

Blackwood Primary and Nursery Class

August Newsletter 2019 - Supplement

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August 2019

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
- Come and spell family learning at 9:30am P2-6

Thursday 12th

- P1 trip to New Lanark - Reading Festival
- Come and spell family learning at 9:30am P2-7

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

School Holidays 2019/20

Please note changes to the school holidays for the year 2019/20. There are now 7 in-service days and the May public holiday is now on Friday 8th May. Diaries (Page 38) have been updated. A revised holiday calendar was issued with the brown envelope or can be found on the school website – www.blackwood-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk or on SLC website – www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk

Blackwood Primary Breakfast Club

The Breakfast Club is an SLC initiative and it runs every day and is FREE! Everyone is welcome to use this service. This has proved to be popular with 20-40 children attending each day. The Breakfast Club starts at **8:15 am** and children are dismissed into the playground at around 8:45 am. A letter was issued earlier this month for you to provide an indication if you planned to use the breakfast Club on a regular basis. It can also be used on an ad-hoc basis. If you would like any more information on the organisation of the Breakfast Club, please contact the school office.

Scoot to School – Primary 1 - 5

Scoot to School is an initiative



which we started last year with the support of many community partners. Once signed up you can scoot to school every day.

If your child has already had a scooter check we will send home updated permission forms for you to sign and return to school.

If you would like your child to sign up for this event the following opportunities are available:

Tuesday 27th August at 3pm

Wednesday 28th August at 9am

Thursday 29th August at 9am or 3pm

If you have a scooter and a helmet please bring them along. The school will provide hi-vis vests. If your child would like to take part, but doesn't have a scooter, we have some in school which you can use.



Parental Calendars ... The School Year

Parents/Carers are given the opportunity annually to complete a questionnaire which helps us improve as a school and influences our school priorities for the following year. This year 21 % of families completed this in the primary school.

It was suggested that the school provide an annual calendar early in the new session and populate it with known events such as class assemblies, trips and charity days. Parents/Carers would then be able to add to it as the school year progresses.



This Parental Calendar is enclosed with this newsletter which we hope you will find useful.

Come and Spell – Family Learning Primary 2-7

The school has been working on a range of literacy strategies over the last few years and this was recognised nationally at the Scottish Education Awards in June 2019 in the category Raising Attainment in Literacy. We would like to offer families the opportunity to come into class to work with their child and learn some of the strategies so that you can continue to help your child at home.

The following times are available for you to accept this invitation

- Wednesday 11th September at 9:30am – 10:30am (Not P7)

OR

- Thursday 12th September at 9:30am -10:30am

Family Learning (HGIOS 2.5)

Our next planned family learning session is on Wednesday 2nd October.

Who?	What?	Where?	When?
Parents/Carers/Family Adult of Primary 1-7	Numeracy workshops	In Gym Hall	Wednesday 2 nd October at 3pm-4pm

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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