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Dalserf Primary School

Newsletter – August 2024



Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome Back!

It was so good to welcome back all children, parents, and staff to Dalserf Primary School after a rather wet summer. A very warm welcome to our ten Primary 1 children who have had great fun with their Primary 6/7 buddies as they helped them settle into school and class routines. It was heart-warming to see them interacting with each other and seeing how excited they were.

Staffing

A warm welcome to Miss Kelly and Miss Tarqic who have joined us this session covering Mrs Murray's Maternity leave and Mrs Cunningham's secondment.



Classes	Teacher/s
Room 1 (P1/2)	Miss Kelly – Monday & Tuesday pm Mrs Barber - Tuesday am, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday
Room 2 (P3/4)	Mrs Speirs – Monday and Tuesday Miss Kelly - Wednesday, Thursday & Friday
Room 3 (P4/5)	Mrs Robb – Monday-Friday Mrs Speirs – Wednesday am
Room 4 (P6/7)	Mrs Middleton – Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday Miss Tarqic – Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday

Curriculum Afternoon/Meet the Teacher

Parents will have the opportunity to meet their child's teacher/s on our 'Curriculum Afternoon/Meet the Teacher' on Friday 20th September between 2.00-2.45pm. Can I ask you to enter via the school gates, 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, meet your child's teacher/s, view resources used, hear about the curriculum and how you can support your child at home with their work. We look forward to seeing you!



After the event, please make your way to the school gates where you can wait for your child leaving at 3.00pm. This allows staff and their class time to tidy up, organise those leaving school on a taxi or bus and get ready for home time. Thank you in advance for your assistance with this.

Vision, Values and Aims

We re-freshed our school vision and values last session. These have now been added to the header and footer of our newsletters. Our motto has remained the same.

Our school motto is: **Aim High, Always Try!**

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Homework

Homework will re-start on Monday 2nd September. Your child/children will be issued with a homework diary detailing the tasks to be completed each week or a post may 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.

School Photographs

Wilson's photography will be in school on the morning of Tuesday 3rd September to take individual, family, and class photographs. Please ensure your child is in full school uniform.



Parents' Evening

Our first Parent's evening this session is planned for Thursday 3rd October to discuss your child's progress in learning. More information to follow.

Flu Immunisation

The Flu Immunisation team will be visiting our school on Monday 25th November to administer protection via a nasal spray. NHS consent forms have been issued to all classes and should be returned to school prior to their visit. If you did not receive a form, please contact Leanne O'Neill, lead nurse on 07966296756.

Annual Data Checks

All annual data check documents have been shared on Parents Portal. Please complete/update these 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.

Dress Down Days

Please see a list of Dress Down Days for the school year on the link under the August Newsletter on the School App.



Scooters and Bikes

If your child would like to use our wheely space at break and lunchtimes, please remember to bring a helmet. This is a great opportunity for children to improve their scooting and cycling skills but we wish them to do it safely! No E bikes please.



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).



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.

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School Uniform

We ask that all children wear school uniform and bring indoor shoes to change into each day. Indoor shoes ensure children are prepared for indoor PE lessons and help to keep our carpets and open areas clean. Children should also come prepared for Outdoor learning sessions Eg jacket with a hood, waterproofs, wellies/change of shoes especially if it is wet. Please ensure all clothing and belongings are labelled.

- 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.



Water bottles

A number of children have already been up at the office asking for cups for water. Can you please ensure your child comes to school with a water bottle. They can top this up throughout the day at the water station in the open area.



PE Timetable

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

Outdoor Learning Timetable

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



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 entitled to a free school lunch. P6 and P7 pupils pay via parent pay. Please let us know if you need any help with setting up parent pay accounts.

Please note that milk needs to be pre-ordered. You can order your child's milk online on parent pay at a cost of 30p.

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 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.

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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.

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 26th August, South Lanarkshire Council introduced the new Go Fresh Club Menu Guide 2024-2025. The cost of a school meal for children in P6 and P7 is £2.17, and P1-5 are free. Milk is 30p. All monies to be paid through Parent Pay.



Nut Free School

We are a nut-free school, meaning we do not have nuts in our school menu choices or allow nut products in school for snacks. This helps us to protect children who are allergic to nuts. Currently we have a child and member of staff with this allergy. Nutella, snickers, or cereal bars with nuts etc are some examples of snacks which have been brought to school which are not permitted. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Curriculum – School Improvement Plan 2024-2025

The main focus for this session is:

1. Literacy-Raise attainment in writing. Collaborative working on the teaching of Grammar with two Learning Community Schools. Implement Flipp to early years classes. Working towards Silver/Gold Reading Schools Award.
2. Health and Wellbeing – Further develop Attachment Informed nurturing principles and strategies. Work towards 'Act to make a difference' Pledge Award. Working towards Gold Sports Award.
3. Equity – Improve attendance and punctuality. Provide targeted interventions to pupils. Pupil Equity Fund- 6% Participatory Budget of PEF spending.
4. Stem (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) – To further implement Stem across the whole school in different contexts.



