Jennifer Panton (R.12)** who has returned in Mr. MacKenzie's absence. We are also pleased to welcome Miss Jill Muir, a new member of our Support Staff Team.

Congratulations to Mrs. Panton who got married during the summer!



### Welcome

to new pupils:

Lilly Rose, P3  
Madison, P3  
Aaron, P4  
Ellie, P5  
Jessica, P5  
Jamie, P6

We are so pleased you have joined us!

### 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 21 and Monday 24 September.**

**Enjoy the holiday weekend!**

## The month ahead.....September 2018

10	8.15am–Breakfast Club begins.
13	5.00/5.45pm–Numeracy Information sessions (more info to follow)
17	7.15pm–Parent Council AGM ~ all welcome!
18	P.1 Reformer photo.
20	Stonelaw Science dept. visit P6.
21 and 24	<b>School closed–September Weekend.</b>
29	7.30pm–parent Council Quiz Night & Disco, Cambuslang Rugby Club

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

8th October ~ 7.15 pm, Parent Council Meeting  
8th October ~ 'Settling In' reports issued  
11th October ~ Parents' Evening (more info to follow)  
15th October ~ October Week holiday begins

### 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.**

## CLUBS AT BURNSIDE CAN YOU HELP?

We have been busy organising clubs to begin in the next couple of weeks so look out for invitation letters.

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!

In particular:-

- ◇ We are looking for volunteers to run a family yoga club on Fridays after school. No qualifications are necessary but we can provide Yogido training through Active Schools
- ◇ Could you run football training sessions after school 1 day per week? P6/7 pupils would

love to take part in the local league again this year.

**If you think you might be able to help us out please get in touch with me at the school.**



We would love you to join us on **Saturday 29 September** at Cambuslang Rugby Club for another of our famous Quiz & Disco Nights. Thanks to our Parent Council for organising! Tickets are priced at £10 and are available from the school or Sweet P. All proceeds will directly benefit pupils by helping us add to the number of I Pads available to support learning.

### Improvement Priorities 18/19

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

This session we plan to:-

- Continue to raise attainment in **literacy**. We will review our new approaches to writing across the school and extend opportunities for Active Literacy by reviewing learning & teaching of phonics, spelling and reading.
- We will continue to review our whole school approach to **Digital Technologies**.

- Within **Health & Wellbeing** we will focus on 'social, emotional and mental' health.
- We will extend opportunities for **parental engagement**.

As you can see, we have a busy year ahead! These are the main aspects of our improvement planning, however we will continue to work on some other areas such as

embedding our Vision & Values, introducing Language 3 at P6 & 7 and homework.

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

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

**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 8, while Mr. Campbell oversees Rooms 9 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 and our new School App (to be launched soon) for most communication. This is also a quicker way to contact you in case of unforeseen circumstances such as a school closure.

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

