



BALMUILDY PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Welcome Back to School Newsletter



Dear Parent and Carers,

Welcome back to a new school session. I hope you had an enjoyable and restful break. All our pupils are refreshed and enthusiastic about the new session ahead. They are looking incredibly smart in their school uniforms. I would like to take this opportunity to extend a very warm welcome to all the new families joining Balmuildy Primary School.

### Staff News

The current teaching staff for this session is as follows:

Head Teacher	Miss Kenney
Depute Head Teacher	Mrs Jarman
Depute Head Teacher	Mrs Sutherland
Acting Principal Teacher	Mrs McBride
Primary 1a	Mrs McGuigan/Mrs Cochrane
Primary 1b	Mrs McBride
Primary 2a	Mrs McAteer/Miss Hilson (fri)
Primary 2b	Miss Scott
Primary 3a	Mrs Anderson
Primary 3b	Miss Campbell
Primary 4a	Mrs Blair/Miss Lawrie
Primary 4b	Mr Boyle
Primary 5a	Miss Struthers/Miss Biggart (tues)
Primary 5b	Mrs Kay
Primary 6a	Mrs Kiddie
Primary 6b	Miss Carr/Miss Biggart (thurs)
Primary 7a	Miss O'Hara
Primary 7b	Mr O'Brien/Miss Biggart (wed)
Art and Design	Miss Walsh

Modern Languages	Mrs Barrand
Drama	Miss Campbell
Physical Education	Miss Barrett
Brass Teacher	Mr Prentice
Strings Teacher	Mr Seargent
Woodwind Teacher	Ms McKane
Education Support Teachers	Mrs McLean/Mrs Cochran/Mrs Claise

The current non-teaching staff for this session is as follows:

Administration Assistant	Mrs MacKenzie
Clerical Assistant	Mrs McBeth
Support Staff	Mrs Martin
	Mrs Kennedy
	Mrs Lamina
	Mrs Hamilton
	Mr Thomson
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Janitor	Mr Milligan
Kitchen Manager	Mrs Dempsey

### School Uniform

Thank you to parents and carers for your continued support of our school uniform policy. All pupils are looking very smart as they start off a new school year.



### Data Check



You will you shortly received your annual data check forms. Please complete and return to school as soon as possible. It is essential that we keep our school records up to date.

## Flu Immunisation Forms

Flu immunisation forms have been issued this week. In order for your child to be vaccinated by NHS staff please return your forms by Friday 30th August. The flu vaccination will be given as a nasal spray and the date of administration is Tuesday December 3<sup>rd</sup> 2019.

## School Photographs

Tempest Photography will be in school on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October to take family and individual photographs. We will issue a reminder near the time.



## Attendance/Late coming

We know that children perform better at school with their learning if they arrive regularly and on time.

If your child is going to be absent from school for any reason please phone the school office before 9.30am to report your child's absence. You will be asked to give an indication of how long the absence may last. If we are not informed of an absence we will contact yourself or an emergency contact number to confirm your child is at home. Please keep the school updated with any new phone numbers. We take the safety of our children very seriously.

Holiday absences are usually recorded as unauthorised. If you are required to take your child out of school during term time for a holiday please send this information to Miss Kenney in writing.

If your child is leaving class during school hours for an appointment please call the school office or send a note to the class teacher. An adult is required to collect them from the school office. Please advise the school if your child is expected to return that day.

## End of Day Arrangements

Thank you for completing and returning your end of day arrangements this will help us to ensure all pupils are dismissed safely and correctly at the end of each school day.

We understand that from time to time you may require to make a change to these arrangements. We would ask you to contact us by 10.00am to ensure we have time to pass the message on. If there are longer term changes to your arrangements please let us know so we can update our records through the school office.

We will shortly issue a written summary to parents of our arrangements for dismissal.

## Physical Education



We aim to deliver two hours high-quality Physical Education to each class every week. We operate an indoor and outdoor PE timetable. Due to our

variable weather conditions we are happy for pupils to bring long navy/black jogging bottoms or leggings to school for PE outdoors.

At the start of a new session it is helpful to remind parents/carers about East Dunbartonshire Council's policy about wearing jewellery during PE at the start of a new school term. In order to maximise the safety of pupils no jewellery is permitted to be worn during PE lessons. Pierced earrings must be removed; children who cannot remove their earrings will unfortunately be unable to participate in PE lessons. Their class teachers will ensure they are involved in meaningful learning activities related to their PE lesson. Long hair should be tied back. We greatly appreciate your support to ensure we keep our children safe while active in school.



### Medication



If your child requires medication during school hours, please deliver it to the school office and complete a consent form. Please check the expiration date of all medicine as it cannot be administered when out of date.

### Allergy Information

Due to several pupils with allergies we are a nut free school. It is important that pupils do not bring nuts or nut products to school as a snack or in their packed lunches. This includes any products which may contain nuts such as **hazelnut chocolate spread**. We encourage pupils not to share or swap snacks in case they contain any hidden traces of nuts.



We also ask that children do not bring birthday cake to school to share with their class due to a number of other allergies across the school. We very much appreciate your continued support with this matter. Could you please keep the school office up to date with any information regarding your child's allergies.

### Twitter

To keep up to date on current events and aspects of school life 'follow' us on Twitter @BalmuildyPS.



### School Menu/Tuck Shop

A copy of the current menu and allergen information has been sent home and can also be found on East Dunbartonshire Council's website. If you would like to update Mrs Dempsey on any allergies please contact her through the school office.



If your child wants to purchase a snack from the kitchen at morning break they require to have money to cover the cost. This includes all pupils who are entitled to a free school lunch.

Prices for snacks are:

Water 46p

Fruit 25p/30p

Milk 26p

Toast 10p (1/2 slice)

Apple/Orange Juice 40p

Muffins 45p



### Mobile Phones

We understand that some pupils may require their mobile phones before and after school, however, they are not permitted to use them during the school day. In accordance to East Dunbartonshire Council's policy mobile phones must be switched off during the school day and stored in school bags. East Dunbartonshire Council will not accept liability for the loss or damage of mobile phones which are brought into school or the school grounds.



### Water Bottles



Pupils are encouraged to bring water bottles to have in the classroom to drink from. **Only water** can be taken into the classroom. We have facilities for pupils to refill their bottles during the school day. Please put your child's name on their bottle.

Finally, if you require any further information or if you have questions or concerns about any aspects of school life then please do not hesitate to get in touch and we will do our very best to help. We look forward to working with you over the session ahead.

### Religious Observance

A copy of our updated Religious Observance policy is available from the school office. If you wish to discuss withdrawing your child from Religious Observance please contact the school office to arrange a meeting with Miss Kenney.

Kind regards

Carol Jarman

Depute Head Teacher

**Dates for your Diary:**

**September 2019**

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September - 6.45pm PTA Meeting**

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September - Internet safety Talk p6/7 Constable Coulter**

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September - 7pm Open Evening (whole school)**

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September -SPCA Assembly**

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September - Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September - Mid-term holiday**

**October 2019**

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October - In-service Day (school closed to pupils)**

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October - School Re-opens**

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October - Firework Safety talk- P7**

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October - In-service day (school closed to pupils)**

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October - October week school holiday**

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October - School Re-opens**

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October - School Photographs - Individuals and Families**

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October - 9.30am Harvest Assembly all parents/carers welcome**