

Blackwood Primary and Nursery Class

August Newsletter 2019

Head Teacher: Ms C. McMillan



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Tuesday 20th

- P5 Swimming wk 1
- P1 Bookbug at 3:15pm wk 1

Tuesday 27th

- P5 Swimming wk 2
- P1 Bookbug at 3:15pm wk 2

Wednesday 28th

- Parent Council Meeting and School Improvement Plan Information Evening at 7pm - All welcome!

September 2019

Tuesday 3rd

- P5 Swimming wk 3
- P1 Bookbug at 3:15pm wk 3

Thursday 5th

- School Photographer Families & Individuals for School and Nursery Children

Tuesday 10th

- P5 Swimming wk 4
- P1 Bookbug at 3:15pm wk 4

Wednesday 11th

- P7 trip to New Lanark – Reading Festival

Thursday 12th

- P1 trip to New Lanark - Reading Festival

Tuesday 17th

- P5 Swimming wk 5
- P1 Bookbug at 3:15pm wk 5

Tuesday 24th

- P5 Swimming wk 6
- P1 Bookbug at 3:15pm wk 6

Friday 27th and Monday 30th

- HOLIDAY!

**FAMILY LEARNING
MATHS WEEK 1ST - 4TH OCTOBER**

Welcome!

Welcome everyone to the start of a new school year. I hope everyone has enjoyed their summer holidays. Our school staff are looking forward to working collaboratively with parents/carers and pupils to provide learning opportunities which will enable our young people to develop within the framework of *Curriculum for Excellence* and meet the national agenda to raise attainment and achievement.

A special thank you to our school cleaners and janitorial staff who have been working during the holidays to ensure that we are coming back to a clean and safe environment.

Today you will also receive a **BIG BROWN ENVELOPE** with the annual data check information. Please return completed forms by **Wednesday 21st**. It is VERY important that this information is kept up-to-date throughout the school year. These documents are available on the school website for you to download and print if you would prefer to complete these electronically.

Primary 5 Swimming

P5 swimming starts on Tuesday 20th August. Please return permission slips by Monday 19th.

Primary 4 Forest Schools

All P4 have been allocated a morning (Tuesday / Wednesday or Thursday) to take part in Forest Schools until the October holiday. Please return permission forms by Monday 19th. Mr Dickson will lead this initiative this year in school and be supported by Mrs R Forbes, Mrs C Forbes or Mrs Stewart who along with Miss L Forbes are participating in training to become qualified Forest School Leaders.

Primary 1 Book Bug After School Club.

Bookbug is a homelink reading initiative. Primary 1 pupils, along with a family adult, are invited to take part in a six week block from Tuesday 20th August – Tuesday 24th September at 3:15pm-4:5pm in the gym hall. Please enter through our main door.

Class Information

We have welcomed 4 new members of staff to the teaching complement for this session.

The gym timetable will start on Monday 19th August. When outdoor gym day is a morning time children come to school wearing outdoor PE kit and bring their school uniform to change into.

Class	Room No.	Teacher	Indoor Gym Day	Outdoor Gym Day
P1	Open Class	Miss Illingworth & Mrs Stein	Wednesday	Tuesday morning
P2	7	Miss Lothian	Tuesday	Friday
P3/2	6	Mr Broadhurst	Wednesday	Tuesday
P3	5	Miss Murray	Wednesday	Monday
P4	1	Miss Anderson & Mrs Small	Friday	Monday morning
P5/4	3	Mrs Kellie	Monday	Tuesday
P5	4	Miss Hendry & Miss Stewart	Friday	Thursday morning
P6	2	Miss Whitefield	Tuesday	Wednesday morning
P7/6	8	Miss Harrison	Monday	Tuesday morning
P7	9	Miss Meldrum and Mrs R Forbes	Tuesday	Thursday
LUP1	11	Mrs Barclay & Mrs C Forbes	Wednesday	Friday morning
LUP3	12	Mrs Robinson	Wednesday	Tuesday

School Uniform

The children look amazing today “shining like a shilling” in their school uniform. **Please remember to label all school uniform and PE kit.** Most children have remembered to bring indoor gym shoes – SLC encourage all children to change shoes in the new school buildings - notes will be placed in diaries to remind individual children next week. Thanks!

Parent Council 2019

The first meeting of the Parent Council will take place on **Wednesday 28th August** at 7pm at which time the school improvement plan will be discussed. All parents are invited to attend and I would encourage you to come along. There are 5 meetings throughout the year. The objectives of the Parent Council are:-

- To work in partnership with the school to create a school which is inclusive for all parents/carers.
- To promote partnership between school, pupils and parents/carers.
- To develop and engage in activities which support the education and welfare of the pupils.
- To identify and represent the views of parents/carers and pupils on the education provided by the school and other matters affecting the education and welfare of the pupils.



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