



# Goodlyburn Primary School Newsletter

August 2018

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## Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to our August Newsletter.

Welcome everyone to our August Newsletter and to a new school year. What an amazing summer we had with fantastic weather. Our children are back looking really smart in their school uniforms, thank you for supporting us with this. They are already back into the swing of things and our P1s have had their first full weeks and are showing us all how it's done!

## Back to School

This year we have 258 pupils in our 12 classes.

Our class teachers for this year are:

P1	Mrs Jolly
P1/2	Mrs Lees and Mrs Robertson (Wed)
P2	Mrs Ferguson
P3T	Miss Thain and Miss Rawlings (Mon)
P3J	Mrs Jack and Miss Rawlings (Fri)
P4	Mrs Craig
P4/5	Miss Booth
P5	Mrs Biccocchi
P6/7R	Miss Robertson
P6/7S	Miss Smith

## Staffing Update - New Faces

Miss Booth and Mrs Biccocchi join us as permanent members of our school staff team and Mrs Cooper returns this year as our P.E Teacher 2 days per week.

## PE Kit

Our uniform policy states that our preferred items (to be available daily) in gym bags are:

dark shorts

White T-shirt

Black "light" gym shoes with non-marking soles- not heavy "trainer" type

Optional - trainers and tracksuits may be worn for outside gym if desired

For safety reasons, no jewellery is allowed to be worn during P.E. sessions. Pupils who wear earrings will need to remove them or tape them up before taking part.

Hair bobbles for those with long hair should also be worn.

As it gets colder, some children may prefer to wear a tracksuit rather than just their shorts and t-shirt to go outside for gym. Tracksuits for outside gym can be any colour your child already has, no football strips though.

## Birthday Cakes and Snacks

I know that some of you like to send in cakes for your child to share with classmates on their Birthday. We do not want to turn these down, but please be aware that some children have food allergies so it is really important we know what is in them. Shop bought cakes are best as this is easy for staff to check ingredients and keep everyone safe.

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## **Free School Meals & Assistance with School Clothing & Footwear**

Applications for Free School Meals & Assistance with School Clothing & Footwear (FSM/SCF) for session 2018/2019 are now available on the PKC website here:

<http://www.pkc.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals>

Perth and Kinross will not be issuing hard copies of application forms to schools this year as it will be possible for parents/carers to apply online through MyPKC. Wherever possible we would encourage parents to apply directly to us through the online form - which will be easily accessible using a smartphone, tablet or any other device that allows online access. However, if parents are not able to access the online forms, schools can still print hard copies from the website for their use.

## **Parking**

A reminder at this time about safety for our children. I appreciate our car park can be a busy place at pick up and drop off times but please make sure you park thoughtfully around the school and do not use the disabled bays. Parents should never park on the double yellow lines. A number of our children walk home on their own and they need to be able to see clearly to cross safely.

## **Office Procedures**

All visitors should report to the office on arrival. Parents are not expected to take children up to class; this will be done by staff members. If you would like to speak to your child's teacher, please contact the school office to make an appointment. I am happy to see parents at or before 9am, so feel free to speak to the office staff and they will let you know if I am free, but teachers are not free for prolonged talks at this time as they are busy preparing for the day's learning. If your enquiry is something quick, teachers are usually around at 3pm when the children are being escorted to their lines.

## **Absences**

If your child is going to be absent from school you must call and let us know. We operate an absentee line on **01738 454230**. Unless you need to speak to someone about your child being off then phone **01738 454230**, this is our preferred method for contacting the school about absence. This is a voicemail only line, so is available 24 hours a day, with parents being asked to leave a message for their child's name, class and reason for absence.

If you do not advise us of why your child is absent we will contact you as it is important we know where everyone is at all times.

## **School Dinners / ParentPay**

School dinners for P1-3 are still free of charge. P4-7 pupils are £2.15 per day. School Meals should be paid for in advance on a Monday for the following week where possible but must be paid for before the meal is taken, preferably before this is processed just after 9am. Our preferred method of payment is through Parent Pay. Contact the office if you aren't sure how to set this up.

