## Bearsden Primary - Challenging a community of learners to achieve excellence.

BEARSDEN PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

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Attendance Information: Please call the school office before 9:30am if your child is going to be absent unless you have already informed us beforehand. Emails to the school office may not be accessed first thing or the internet may be down so this is not the best way to communicate this information. If you have informed us that you or your child has had a COVID test, please contact the school as soon as you get the results. We are required to track all pupils having tests.

Harvest Foodbank Donations: Thank you to everyone who donated to the East Dunbartonshire Food Bank on Thursday 8th October . You donated 240kg of food! Their shelves are now well stocked and your donations are very much appreciated. Special thanks to Rev Wilson for helping us celebrate our Harvest assembly with a short video message to the school .



# House Captains and Vice Captains 2020 / 2021

Thorn: House Captain - Jack L

Vice Captain - Liv

Kirk: House Captain - Ellie

Vice Captain - Calum P

Roman: House Captain - Jamie

Vice Captain - Rebecca

Drymen: House Captain - Isla H

Vice Captain - Erin O

Watch out for more information about the Monthly Challenge set by the House Captains. We will be using Teams and all pupils will be added to their House Team.

At Bearsden Primary we are allocated £11748 from Scottish Government for our Pupil Equity Fund (PEF). This money is allocated to allow us to close the poverty related attainment gap. We have decided this session to look at purchasing Bug Club, an online reading scheme and have also renewed our subscription to Sumdog. To help support children with digital learning, we are looking to buy devices to support those children who do not have access to this. These would be available to be borrowed from the school for short term periods.

As part of our Health and Wellbeing focus we also purchased Emotion Works to support children returning from lockdown to work through all the different emotions that they may have been dealing with. Last year we also funded some trips but at present we don't know if trips will be going ahead but if they do we will look to assist children on Free School Meals\* with the costs. If you think you may be entitled to Free School meals the link to apply is: <a href="https://www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk/residents/schools-and-learning/school-meals/free-school-meals">https://www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk/residents/schools-and-learning/school-meals/free-school-meals</a> (\*This only applies to those who have applied for Free School Meals and have a confirmation letter and <a href="mailto:not red">not</a> to all children in P1-3 who are automatically entitled to Free School Meals)



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## **Fundraising Group News**

Our next meeting will take place on Tuesday 10th November on Teams. Minutes from the meeting will be available in due course.

**Uniform news** Get ready for winter! We have three fabulous jackets to choose from and a selection of tank tops, sweaters, cardigans and a school scarf! Simply send your order form and payment to the school office – cheque or cash only.



### Dogs in playground

If you have your dog with you when dropping and picking up children from school, please remember to keep out of the school grounds and be careful to stand somewhere that pupils can pass by you safely. Thank you.

#### **Head Lice**

Please remember to check your child's head regularly, at least once a week. If your child has head lice, you can register at your local pharmacy for 'Minor Ailments' and get the shampoo /treatment. The links below may also be useful.

https://www.nhsinform.scot/illnesses-and-conditions/skin-hair-and-nails/head-lice-and-nits

https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/

## **Nuts / Allergies**

Please remember that we are a "Nut Free" school and that some of our pupils suffer from severe allergic reactions when they come into contact with nuts. Please help to keep them safe by checking the labels on food products that your child brings for a snack or packed lunch. Unfortunately, we are also not able to accept cakes, sweets or other treats from parents to be handed out to classmates to celebrate a pupil's birthday.



## Important dates for your diary

Sunday 15th November P5-7 Cross Country, Springburn Harriers event

Thursday 26th November Flu Immunisation Day
Friday 11th December Christmas Jumper Day

Monday 21st December School stops @ 2:30pm for Christmas holidays

Wednesday 6th January School returns from Christmas break



### **Contact Information**

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