

Blackwood Primary and Nursery Class
Term 4 Weekly Newsletter - No. 7 (11.6.20)
Head Teacher: Ms C. McMillan



Thursday 11th June

I'm sure it has been nice for you to drive past and see the school coming back to life with cars in the carpark and a few hub children in the playground and yes, the school bell ringing!!

As a school community, we have become experts in using technology and had lots of online meetings using ZOOM and Office Teams, however, it has been lovely to see people in the flesh.

Gathering your views

Google Classroom

This week we have asked you and your child (P1 to P7) to complete an online survey relating to Google Classrooms. If you have not done so, can you please follow the link below.

<https://forms.gle/UySTcXDauXRy4fJ59>

South Lanarkshire Council Surveys

SLC have met with reps from the Parent Councils across the authority this week and would now like to gather the views of the wider parent forum and hear from pupils. Please follow the links below.

South Lanarkshire Primary Pupil Survey

Primary parents and carers. Can your child have their say about their lockdown experiences and plan our next steps for school return? Please see our survey. Your child may need your help at times to complete this.

<https://wh1.snapsurveys.com/s.asp?k=159126979861>

South Lanarkshire Parent/Carer Survey

Have your say. We would like your views as we plan for schools opening for all pupils in August. Please can you complete the short anonymous survey by June 15th?

<https://wh1.snapsurveys.com/s.asp?k=159126976790>

Please note that the information being gathered through the surveys will be used only for the purposes set out by Education Resources with all personal data protected and not published, in line with General Data Protection Regulations.

August 2020

I am hopeful that guidance on what school will look like when we return in August will be shared with you no later than Friday 19th June.

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 – i.e. 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.

Staffing

Miss Lothian (P2) will be on maternity leave from August. Miss Hendry is covering her post.

Mrs Bennie (DHT) will be on maternity leave from the end of June. Mrs Faloon will join us for a year as Depute Head Teacher to cover this absence.

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?
NOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complete online surveys for school and for SLC
Monday 15 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• School is open as a childcare “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.• All school work from this session delivered home by the end of the week.
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Library

Please see attached, the information on SLC Libraries Summer Read Programme.

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***

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.

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

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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