Curriculum Learning Leads

COSD & Equity	Mrs Gardiner
HWB, Attachment & Nurture	Mrs Middleton
HWB & Stem	Mrs Speirs
ICT & Glow	Mrs Barber
Literacy	Miss Tarqic
Numeracy	Miss Kelly
Science	Mrs Robb

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Pupil Equity Fund

Dalserf Primary School has been allocated Pupil Equity Funding for the new school session 2024-2025. The fund will be used to support targeted children to help remove barriers to their learning. 6% of this sum (£1102.50) 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.



Pupil Leadership Teams

Charities	Mrs Barber
Digital Schools Award	Miss Kelly
Eco/Fairtrade	Mrs Robb
Houses & Pupil Council	Mrs Gardiner
Reading Schools Award	Miss Targic
Rights Respecting Schools Award & JRSO	Mrs Speirs
Sports Scotland Award	Mrs Middleton

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@dalserf-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk and your concern or request will be passed on to teaching staff or the Head Teacher. Please email the HT if you are planning to go on holiday during school time or special absence authorisation is needed.

gw14dalserfpsht@glow.sch.uk

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



School App

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



School Website

School newsletters, updates and other relevant information and documents will also be added to the website. Please search for:

dalserf-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk

Parent Council Meeting

Our first Parent Council Meeting of the session will be held in the school staffroom on Thursday 12th September at 6.30pm – 8.00pm. All welcome, we look forward to seeing you.



Best wishes,

Ingrid Gardiner

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Head Teacher

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Dates for Your Diary

August 2024

- ❖ Monday 12th – In-Service Day 1 (Staff only. Children do not attend school)
- ❖ Tuesday 13th – In-Service Day 2 Enhanced Transition. (Staff only. Children do not attend school)
- ❖ Wednesday 14th – School re-opens. Breakfast Club at 8.15am
- ❖ Wednesday 21st – P6 Swimming L1, 1pm
- ❖ Wednesday 28th – P6 Swimming L2, 1pm

September 2024

- ❖ Tuesday 3rd – Wilson's Photography 9.00am
- ❖ Wednesday 4th – P6 Swimming L3, 1pm
- ❖ Wednesday 11th – P6 Swimming L4, 1pm
- ❖ Thursday 12th – Parent Council Meeting, 6.30pm-8.00pm
- ❖ Tuesday 17th – JRSO Training Day, Chatelherault Park
- ❖ Wednesday 18th – P6 Swimming L5, 1pm
- ❖ Friday 20th – Meet the Teacher/ Curriculum Afternoon 2.00-2.45pm
- ❖ Wednesday 25th – P6 Swimming L6, 1pm
- ❖ Friday 27th-30th – September weekend

October 2024

- ❖ Tuesday 1st – School re-opens. Breakfast Club at 8.15am
- ❖ Wednesday 2nd – P6 Swimming L7, 1pm
- ❖ Thursday 3rd – Parents' Evening (Gym Hall) at 3.15pm
- ❖ Wednesday 9th – P6 Swimming L8, 1pm

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- ❖ Monday 14th- Friday 18th – October holiday
- ❖ Monday 21st – School re-opens. Breakfast Club at 8.15am
- ❖ Wednesday 23rd – P6 Swimming L9, 1pm
- ❖ Wednesday 30th – P6 Swimming L10, 1pm
- ❖ Thursday 31st – PC Hallowe'en Discos. P1-3 at 6-7pm, P4-7 at 7.15pm-8.15pm TBC

November 2024

- ❖ Wednesday 6th – P6 Swimming L11, 1pm
- ❖ Monday 11th – In-Service Day 3 (Staff only. Children do not attend school)
- ❖ Wednesday 13th – P6 Swimming L12, 1pm (Last week of swimming)
- ❖ Monday 25th – Flu Immunisations P1-7

December 2024

- ❖ Thursday 5th – Christmas Fayre, 4.30pm - 6.30pm
- ❖ Thursday 12th – Nativity (afternoon) at 1.30pm
- ❖ Friday 13th – Nativity (morning) at 9.45am
- ❖ Monday 16th – Room 4 Christmas Party at 1pm
- ❖ Tuesday 17th – Room 3 Christmas Party at 1pm
- ❖ Wednesday 18th – Room 2 Christmas Party at 1pm
- ❖ Thursday 19th – Room 1 Christmas Party at 1pm
- ❖ Friday 20th – Close at 2.30pm for Christmas Holidays

January 2025

- ❖ Monday 6th – School re-opens. Breakfast Club at 8.15am

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