



Dalsersf Primary School

Newsletter – August 2023

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 8 Primary 1 children who have had great fun with their Primary 6/7 buddies as they help 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 Mrs Gayle Cunningham who joins us after a successful interview. She will be teaching in P4/5 with Mrs Speirs.

Meet the Teacher

Parents will have the opportunity to meet their child's teacher/s on our 'Meet the Teacher/Curriculum afternoon' on Wednesday 6th September at 2.00-2.45pm for Room 1, 2 and 3. Due to P6 swimming lessons, Room 4's time is slightly earlier between 9.30-10.15am.



Can I please ask you to stand outside your child's classroom door and the class teacher/s 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, meet your child's teacher/s and hear about the curriculum.

Parents' Evening

A more formal Parent's evening is planned for Thursday 5th October to discuss your child's progress in learning. More information to follow.

Class	Teacher/s
Room 1	Mrs Thel Barber
Room 2	Mrs Jenna Murray
Room 3	Mrs Gayle Cunningham – Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday Mrs Cara Speirs - Wednesday, Thursday & Friday
Room 4	Mrs Elisa Middleton – Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday Mrs Anne Robb – Wednesday, Thursday and Friday
CCC (Class Contact Cover R1,2 & 4)	Mrs Anne Robb – Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday

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.

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, Values and Aims

We are currently re-freshing our school vision, values and aims. Children and staff have had the opportunity to discuss these, and a parent/carer Google form will be sent out this week to gather your thoughts too.

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.

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



PE Timetable

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



Outdoor Learning Timetable

Room 1 – Monday
Room 2 – Wednesday
Room 3 – Tuesday
Room 4 - Monday

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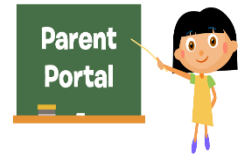
Parent Pay

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 will receive their parent pay activation letters this week. 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 29p.

Parent Portal

Thank you to everyone that has already signed up for Parents Portal. The new Parents Portal app is now live on Google Play and the App Store which will make logging into Parents Portal a lot easier than using the web address.



If you haven't already signed up, please do so as soon as possible in order to receive all school communication online which will help keep you up to date with your Childs' school journey and will help reduce our carbon footprint going paperless. We are looking to have all Parents/Carers using Parents Portal by the end of September so we can use this as the main way of school communication relating to your child/children.

The Parents Portal allows you to have direct communication with the school, to view your child's attendance, view your child's report cards, update your child's details and give online permission for excursions/after school clubs. These are just to name a few reasons to download the app.

If you experience any problems trying to download, gain access to the new app or link your child to your account, please feel free to contact the school office on 01698 882680.

School Meals - The New Go Fresh Club New Menu

On Monday 28th August, South Lanarkshire Council will introduce week 1 of the new Go Fresh Club Menu Guide 2023-2024. The cost of a school meal for children in P6 and P7 is £2.05, and P1-5 are free. Milk is 29p.



Curriculum – School Improvement Plan 2023-2024

The main focus for this session is:

1. Literacy & Numeracy-Raise attainment in writing. Implement Flipp and Neli to early years classes. Achieve the Silver Reading Schools Award. Raise standards in Maths through maths recovery and mental maths using Count on Us and Number Talk strategies.
2. Health and Wellbeing – Embed nurturing principles and strategies. Achieve Active Schools Silver Sports Award.
3. Equity – Improve attendance and punctuality. Provide targeted interventions to pupils. To develop Nurture and Attachment Principles. Pupil Equity Fund- Participatory Budget of PEF spending.
4. Science and Stem (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) – To develop a Science and Stem programme across the whole school.

Curriculum Learning Leads

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

Pupil Equity Fund

Dalserf Primary School has been allocated Pupil Equity Funding for the new school session 2023-2024. 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.



Homework

Homework will re-start on Monday 4th September. 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 and sharing them with us at assembly, I am delighted to announce and congratulate our new House Captains for 2023-2024. Well done to Logan, Amber, Evie and Eva, you will all be great ambassadors for the school!



Logan Park - Avon House - **Red**
Amber Fikaj - Cander House - **Green**
Evie Kevan - Clyde House - **Yellow**
Eva Riddle - Nethan House – **Blue**

Pupil Leadership Teams

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

Friday Football Club

Keith Glendinning, our Active Schools Co-ordinator will be re-starting our Friday Football Club again on Friday 1st September 3-4pm for a six-week block initially. Depending on the weather the training may take place indoors or in the Muga. Please ensure your child has appropriate outdoor clothing and water.



