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Welcome Back!

I am delighted to welcome you to a new session at Bearsden Primary School. Newsletters are issued at the end of every month, either to your email address, or a paper copy to the eldest child in the family if this was requested. They can also be found on the school website. These help to keep you informed about everything that is happening in school. Our school roll is now 409 as we have welcomed 55 new P1 pupils to school.

Please share your email address with us if you have one as it makes communication easier, quicker and saves paper which saves trees (and money!).

Staff News

I would like to welcome Miss Claire Campbell in Primary 2 and Miss Anna Mitchell in Primary 6. I am sure you will all join me in wishing each and every member of our staff and pupils success in the year ahead!



Rag Bag Collection

Thank you to everyone who sent in a bag for our Rag bag collection. We have raised £64.80 for our school funds.



Harvest Church Service

Our Harvest Church service will take place in Bearsden Cross Church on Thursday 10th October led by our Primary 3's at 9.30am. All friends and relatives are welcome to attend. Our collection will be for the East Dunbartonshire Food Bank. A shopping list of items they are looking for has already been sent home.

School Security

The school operates a secure entry system. Parents should come to the main door, where there is a buzzer. All visitors must sign the visitors' book and wear a visitor's badge whilst in school. If your child is late for school, please bring her/him to the office and speak to one of the office staff. Pupils will be supervised by support staff during playtimes and lunchtimes.

Pupils who go home for lunch should be signed out from and returned to the office. This is essential due to our fire safety regulations. All school gates will be closed during the school day to help ensure pupil safety.



Halloween Discos

There will be Halloween discos taking place in school on Thursday 24th October. P1-3 is from 6pm-7pm, P4-7 is from 7.15pm-8.15pm. Order forms will be issued next week.

Allergies-Nut Free Zone

Some of our pupils suffer an allergic reaction to nuts, including peanuts. In some cases this is a severe reaction and could be life threatening. In order to minimise the risk to those pupils, please do not send packed lunches or snacks containing nuts. Your cooperation in this is greatly appreciated.

Staff have received training to ensure the safety of our pupils with severe allergies but we require that you are vigilant regarding our Nut Free policy.

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. Although this is a lovely gesture, due to our procedures in regard to allergies, this is prohibited.





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Please do not use Dojo as a way of

communicating with the teachers.

If you wish to contact them,

office. Thank you.

teacher.

Homework Diaries

please do so through the school

Every child in school has been

given a Bearsden Primary School

Please ensure the diary is signed

and use this diary if you wish to

communicate with the class

Homework Diary. These will be

used to note homework tasks.

Dojo

Fundraising Group News

Our next meeting will take place on Tuesday 8th October @ 7pm in Massimos. Halloween tickets go on sale next week for Saturday 26th October. Order forms will be sent home.

Contact details: The Fundraising Group: via our new email address : <u>bearsdenfund-</u> <u>raising@outlook.com</u>

School Photographs

The photographers will be in school on Tuesday 2nd, 3rd & Thursday 4th October to take photographs of individuals and P1 class photographs.

The office staff would like to thank all parents for gifts they received at the end of June!

Wet Weather

Please ensure your child is suitably dressed for the changeable Scottish weather as pupils will be spending their intervals and lunchtimes in the fresh air of the playground unless the weather is extremely poor. Please send your child wearing a waterproof jacket or keep one in their school bags.

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When the weather is extremely inclement, pupils will be allowed into the school and their classroom at 8.45am. Parents should "say goodbye" to their child in the playground and not come into the cloakroom area as this can become very congested.



Important dates for your diary

Tuesday 1st OctoberIn Service DayWednesday 2nd OctoberScottish Schools SkWed 2nd, Thurs 3rd & Fri 4th OctoberSchool PhotographsFriday 4th OctoberP7 Scottish Country

Thursday 10th October Friday 11th October Monday 14th October Thursday 24th October

Saturday 26th October

In Service Day Scottish Schools Ski races School Photographs P7 Scottish Country Dance Festival Church Harvest Service—9.30am In Service Day October Week Holiday Halloween discos P1—3 6pm—7pm P4-7 7.15pm—8.15pm F/ Group—Family Halloween Party, St Andrew's hall



Road Safety and Traffic Issues

Bearsden Cross is very busy at 9am and 3pm. Please allow time to park safely and make sure that your child crosses any roads with the Lollipop Person or at the pedestrian lights. Children should leave the car on the pavement side of the road.

Can we please remind all parents to move well away from the lines once they have dropped their child off. This will enable the teachers to view their lines clearly. There is still a lot of congestion around the lines and the children are not getting into the school till after 9am. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.



Medication in School

If your child needs to take medicine during the school day, including inhalers, the appropriate parental consent forms must be completed. Please speak to Mrs Johnston in the office if you require a form. If your child needs to use an inhaler in school, please make sure that this has been returned to school after the summer. All medication must be clearly labelled with the child's name and the dosage and must have been dispensed by a pharmacist or doctor. We can no longer accept any medication that has been bought off the shelves e.g. Calpol/ Piriton.

Trips / Outings

Friday 4th October—P7 attending Bearsden & Milngavie Festival in Milngavie Town hall Monday 7th October—P6A Room 19 cycle trip Thursday 10th October—P4 trip to Whitelees Windfarm

Tuesday 22nd October P6 Room 20 cycle trip Thursday 24th October—P5 Room 13 cycle trip

Friday 25th October—P5A room 14 cycle trip



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