

Blackwood Primary and Nursery Class
Term 4 Weekly Newsletter - No. 6 (1.6.20)
Head Teacher: Ms C. McMillan



Monday 1st June

Proposed Overview for June

This is the suggested overview for the month of June which staff will be working to, following all national advice and guidelines.

Week Beginning	What is happening?
Monday 1 st June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School is being deep cleaned • Ms McMillan and Mrs Bowman carrying out risk assessments • Mrs Park in school – resource audit • Google Classrooms to support home learning • Friday 5th – SLC Summer Reading Challenge is launched - please view and sign up - https://youtu.be/8NBB0ZpvreE
Monday 8 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School is open as a child care “HUB” for key workers of Blackwood Primary and Nursery Class families – please apply through SLC website. • Most of the staff in the school on a rota basis • Google Classrooms to support home learning including a virtual sports day organised by our house captains and vice captains.
Monday 15 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School is open as a child care “HUB” for key workers of Blackwood Primary and Nursery Class families – please apply through SLC website. • Most of the staff in the school on a rota basis • Google Classrooms to support home learning – last week! • Some transition activity taking place for P7 → S1 pupils and children with additional support needs.
Monday 22 nd June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School is open as a child care “HUB” for key workers of Blackwood Primary and Nursery Class families – please apply through SLC website. • Most of the staff in the school on a rota basis • Some transition activity taking place for P7 → S1 pupils and children with additional support needs. • Transition opportunity for Nursery → P1 • SCHOOL CLOSSES ON WEDNESDAY 24th JUNE at 1PM

August 2020

We are awaiting guidance on what school will look like when we return in August.

The most frequently asked question is about uniform. Normally, at this time families are purchasing uniform for the new term, school bags, pencil cases, gym shoe etc. My advice at this moment in time is to **wait**.

Early advice is suggesting that all children come to school wearing outdoor PE kit – ie jogging bottoms (preferably black), school polo shirt (white) and school sweatshirt (red) and outdoor trainers. A waterproof jacket should be worn. Children will need to change shoes so indoor black gym shoes will be required.

School Uniform Recycle

(Part of our work with ECO Schools and Cost of the School day)

From Monday 15th June the school uniform recycling shop will be relocated to the Blackwood and Kirkmuirhill Community Resilience Group Hub based at Kirkmuirhill Church.

*This group is open daily 10am-noon, Monday – Friday T: **07943 990630** or **07943 804965***

**If you have any school uniform for recycling
please hand into the school or the hub at Kirkmuirhill parish Church.**

Keeping in touch

It is our aim to provide you with a weekly update of learning opportunities and to answer any generic questions you may have. Please use this email address headteacher@blackwood-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk for this purpose.

Phone Calls

Staff would like to thank all families for the opportunity to “touch base” with the children in their class. In some cases this was quite emotional! Apologies if this call was missed and you were unable to speak with the class teacher. Ideally, we hope another opportunity presents itself to do this before the end of term.



Primary 7 - Transition to Secondary

Lesmahagow High School have asked us to share the following link with you which includes lots of information about transition to High School. Within the link there are various activities for your P7 child to take part in.



<http://www.lesmahagow.s-lanark.sch.uk/p7-transition/>

Google Classrooms

There has been an increased uptake in the use of **Google Classroom**. This platform provides our learners with weekly ideas for learning and provides the opportunity to engage in online dialogue with peers and their class teachers. This has been approved nationally and by the trade unions.

Access Codes to activate this resource for your child/ren were issued in the learning packs, and some have already been activated, so we would ask that if you have not done so can you please log on and sign up for this... any problems please contact Mrs Park at office@blackwood-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk



Google Classroom

We are here to help ... let us know how!

- *We have access to our Barnardo's Family workers who can offer support. This support is in many different forms ... it is not a one size fits all. Please ask if you have any questions*
- *SLC are looking at ICT and internet access for all families – If you need internet access or any ICT equipment can you please let us know by emailing – office@blackwood-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk*
- *Linking with Community Resilience Group (Based at Kirkmuirhill Parish Church) open daily 10am-noon, Monday – Friday T: **07943 990630** or **07943 804965***

Cost of the School Day – Money Matters Advice Service

We offer **free, confidential and impartial advice** - we can help check your benefit entitlement, assist with the claims process, challenge decisions and represent you at Social Security appeal tribunals. For debt issues we look at your financial circumstances, contact creditors, discuss options and give budgeting advice; **Contact number: 0303 123 1008**

Our Telephone Advice Line offers a similar service specifically aimed at pregnant women and families with young children; **Contact number: 01698 453154**



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