Parent Council AGM Meeting

Our first Parent Council AGM Meeting to select our new office bearers, renew our Constitution and plan fundraising activities for the year ahead will be held in the school on Thursday 14th September at 6.30pm - 8pm. We look forward to seeing you.



Communication and Partnership

If your child is going to be absent from school, please contact the office between 8.30am and 3.00pm. Leave a message on the answering machine out with this time on 01698 882680 or email office@dals erf-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk and your concern or request will be passed on to teaching staff or the Head Teacher. Please email HT for holiday or special absence authorisation on gw14dals erfpsht@glow.sch.uk

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 '**Dals erf 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 Dals erf learning community. Please send a request to follow at: [@dals erfPS](https://twitter.com/dals erfPS) If your request has not been accepted, please contact me at: gw14dals erfpsht@glow.sch.uk to let me know as we may not recognise your Twitter name.



School Website

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



Best wishes,

Ingrid Gardiner

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Head Teacher

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Dates for Your Diary

August 2023

- ❖ Monday 14th – In-Service Day 1 (Staff only. Children do not attend school)
- ❖ Tuesday 15th – In-Service Day 2 (Staff only. Children do not attend school)
- ❖ Wednesday 16th – Children return to school. Breakfast Club re-opens at 8.15am
- ❖ Wednesday 23rd – P6 Swimming L1, 1pm
- ❖ Wednesday 30th – P6 Swimming L2, 1pm

September 2023

- ❖ Friday 1st – P6/7 Friday Football Club L1, 3-4pm
- ❖ Wednesday 6th – Meet the Teacher/ Curriculum Afternoon
(2.00pm-2.45pm R1,2 & 3. 9.30-10.15am R4 only)
- ❖ Wednesday 6th – P6 Swimming L3, 1pm
- ❖ Friday 8th – P6/7 Friday Football Club L2, 3-4pm
- ❖ Tuesday 12th – JRSO Training Day, Chatelherault Park
- ❖ Wednesday 13th – Wilson's Photography
- ❖ Wednesday 13th – P6 Swimming L4, 1pm
- ❖ Thursday 14th – Parent Council AGM Meeting, 6.30pm-8.00pm
- ❖ Friday 15th – P6/7 Friday Football Club L3, 3-4pm
- ❖ Wednesday 20th – P6 Swimming L5, 1pm
- ❖ Friday 22nd-25th – September weekend
- ❖ Friday 29th – P6/7 Friday Football Club L4, 3-4pm
- ❖ Tuesday 26th – Breakfast Club re-opens at 8.15am
- ❖ Tuesday 26th – School re-opens at 9.00am
- ❖ Wednesday 27th – Childsmile P1-2 visit, 1pm
- ❖ Wednesday 27th – P6 Swimming L6, 1pm

October 2023

- ❖ Wednesday 4th – P6 Swimming L7, 1pm
- ❖ Thursday 5th – Parents' Evening (Gym Hall) at 3.15pm
- ❖ Friday 6th – P6/7 Friday Football Club L5, 3-4pm
- ❖ Wednesday 11th – P6 Swimming L8, 1pm
- ❖ Friday 13th – P6/7 Friday Football Club L6, 3-4pm
- ❖ Monday 16th-20th – October holiday
- ❖ Wednesday 25th – P6 Swimming L9, 1pm
- ❖ Thursday 26th – Hallowe'en Discos. P1-3 at 6-7pm, P4-7 at 7.15pm-8.15pm TBC
- ❖ Monday 24th – Breakfast Club re-opens at 8.15am
- ❖ Monday 24th – School re-opens at 9.00am

November 2023

- ❖ Wednesday 1st – P6 Swimming L10, 1pm
- ❖ Wednesday 8th – P6 Swimming L11, 1pm
- ❖ Friday 10th – Flu Immunisations P1-7
- ❖ Monday 13th – In-Service Day 3 (Staff only. Children do not attend school)
- ❖ Wednesday 15th – P6 Swimming L12, 1pm (Last week of swimming)
- ❖ Thursday 30th – Christmas Fayre, 4.00pm - 6.00pm

December 2023

- ❖ Monday 11th – Nativity (afternoon) at 1.30pm
- ❖ Tuesday 12th – Nativity (morning) at 9.45am
- ❖ Monday 18th – P6/7 Christmas Party at 1pm
- ❖ Tuesday 19th – P1/2/3 Christmas Party at 1pm
- ❖ Wednesday 20th – P4/5 Christmas Party at 1pm
- ❖ Friday 22nd – Close at 2.30pm for Christmas Holidays

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