



Dalsersf Primary School

Newsletter – August/September 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome Back!

It was so good to welcome back all staff, parents, and children to Dalsersf Primary School in August. A very warm welcome to our Primary 1 children who have had great fun with their Primary 6/7 buddies who have been helping them settle in during break times, lunchtimes, and class activities. It was lovely to see them interacting with each other and hearing their learning conversations. Some children may still be a little anxious which is understandable, please let us know as we are here to help and support you.



Staffing

A warm welcome to Ms Julie Graham who has been appointed as our new School Support Team Leader (office) after a successful interview. Welcome also to Mrs Cara Speirs, who will be covering teachers' planning and preparation time in Rooms 1, 2 and 4 as well as working with some children in Room 1 and 2 as our Early Level additionality teacher for Numeracy. Miss Amy Greig will be teaching in Room 3 along with Mrs Elisa Middleton who will be our Early Level additionality teacher for Literacy and Nurture this session.

Class	Teacher/s
Room 1	Mrs Thel Barber
Room 2	Mrs Jenna Murray
Room 3	Mrs Elisa Middleton – Monday and Tuesday Miss Amy Greig - Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday
Room 4	Mrs Anne Robb
CCC (Class Contact Cover R1,2 & 4)	Mrs Cara Speirs – Wednesday and Thursday
Early Level Additionality (Room 1 & 2)	Mrs Elisa Middleton – Wednesday (Literacy) Mrs Cara Speirs – Friday (Numeracy)

Parents will have the opportunity to meet their child's teacher on our 'Meet the Teacher' afternoon on Wednesday 14th September at 2.00-2.45pm. Can I please ask you to stand outside your child's classroom door and the class teacher will invite you in when the children are ready. This will be a drop-in session to give you the opportunity to see your child's class and meet your child's teacher. A more formal Parent's evening is planned for Wednesday 12th October to discuss your child's progress in learning. More information to follow.



Annual Data Checks

Thank you to everyone who has returned these documents. Please complete as soon as you can if you have not already done so. It is important we have your most up to date contact details and your child's medical information in case we need to contact you.

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Covid

- **Covid 19 symptoms 1** – Children with mild symptoms E.g. runny nose, sore throat, slight cough but who are otherwise well, do not need to stay at home and can attend school.
- **Covid 19 symptoms 2** – Children should stay at home if they are unwell and have a high temperature. Children can return to school when they no longer have a fever and feel well enough to attend.
- **Face coverings** – should be worn in school communal areas or worn by anyone who wishes to do so.

Daily Hand washing/sanitising and ventilation in the classroom to continue.

Adverse Weather



As the weather begins to change and periods of wet weather become more frequent at this time of year, can you please ensure your child comes to school with a hooded waterproof jacket. The playground is not supervised until 8.45am so if your child is dropped off before this time, please be aware of this. In the event of wet weather before 9.00am, children will access the school via the gym hall door from 8.45am (unless already attending breakfast club).

Vision and Values

At Dalsarf Primary School our vision is for every child to be confident as individuals, both socially and academically.



This vision is underpinned by the following 5 values:

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Our school motto is:

Aim High, Always Try!



Pre-loved Uniforms

Please help yourself to any pre-loved uniforms hanging on the rail inside the bubble at the front door, these are free to take. If you have any old, wearable school uniforms your child/children have outgrown, please hand them into the school office. Thank you for your support in helping to reduce the cost of the school day.

School Uniform

We ask that all children wear school uniform and bring indoor shoes to change into each day.

- Grey or black – trousers, skirt/ pinafore
- Blue polo shirt
- White shirt and school tie
- Black sweatshirt – crew or V necked
- Black cardigan or jumper
- Black shoes
- Blue and white gingham dress
- PE – indoor: black shorts (no football colours), blue school polo shirt, shoes/trainers..
outdoor: Hooded jacket, trainers, and joggers, etc.



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PE Timetable

Room 1 – Tuesday – Indoor. Thursday – Outdoor.
Room 2 – Friday – Indoor. Thursday – Outdoor.
Room 3 – Wednesday – Indoor. Tuesday – Outdoor.
Room 4 – Monday – Indoor. Wednesday – Outdoor.



Parent Pay

Parent pay is an online system, for payments being made to the school. Money for school lunches, and milk for any pupil should be paid via parent pay. Please note, P1, P2, P3, P4 and P5 are now entitled to a free school lunch. P6 and P7 pupils pay via parent pay. P1 pupils have received their parent pay activation letters. Please let us know if you need any help with setting up parent pay accounts.

Please note that milk needs to be pre ordered, order your child's milk online on parent pay at least the day before they are due to have it. Milk costs 26p.

School Meals - The Go Fresh Club New Menu

On Monday 29th August, South Lanarkshire Council introduced week 1 of the new Go Fresh Club Menu Guide 2022-2023. The cost of a school meal for children in P6 and P7 is £2.00, and P1-5 are free.



Curriculum – School Improvement Plan 2022-2023

The main focus for this session is:

1. Literacy & Numeracy-Raise attainment in writing. Achieve the Silver Reading Schools Award. Raise standards in mental maths using Number Talk strategies.
2. Health and Wellbeing – Re-introduction of Emotions Works to whole school and community. Revise and embed a Growth mindset. Embed nurturing principles and strategies. Achieve Active Schools Sports Award.
3. Equity – Improve attendance and punctuality. Provide targeted interventions to pupils. To develop outdoor learning and sustainability across the school. Review Cost of the School Day position statement. Pupil Equity Fund-Participatory Budget of PEF spending.
4. Developing the Young Workforce – To develop new SLC framework. To improve and develop skills for learning, life, and work. To revise and embed UNCRC rights.

