



# Burnside Primary School

## September 2015

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

What a super, smooth transition our pupils have made to our de-cant building. Thank you to all staff and parents for preparing our youngsters so well.

What a great start P.1 pupils have made! I hope that P1 parents enjoyed the coffee morning with our Parent Council and you all found our 'Meet the Teacher' session helpful.



The buses are proving to be extremely popular ~ thank you to Support Services staff (and bus companies) for

ensuring smooth journeys. I have been told that our pupils are by far the best behaved to travel by bus ~ well done everyone, I am proud of you all!

As you can imagine it is a big job ensuring varying daily transport arrangements are taken into account. Thank you for your co-operation with this to date. **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.**

I ask for your support in a matter causing concern to some of our pupils. If bringing dogs to



the buses at pick up/drop off please ensure they are on a lead and not in the path of pupils getting on/off buses. Thank you.

Please return all **admin forms** issued. It is vital that we have updated information as soon as possible, 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.

We look forward to a busy term ahead!

**Thank you!**

### Physical Activity

We continue to aim to deliver a minimum of **2 hours weekly Physical Activity** in line with Scottish Government recommendations. So unless the weather is not on our side, the children may undertake additional physical activity outdoors on a weekly/fortnightly basis. A P.E kit can be kept in school for both indoor and outdoor sessions which can be taken home for washing. Gym bags can be purchased from the school office.

### **September week-end**

**School will be closed on Friday 25th and Monday 28th September.**

**Enjoy the holiday weekend!**

## Staffing Updates

We welcome Mrs. McGovern, our newly appointed DHT, to the school. Mrs. McGovern will have overall responsibility for Additional Support Needs in the school, as well as being the Named Person for Rooms 6 to 9.

Mr. Campbell will continue his role as

Acting DHT, with responsibility for Rooms 10 to 14.

We welcome Mr. MacKenzie to our team as class teacher for Room 7 this session and also Miss Edelsten, class teacher for Room 14, P7.

Miss MacPhee is the class teacher for Room 10 while Mrs. Steele is on maternity leave.

## WELCOME

to new pupils:

Skye Clark, P2, Room 3  
Jack Mobed, P2, Room 4  
David Murray, P3, Room 7

## The month ahead.....September 2015

2	11.30 am 'Meet the Teacher'.
7	6.30 pm. Lockerbie Manor info session for P.7 parents/carers.
7	7 pm–Parent Council meets–all welcome!
7	Multi-sports lunchtime clubs begins for P3-7.
8	P6/7 Athletics trials.
9	SLC Literacy Development Officer views our good practice.
16	Karate taster sessions for all pupils.
25 and 28	School closed–September Weekend.

### More Dates for the Diary....

Please see the website calendar at

[www.burnside-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk](http://www.burnside-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk)

### 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, as we have pupils and parents who are immune compromised and could become very ill if infected. Thank you for your co-operation in these important matters.**

#### Medicines

All inhalers should be kept with children within school bags 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.



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.**

## Working Together

**Library contracts will be issued for return next week.** Library sessions will begin for P2-7 pupils 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. Children will only be able to visit the school library with their class if books borrowed are returned. Thank you to our wonderful library team of volunteers!



Thank you to senior pupils, staff and parents for supporting Financial Education at Burnside by giving up their time on Friday afternoons to oversee the **Credit Union**, which will be up and running next week. Your child can join by collecting a form at the school office and P.1 pupils will shortly be given application forms.

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.



Lunchtime multi-sport clubs will begin next week for pupils in P3-7. We hope to run more clubs in the coming weeks. If you feel you could offer a skill or some expertise, we would be most grateful and would be happy to discuss possibilities to suit you ~ please get in touch!

## Improvement Priorities 15/16

This session we plan to:-

- Make good progress towards our third Eco Green Flag.
  - Continue work on Fair-trade and gain full 'Fair Trade' status.
  - Introduce the next phase of French, P1–P5.
  - Continue to raise the profile of learning and teaching in science .
  - Develop new approaches to technologies.
  - Continue to develop CfE Health & Wellbeing by focusing on Food and Health and introducing pupil led wellbeing profiles.
- In addition we will continue to review approaches within Liter-

acy and Numeracy to ensure high attainment at Burnside Primary.

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

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

## Staying in touch.....

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 Per-



son for Room 1 to 5, Mrs. McGovern looks after Rooms 6 to 9, while Mr. Campbell oversees Rooms 10 to 15. 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.**

