

Meadowburn Primary School Bun Sgoil Innis an Uillt



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Welcome back

Welcome back to all of our pupils, it is lovely to be see everyone again on my return from maternity leave. I hope that you have had a great summer and are looking forward to the new school session. I would like to say a big 'hello and welcome' to all Primary 1 children and to any new pupils throughout the school and their parents. We look forward to working hard together in the coming year.

STAFF/CLASS UPDATES

We have a few changes to staffing this year. I am delighted to welcome Miss M. Smith, Mrs K. McFettridge, Mrs K Parker and Miss S. Morrison to the school staff this year. Miss Smith will be teaching Clas 4/5, Mrs McFettridge will be teaching Clas 3/4 along with Mrs MacRitchie, Mrs Parker will be teaching Primary 2 along with Mrs Rutherford and Miss Morrison will be teaching P2/3 along with Mrs Allan. A big welcome back also to one of our former pupils, Mr Jack Brown, who joins us a Gaelic Classroom Assistant.

MEET THE TEACHER EVENING - THURSDAY 30th August 7-8pm

Just another reminder that we would like to invite all parents/carers to attend the Meet the Teacher evening next Thursday evening from 7pm - 8pm in the school. Please note that P1-3/4 teachers will start their presentations at 7pm and P4-7 teachers will wait until 7.30pm. I hope that as many of you as possible will be able to attend. *Please note that this is a parents only evening.*

ATTENDANCE, ABSENCE AND ILLNESS

Attendance of pupils at Meadowburn Primary School is very good and good attendance is vital for children's progress. A child's non-attendance can be due to a number of reasons e.g. illness or family circumstances and as Head Teacher I monitor attendance on a monthly basis. Communication between home and school is always key and I think that it is important that parents are informed when their child's absence levels reach a stage where it could be impacting on their child's learning and his/her ability to reach his/her full potential. In these circumstances I will issue a letter and contact parents by phone to have a conversation or arrange a meeting if necessary. The same procedures will be followed if late-coming is having a similar disadvantageous impact on a child's learning. Being late regularly for school means valuable teaching time is missed and it can be unsettling for the child. If your child is late he/she should enter through the main door and report to the school office, not just go directly to class. Should your child be unaccounted for, a member of the office staff will call you before 9.30am to ascertain his/her whereabouts. If your child is home at lunchtime and is unable to return for afternoon lessons please call us before 1.00pm.

FLU IMMUNISATIONS

The date for the nasal spray immunisations for school children in Meadowburn this year is **Monday 22nd October.** Flu Immunisation packs will be sent home shortly for completion and further information is available at www.immunisationscotland.org.uk/childflu.

CYCLING/SCOOTING TO SCHOOL

We always want to encourage active travel to school and it is great to see those who live close enough to be able to, walk, cycle or scoot to school. To keep everyone safe in the playground however, including our many nursery pupils, **please remember to come off bikes and scooters at the school gates and push them the playground at the start and end of the school day.**



PARKING

Unfortunately, the space in the staff car park is very limited and needs to allow room for pupil transport buses and emergency vehicles to safely manoeuvre. **Can I please remind you that parents/carers should not use the car park between the hours of 8.30am and 3.30pm unless by prior agreement with the Head Teacher.** We respectfully ask this is communicated to everyone who is involved in dropping off/collecting your children. If any parent/carer has any concerns or queries then please contact the school office.



P.E.

East Dunbartonshire Council has a Health and Safety requirement which states that jewellery **must not be worn** during PE lessons. Children should be able to remove any jewellery safely by themselves however, it is advisable that they leave their jewellery at home on P.E. days. If your child has pierced ears they should be able to remove the earrings before P.E. If they cannot do so, it is advisable that they do not wear their earrings on P.E. days to avoid having to miss out on P.E. lessons. The teacher will let you know about P.E. days on the 'Meet the Teacher' evening and on the first homework sheet.

NUT FREE SCHOOL

May I take this opportunity to remind you that some children in school suffer allergic reactions when they come into contact with nuts. Please help keep everyone safe and healthy by ensuring that snacks and packed lunches are 'nut free.'

PUPIL OF THE WEEK CERTIFICATES/WIDER ACHIEVEMENTS

In Meadowburn we are continually looking to celebrate the achievements of our pupils. One of the ways we do this is by presenting 'Pupil of the Week' certificates every Friday at assembly. Pupils can earn a certificate by showing that they have been a 'Successful Learner', a 'Confident Individual', an 'Effective Contributor' or a 'Responsible Citizen'. We also have a 'Pupil of the Week' display in the school foyer to celebrate these weekly achievements so keep an eye out for the display when you are visiting the school. Please also remember to let us know of any achievements outside of school for us to celebrate at our Wider Achievement Assemblies and to display on the 'Wider Achievement' wall in the school hall. Further information will be sent out before each Wider Achievement Assembly.

SOFT START

As part of our development work with our Parent Council to try and reduce traffic around the school we have a 'Soft Start' system in place for mainstream P1 and P2 pupils. A bell rings at 8.55am and the P1 door will be opened by a member of staff for any P1 and P2 pupils to enter the building, hang up their jackets and go into class where they will be able to register and begin with morning activities. They will be supervised by a member of staff. We would ask that parents do not enter the building during 'Soft Start' but continue to report to the office if they wish to communicate any information to school staff.



A LITTLE BIRDIE TOLD ME ...

Did you know that Meadowburn Primary is on Twitter? The twitter account is secure and only accepted followers will be able to access it. If you wish to follow the school please email your Twitter details to office@meadowburn.e-dunbarton.sch.uk (marked F.A.O Miss Campbell re Twitter). This will enable us to ensure that only Meadowburn parents have access to the account. If you have any questions or suggestions with regard to Twitter please feel free to contact me.

To all parents/carers, I would like to say that if there are any aspects of school life that cause concern or that you would like to discuss, please do not hesitate to get in touch right away, phone, email or pop in to the school office and we will do our best to help.

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