Curriculum Learning Leads

Literacy	Mrs Murray
Numeracy	Mrs Robb
Health & Wellbeing	Mrs Speirs
ICT & Glow	Mrs Barber
Equity & COSD	Mrs Gardiner
Attachment & Nurture	Mrs Middleton
Stem	Miss Greig

Pupil Equity Fund

Dalserf Primary School has been allocated £18,375.00 in Pupil Equity Funding for the new school session 2022-2023. This is a slight increase from the anticipated amount in June. The fund will be used to support targeted children to help remove barriers to their learning. 5% of this sum (£918.75) will be allocated as part of a participatory budget for the community of the school to use on a chosen project. A Google form will be shared so parents can vote for their preferred choice.



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Homework

Homework will re-start on Monday 23rd August. Your child/children will be issued with a homework diary detailing the tasks to be completed each week or a post will be uploaded to Google classroom, depending on the age and stage of your child. Please contact your child/children's class teacher/s if you have any queries.

Houses

After working hard to perfect their speeches in class with Mrs Robb, I am delighted to announce and congratulate our new House Captains for 2022-2023. Well done to Logan, Elena, Holly, Eva, I am sure you will all be great ambassadors for the school and enjoy your new roles.

Holly Rundell - Avon House - **Red**
Logan Hogg - Cander House - **Green**
Eva Riddle - Clyde House - **Yellow**
Elena Kirkland - Nethan House - **Blue**



JRSO

Congratulations to the new Junior Road Safety Officers for 2022-2023, Sam Buchan and Nicole Smith. Miss Greig will be working with them this session and they are already getting excited about attending their training day at Chatelherault Country Park next week. Enjoy your new positions, I am sure you will both be fabulous role models for our school.

Pupil Leadership Teams

Pupil Council/Houses	Mrs Gardiner
JRSO	Miss Greig
Charities	Mrs Barber
Eco/Fairtrade	Mrs Robb
Rights Respecting Schools Award	Mrs Speirs
Active Schools Sports Award	Mrs Middleton
Reading Schools Award	Mrs Murray

We look forward to sharing our other pupil leadership teams over the coming weeks once they are chosen.

Football Festival

The first inter-school's football festival will be held next week at Hareleeshill Barn. Good luck to all the boys and girls in P6/7 who have volunteered to represent the school. This is a great opportunity to meet and play with the other Primary schools in the Larkhall Learning Community.



Parent Council

Our first Parent Council Meeting will be held in the school on Wednesday 14th September at 7pm. Please see letter attached from the secretary, Sharon Cringles. We look forward to seeing you.

Communication and Partnership

If your child is going to be absent from school, please contact Ms Julie Graham, our Team Leader in the school office between 8.30am and 3.00pm. Please contact the office in the first instance if you have a query or concern. Leave a message on the answering machine out with this time on 01698 882680 or email on office@dalsersf-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk and your concern or request will be passed on to teaching staff or the Head Teacher.

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The school shares information in a variety of ways but the main channels of communication are through the School app, Twitter, and the School Website.

School App

Please download our **'School App for Parents'** from the app store and search for **'Dalsersh Primary School'** if you have not already done so. This will allow you to receive messages, news items and updates.



Twitter

Photographs of learning will be shared weekly on the schools Twitter page. This platform is protected and will only include parents/carers and approved followers who are part of Dalsersh learning community. Please send a request to follow at: **@dalsershPS** If your request has not been accepted, please contact the office to let us know as we may not recognise your Twitter name.

School Website

School newsletters, Covid updates and other relevant information and will also be added to the website. Please search for: **dalsersh-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk**



Best wishes,

Ingrid Gardiner

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Head Teacher



Dates for Your Diary

August 2022

- ❖ Monday 15th – In-Service Day 1 (Staff only. Children do not attend school)
- ❖ Tuesday 16th – In-Service Day 2 (Staff only. Children do not attend school)
- ❖ Wednesday 17th – Children return to school.

September 2022

- ❖ Tuesday 13th – Football Festival
- ❖ Wednesday 14th – JRSO Training
- ❖ Wednesday 14th – Meet the Teacher
- ❖ Wednesday 14th – Parent Council Meeting
- ❖ Thursday 15th – Childsmile P1-3 visit
- ❖ Friday 23rd-26th – September weekend
- ❖ Tuesday 27th – Breakfast Club re-opens at 8.15am
- ❖ Tuesday 27th – School re-opens at 9.00am
- ❖ Friday 30th – Flu Immunisations P1-7

October 2022

- ❖ Wednesday 12th – Parents' Evening (Gym Hall) at 3.15pm
- ❖ Monday 17th -21st – October holiday
- ❖ Monday 24th – Breakfast Club re-opens at 8.15am
- ❖ Monday 24th – School re-opens at 9.00am

November 2022

- ❖ Wednesday 2nd – Wilson's Photographs
- ❖ Monday 14th – In-Service Day 3

December 2022

- ❖ Tuesday 13th – Nativity (afternoon) Time TBC
- ❖ Wednesday 14th – Nativity (morning) Time TBC
- ❖ Monday 19th – P6/7 Christmas Party at 1pm
- ❖ Tuesday 20th – P4/5 Christmas Party at 1pm
- ❖ Wednesday 21st – P1/2/3 Christmas Party at 1pm
- ❖ Friday 23rd – Close at 2.30pm for Christmas Holidays