



Hello

We are delighted to have our children back at school after the festive break. We would like to thank you for your understanding with our heating issues on the first day back. We are now well settled into Term 3, enjoying school life & learning.

You will see Mr Peck (Head Teacher) & Miss McPherson (Depute Head Teacher) in the playground most mornings and afternoons. Please do come and say hello and feel free to ask any questions or raise concerns. We are here to help.

The School Day

School day starts : 9.00

Morning break : 10.30 – 10.45

Lunch : 12.15-13.00

School day ends: 15.00



Late Coming & Attendance

We ask for parents/carers continued support with both absence and late coming & thank those who ensure their children are at school on time, every day. If your child is unwell you must let us know by phoning the school on 01698 882636 and leaving a message on the attendance answer machine/speaking to a member of office staff.

Children should be at school for 9am every day. We have a number of children who are consistently late most days. If your child is approx. 10 minutes late for school every day for a week - they will have missed almost an hour of learning by the end of the week. Learning in classes starts at 9am. School finishes at 3pm and we ask that parents only collect their child early with proof of a medical appointment. Collecting children from class prior to 3pm is disruptive to both teaching and learning.

Late coming & attendance letters will be issued at the end of each month for children whose attendance or late coming causes concern. We ask for your support and cooperation with this, it is of course for the benefit of your child.

Robert Smillie Memorial Primary & Nursery



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Save the Date



Date & Time	Event
Thursday 2 nd February	Snapshot of learning sent home
Friday 3 rd February	Teaching Union Strike Day – School closed for pupils if strike action goes ahead.
Monday 6 th February – 2pm	Parent Council Meeting
Tuesday 7 th February	School Football Team @ <u>Hareleeshill</u> Football Festival
Friday 10 th February – PM	Read, Write Count Bag – Tea with teacher event for parents of children in Miss MacFarlane (P1/2), Miss Inglis (P2) and Mrs Brown (P2/3) class.
Monday 13 th , Tuesday 14 th & Wednesday 15 th February	February Break – School closed for pupils
Thursday 16 th February 6pm	Parent Council Bingo Night
Friday 17 th February	Scottish Opera Performance for parents for P5, P6 & P7
Thursday 16 th March – PM	Pupil Progress Meetings (Parents Night)
Friday 24 th March – 9.30 – 10.30	P7 Showcase for parents of children in P7

Extra Curricular Clubs

We are currently running the following clubs:

Wednesday - Netball Club coached by Miss Hunter

Thursday - Dance Club coached by Kayleigh from Dance Inc for P5,6 & 7

Our Coerver Junior & Senior School of Football continues to run each week.

We are hoping to add more extra curricular clubs as the term progresses.



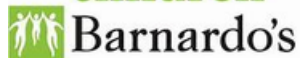
Staffing News

Miss Donnelly from RSMP Nursery begins her maternity leave later this week. We wish her all the best and we are looking forward to sharing special news in the next few weeks.

Miss Hale RSMP Nursery Team Leader leaves us in a few weeks time to begin a new post in Glasgow. We wish her all the very best and thank her for all the care she has shown to all our RSMP children & families over the years.

Barnardos Blether

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children



Monica & Maxine our Barnardos Family Support Workers welcome everyone to pop along to the lunch hall on a Tuesday morning at 9am to enjoy a cuppa, biscuit and blether. There is no commitment required, you can just turn up when you can manage to and enjoy chatting in good company - everyone is welcome.



Greta's Group

Greta is employed by South Lanarkshire Council to work with parents, helping and supporting them.

She is currently running a group on Monday afternoons for parents/carers of all children. The group runs in the school every Monday from 1.30pm - 3pm - it is informal and hot drinks & treats are available!

The group is currently focusing on helping parents support their child's learning in maths. All parents/carers are welcome to come along. If you would like any more information please just ask at the office.

Parent Council

Our Parent Council meets every month . The next meeting is Monday 6th February at 2pm. We encourage all parents to come along and have their say - everyone welcome

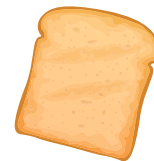




School Enrolment

If you have a child due to start Primary 1 in August you should have already completed the online enrolment. If you have any questions or concerns please contact the school office.

Breakfast Club & Toast To Go



Breakfast club is open to all children every morning at 8.15am. Last admission is at 8.30am.

We are delighted to be offering 'toast to go' every morning for children in the lunch hall from 8.45am - 9am. Children can pick up a piece of toast when ordering their lunch.



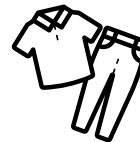
Water Bottles



In line with all South Lanarkshire schools, children should only have water in their bottles to drink in the classroom. Children may have juice with their packed lunch at lunchtime. Children who are entitled to free school meals can order their milk every morning. Children not entitled to free school meals require their milk to be booked in advance via Parentpay.



Uniform



We are delighted to see our pupils looking so smart in their school uniforms. We have the highest expectations for our children to be in uniform every day.

We have a good selection of new uniform, shoes, gym kits etc at our office which are available free of charge. Please pop in anytime and take what you need.

If you aren't able to pop in, you can email us

office@robertsmillie-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk and we will be happy to help you get what you need. Please ensure you include the size you are looking for.