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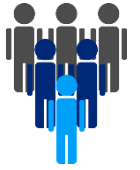
# Dalsersf Primary School

## Newsletter – April 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

### Staffing

Mrs Gayle Cunningham will be covering a maternity leave at Crawforddyke Primary School until the end of term. Miss Rachel Black will continue to cover in her absence.



### Parent Council

Our next AGM Parent Council meeting will be in the staffroom on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May.



### Rights Respecting Schools Leadership Team

Thank you to all the children in the leadership team and Mrs Speirs for organising and collecting food and toiletries for the Clyde, Avon, and Nethan Foodbank. The ladies were very impressed with all your kind donations and were incredibly grateful, thank you for donating to this worthwhile cause!



### Biology in a Basket

Fiona, a Science and Stem Ambassador from the University of West of Scotland visited classes recently to deliver workshops on biological systems. The children had fun learning about their senses, the human body organs, exploring microscopes and how they work as well as examining DNA. Thank you to Mrs Speirs for organising.



### Hamilton Primary School Dance Showcase

SLLC's Active Schools annual dance showcase is on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May at Hamilton Townhouse. Children from P5,6 and 7 have been rehearsing their routine after school and even in the playground to get ready for the showcase. There are 28 schools performing this years showcase. Thank you to Mrs Middleton for choreographing and putting the girls through their steps, they will be amazing. Good luck girls!



### After School Clubs

Please see below for after school clubs running this term. Football is still to be confirmed.

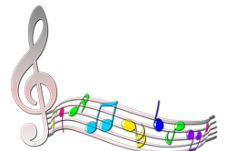
Tuesdays – P5/6/7 Dance Club (Mrs Middleton)

Wednesdays – Room 2 Multi-Sports ( Keith, Active Schools Co-ordinator)



### Music Tuition

The Youth Music Initiative with Mr Steven Johnstone has re-started again on Wednesdays for P4/5. In P6/7, Mr Stephen Burns' snare drum tuition continues on Wednesdays, as well as the chanter group with Miss Hazel Whyte.



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## Dress Down Days

Please see below for a reminder of dress down days for this term.

- ❖ 23<sup>rd</sup> May- Holiday (R2 & R4 only Casual/ Donation for school funds)
- ❖ 31<sup>st</sup> May- Teddy Bear's picnic and Sunflower Walk (Donation for charities)
- ❖ 26<sup>th</sup> June – Holiday (Casual, no charge)



## Playground

We have now purchased some cycling helmets for those children who do not have one and would like to scooter or cycle round our wheely space at break and lunchtimes. This is a great opportunity for children to improve their scooting and cycling skills!



## Attendance Reminder

As you are aware, children's attendance is monitored across the school. You can now check your child's attendance on the Parents Portal platform. Please see information below which highlights the importance of attending school. If your child has a high number of absences, we will contact you to inform you as your child will be at risk of under achievement.

Above 95%	95% or less	90% or less	85% or less	80% or less
Well done!	Slight Concern	Concerning	Risk of Under achievement	Severe risk of Under achievement
High attendance leads to improved and high achievement which means greater success!	The same as 9 school days missed.  (Nearly 2 weeks)	The same as 19 school days missed.  (Almost 4 weeks)	The same as 27 school days missed.  (Just less than 6 weeks)	The same as 36 school days missed.  (Just less than 8 weeks)

## Parent Volunteers

Please contact Miss Graham in the office to complete the appropriate PVG paperwork if you would like to volunteer to assist with the school's activities or are interested in running an afterschool club. You will need three proofs of identification: Passport/Driver's license, utility bill and birth certificate. Can you also let us know when you are available and what you are interested in helping with. Eg school trips, residential visits, helping in school, running a lunch time or after school club, etc.



Best wishes,

*Ingrid Gardiner*

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Head Teacher

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## Dates for Your Diary

### April 2024

- ❖ Monday 15<sup>th</sup> – Welcome back! School re-opens. Breakfast club at 8.15am
- ❖ Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> – P5/6/7 Dance Club 3-4pm
- ❖ Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> - Room 2 Multi-sports 3-3.45pm
- ❖ Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> – P5/6/7 Dance Club 3-4pm
- ❖ Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> - Room 2 Multi-sports 3-3.45pm
- ❖ Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> – P5/6/7 Dance Club 3-4pm

### May 2024

- ❖ Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> – Hamilton Dance Festival, (Dancers arrive at front door for 6.30pm)
- ❖ Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> – In-Service Day (Staff only, children do not attend)
- ❖ Monday 6<sup>th</sup> – May Day Holiday
- ❖ Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> – P7 Enhanced Transition Day
- ❖ Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> - Room 2 Multi-sports 3-3.45pm
- ❖ Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> – Parent Council AGM Meeting @ 6.30pm
- ❖ Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> - Room 2 Multi-sports 3-3.45pm
- ❖ Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> - Room 2 Science Centre
- ❖ Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> – Rag Bag collection
- ❖ Friday 17<sup>th</sup> – P7 Maths Challenge at Larkhall Academy
- ❖ Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> – P1 Transition Day 1 at 11am
- ❖ Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> – P7 Transition Day 1
- ❖ Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> – P7 Information Evening at Larkhall Academy
- ❖ Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> - P7 Transition Day 2
- ❖ Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Room 1 Clyde Valley Farm Park

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- ❖ Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Room 3 Calderglen Animal Experience
- ❖ Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> – P1 Transition Day 2 at 11am
- ❖ Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Dress Down Day for R2 and R4 only
- ❖ Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> – Room 4 Sky Academy
- ❖ Friday 24<sup>th</sup> – May weekend Holiday
- ❖ Monday 27<sup>th</sup> – May weekend Holiday
- ❖ Friday 31<sup>st</sup> – Teddy Bear's picnic, Sunflower Walk, Dress Down Charity Day

### **June 2024**

- ❖ Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> – Sports Day (More information to follow)
- ❖ Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> – Parent Council: Shorts and Shades Discos
- ❖ Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> – P1-P6 Step Up afternoon (Transition)
- ❖ Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> – P7's Leaver's and Summer Celebration
- ❖ Friday 21<sup>st</sup> – Dalsers Got Talent
- ❖ Monday 24<sup>th</sup> – Movie Day
- ❖ Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> – Dress Down Day (casual/ no charge)
- ❖ Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> – All parent/carers welcome to wish our leavers all the best as Primary 7 leave school for the last time. Good Luck!
- ❖ Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> – Schools closes at 1pm for the Summer Holiday