

Meadowburn Primary School

Bun Sgoil Innis an Uillx



A motivating, challenging, inclusive and nurturing community where we learn, achieve and grow.

September 2020

It has been so lovely to welcome everyone back to Meadowburn Primary School and Early Years Centres and we would especially like to say a big 'hello and welcome' to all our new children and families.

STAFFING UPDATES

We are delighted to welcome Miss Williamson, Miss Tormey and Miss Black to the school teaching staff this year and are also delighted that Miss Mitchell has been able to return again to Meadowburn this year. There have been a number of additions to our Early Years Teams in both centres and this information has been outlined in their own newsletters.



NEW ROUTINES

Thank you very much to all our pupils and parents for helping to ensure that our new routines are working well in the school, Early Years Centres and playground. We continue to monitor and review routines on a regular basis and make any adjustments as required.

Can we please take this opportunity to **remind all parents and carers to strictly adhere to physical distancing** guidelines while in the playground and **leave the schools grounds quickly** after dropping your younger child off in the morning or at the end of the day.

Can we also please remind parents and carers that there should be **no school children in the playground until 8.45am** or until a member of staff has arrived at the gate. The school gates are open to allow any Early Years parents dropping their children off at nursery from 8am however school children should be arriving at school as close to their 8.50am or 9.00am start as possible.

Please also ensure that **only 1 parent enters the playground at the end of the day** when collecting any school children.

TRAVELLING TO AND FROM SCHOOL

It has been lovely to see so many of our children walking, cycling and scooting to school since the start of term. We know that not every family will be able to do so but I wanted to take the opportunity to ask parents to consider how they travel to and from school and I have attached the 'Active Travel to School' leaflet from EDC that was sent out at the start of term as a reminder of the many health and environmental benefits.



NUT FREE SCHOOL

May I take this opportunity to remind you that we are a **nut free school** as some children in school suffer severe allergic reactions when they come into contact with nuts. This includes any snacks such as cereal bars, coconut snacks or chocolate wraps that contain nuts. I would therefore ask that you please keep this information in mind when sending in any snacks and packed lunches to school to help keep all of our children safe in school.



OUTDOOR CLOTHING/FOOTWEAR

As you know, classes are spending more time outdoors when at school therefore we would please ask that you send your child to school **every day with a suitable jacket with a hood**. There have been many days where there have been heavy showers in amongst sunny spells so it is important to be prepared for all weathers at the moment. If the rain is particularly heavy, children can wear wellies to school and on these occasions, bring school shoes/trainers in their school bags to change into.



LUNCH/BREAK TIMES

Lunches (soup and sandwich packed lunches) continue to be provided for P1-3 and pupils in receipt of free school meals. Any updates or information from EDC on any changes or additions to this will be communicated to parents through groupcall as soon as possible. Children ordering a packed lunch from school are able to select their choice of sandwich when they order in the morning and then a selection of drinks are available for them to choose from when the lunches are taken to the classrooms. Although we now have staggered lunchtimes, the amount of time allocated for lunch remains the same - 45 minutes. All children stay inside for the first 15 minutes to eat their lunch and then those who are finished after that go out to their zone to play whilst the other children finish their lunch. Older children are encouraged to take any snacks (e.g. fruit, crisps etc) outside.



SHRE

The SHRE (Sexual Health and Relationships Education) lessons that should have been covered before the Summer Term will now be taught before the October holiday. This means that the current P7 pupils will be taught the P6 lessons and then we would plan to teach the P7 curriculum in the final term and the same pattern for the other stages of the school. You can access the lesson content for each class through the school website www.meadowburn.e-dunbarton.sch.uk Follow the pathway -Parent Info - left hand tab 'SHRE.'

NHS Scotland have produced a booklet entitled 'Talking with your child about relationships and sexual wellbeing' which you may find useful. <http://www.healthscotland.com/documents/1138.aspx>.

DATES FOR DIARIES:

Here are some dates for your diary this term:

- | | |
|---|--|
| • Friday 25 th September 2020 | September Holiday Weekend - school closed |
| • Monday 28 th September 2020 | September Holiday Weekend - school closed |
| • Tuesday 29 th September 2020 | Back to school |
| | Maths Week Scotland (Further info to follow) |
| • Friday 9 th October 2020 | In-service Day - school closed to pupils |
| • Monday 12 th October 2020 | October Holiday Week - school closed |
| • Monday 19 th October 2020 | Back to school |



If you have any questions at all, please email or call the school office (contact information below). Now that staff are back in school working in classes it is difficult to monitor and respond to Seesaw messages as quickly as before so we would ask that any communications of an urgent matter/not relating to homework go through the school office.

Miss J. Campbell

Head Teacher

Email: office@meadowburn.e-dunbarton.sch.uk

Tel no: 0141 955 2293