You can see menu choices online here: <http://www.pkc.gov.uk/schoolmeals>

The daily sandwich option is also available to download from this site. Please note that the sandwich option also includes either a starter or pudding, salad and a drink.

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## **Sickness bug - 48 hours**

The medical advice is that children who have a sickness or sickness and diarrhoea bug should be kept off school for 48 hours after the last episode. Please help us to limit the spread of winter bugs by following this rule.

## **Administration of Medicines**

There is a form in the school office to be completed before we are allowed to give your child any medicines which are prescribed by a doctor and need to be taken during school hours. If your child needs calpol, or similar medication, please note that staff can supervise a child taking this type of medication, but are now only to actually administer prescribed medications. If you want your child to take calpol at a set time, please fill in the form described above and provide the correct number of 2.5ml sachets so that your child can take them independently (under supervision of course). Children are encouraged to self-administer inhalers where possible. If your child needs an inhaler, please make sure there is a spare one for school.

## **Playground Supervision before the School Day**

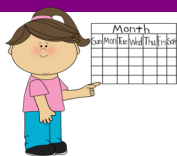
For all children, we would ask that they do not arrive in our school grounds before 8.30am. There is no supervision in the playground at this time but there will be a member of staff in the school office from 8.30am onwards. Children normally remain outside until 9am, but if it is very wet staff may bring them into the school hall.

## **Coats**

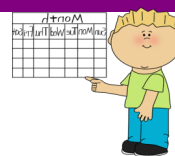
As the weather gets colder it is more important than ever that children bring a suitable coat to school every day. Please ensure your child comes to school with a coat every day, preferably with a hood. Children will be reminded to wear their coats on cold and/or damp days.

## **Parent Council**

The AGM of the Parent Council 6<sup>th</sup> September at 6pm. There is an open invitation to all parents to come along and see if they would like to join for the coming year. The commitment is 3 evenings across the year, 6-7.30pm, and it would be super to get some new faces and try to have representation from every class in the school. Our parent council is a supportive group who help raise money to buy extras and equipment for our children. They also often act as a sounding board for me when making decisions. Do come along and give your views if you can.



## School Calendar 2018 - 2019



Term 1 - Aug - Oct		Term 2- Oct - Dec	
13.08.18	In Service—school closed to children	25.10.18	Wear to Scare Disco
14.08.18	School resumes for 18/19 session 9am prompt!	07.11.18	P7 Perth Academe Parents Information Evening 6.30-8pm
12.09.18	Tempest Photographer in school	14.11.18	Parents Evening
05.10.18	End of Term 3.00pm	20.11.18	Flu Immunisation Flu Immunisation
22.10.18	School resumes 9.00am	15 & 16.11.18	In Service
		12.12.18	Nativity afternoon performance
		13.12.18	Nativity afternoon performance
		14.12.18	Christmas Parties
		21.12.18	End of Term 12:00
Term 3 - Jan - Apr		Term 4 Apr - Jun	
07.01.19	School resumes 9.00am	15.04.19	School resumes 9.00am
11.02.19	School Disco	19 & 22.04.19	Good Friday & Easter Monday — School Holiday
13.02.19	In Service	06.05.19	May Day Holiday
14 & 15.02.19	Mid Term	08.05.19	Sports Day (9th if raining)
06-08.03.19	Book Fayre	29.05.19	Show (pm performance)
07.03.19	Parents Evening	30.05.19	Show (evening performance)
22.03.19	Spring Fayre	30.05.19	New P1 Parents Night
29.03.19	End of Term 3.00pm	06 & 07.06.19	P7 Induction Days Perth Grammar)
		13 & 14.06.19	P7 Induction Days - Perth Academy
		19-21.06.19	P7 Dalguise
		25.06.19 (tbc)	P7 Prom
		28.06.19	End of Term Service . School closes for summer holidays 12:00.

◆ Absence Line Phone  
No. 454243

Please remember it is very important to inform the school if your child is going to be absent.  
Reminder - school meals must be paid on the day or in advance. If your child has an appointment or is going to be late please phone to order lunch before 10am.

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