

HEAD LICE

Just a reminder to please check your child's hair for any unwanted visitors. Head lice are tiny, wingless insects that live in human hair. They are common, particularly in children. Head lice are grey-brown in colour, the size of a pinhead when hatched and of a sesame seed when fully grown. They cannot fly, jump or swim and are spread by head-to-head contact, climbing from the hair of an infected person to the hair of someone else. A head lice infestation is not the result of dirty hair or poor hygiene. Head lice can affect all types of hair, irrespective of its condition and lengths. Should you suspect your child has head lice, please seek treatment immediately which is available free of charge at all chemists. Nit combs did go out in February and we have more available from the school office if required. For more info and advice:

<http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/Head-lice/Pages/>

For further information on any contents of the newsletter or anything else related to Beattock Primary, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs McConnachie on

01683 300363

or the school office on

gw08officebeattock@ea.dumgal.sch.uk

UNIFORMS

It's lovely to see so many of our pupils smartly dressed in the Beattock school uniform. Please ensure all items of clothing have names on the labels. This helps when something goes missing! Please also label outdoor and indoor shoes, bags, P.E kits and even water bottles!

EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS

Unfortunately, after school clubs, Breakfast Club and Toy Library will not go ahead until we are given further guidance from the Scottish Government.

Thank you for your continued support on our Facebook page. If you haven't already 'liked' us, please do!
<https://www.facebook.com/BeattockPrimarySchool>

Beattock Primary School Parent/Carer Newsletter Term 1 August 2020

"Come aboard our learning journey for life, work and play!"

A very warm welcome back to all of our children and families after a very strange time. This will have been the longest time children have been out of school and we can't wait to get them back into a routine and get their learning kick-started again. We are excited to welcome 11 new children including 3 in our nursery, 6 new P1s, a P4 and a P6.

We are really pleased at how well the first few days have gone. Our children and staff are slowly, but surely, adjusting to our 'new normal'. We have many new procedures in place and local and national guidelines are being updated daily. We will endeavour to keep you in the loop as much as possible. Already some procedures have changed from the FAQs I sent you last Friday. Please read through this newsletter for the most up to date information. I am very keen not to bombard you with too much information, but I also want to make sure you feel confident about what is happening. For the time being, we will not send paper copies of newsletters home, but rather, will send texts with links. I have no doubt this session is going to be very different, but we hope it will still be just as enjoyable and successful as previous years. As always, any questions, please contact us - details inside.

Mrs McConnachie, DHT



WHO IS TEACHING MY CHILD?

This year, we are delighted to have 3 classes. We also have a probationer teacher. Every teacher is entitled to 30 mins RICCT (Reduced in Class Contact Time) for every day they teach. Our probationer is entitled to one day out of class in addition to RICCT and the probationer supporter is entitled to a half day out of class. Mrs Berridge will provide some of this cover. As each class will have more than one teacher throughout the school week, I thought it would be helpful to share each class's timetable with you. This way you can prepare your child for who will be teaching them that day and it also means you will know who they are talking about. Please do not worry about your child having more than one teacher. We all have expertise in different areas, so this should enrich your child's learning experience. It also prepares children for secondary where they will change teacher every hour.

CAR PARK

A polite reminder that the staff car park is for staff only unless prior arrangements have been made. Parents/carers are requested to use the car park across from the school playground. Parents/carers are also politely requested to stay in their cars until children come to the gate. This reduces contact and helps to keep us all safe. Thank you for your support.

P1/2

Day	9 – 10.30am	$\frac{10.30}{-}$ 10.45	10.45 – 12.15pm	$\frac{12.15}{5-}$ 1	1 – 2pm	2 - 3pm
Monday	Mrs Miller	B	Mrs Miller	L	Mrs Miller	Mr Scott P.E
Tuesday	Mrs Miller	R	Mrs Miller	U	Mrs Miller	Mrs Miller
Wednesday	Mrs Miller	E	Mrs Miller	N	Mrs Miller	Mrs Miller P.E
Thursday	Mrs Miller	A	Mrs Miller	C	Mrs Miller	Mrs Berridge
Friday	Mrs Miller	K	Mrs Miller	H	Mrs Miller	Mrs Miller

P3, 4 & 5

Day	9 – 10.30am	$\frac{10.30}{-}$ 10.45	10.45 – 12.15pm	$\frac{12.15}{5-}$ 1	1 – 2pm	2 - 3pm
Monday	Miss Little	B	Miss Little	L	Mr Scott P.E	Miss Little
Tuesday	Miss Little	R	Miss Little	U	Miss Little	Miss Little
Wednesday	Miss Little	E	Miss Little	N	Miss Little	Miss Little
Thursday	Miss Little	A	Miss Little	C	Miss Little	Mrs McConnachie
Friday	Mrs Berridge	K	Mrs Berridge	H	Mrs Berridge	Mrs Berridge P.E

P6/7

Day	9 – 10.30am	$\frac{10.30}{-}$ 10.45	10.45 – 12.15pm	$\frac{12.15}{5-}$ 1	1 – 2pm	2 - 3pm
Monday	Mrs McConnachie	B	Mrs McConnachie	L	Mrs McConnachie	Mrs McConnachie
Tuesday	Mrs McConnachie	R	Mrs McConnachie	U	Mrs McConnachie	Mrs McConnachie
Wednesday	Mrs Young	E	Mrs Young	N	Mrs Young P.E	Mrs Young
Thursday	Mrs Berridge	A	Mrs Berridge	C	Mrs McConnachie	Mrs Young
Friday	Mrs Young	K	Mrs Young	H	Mrs Young P.E	Mrs Young

NURSERY

Staff	Role	Days
Mrs Wilde	Early Years Assistant	Mon - Fri
Mrs Paterson	Learning Assistant	Mon - Fri
Mrs Dowson	Early Years Practitioner (Nursery Nurse)	Wed & Thu
Mrs Musiej	Early Years Practitioner (Nursery Nurse)	Mon, Tue & Fri
Miss Murray	Early Years Practitioner (Nursery Nurse)	Mon - Fri
Mrs Leigh	Early Years/Nursery Teacher	Mon - Fri

TIMINGS

All children start nursery at 9am. There are various different finish times: 12pm, 1pm and 3pm. Your child's finish time is what is stated on your confirmation letter.

DROP OFF & COLLECTION POINTS

Please press the **nursery** buzzer at the main entrance and a member of nursery staff will meet you and take your child into nursery. The same will happen at collection time when your child will be brought to you at the main entrance after you press the nursery buzzer. We are sorry parents/carers are not allowed in the building. We politely request adults physical distance whilst queuing.

COMMUNICATION

A board with snack information will be placed at the main entrance so parents/carers can see it. Information will also be put on the nursery window. Please remember to check here for updates. Personal information will not be shared here.

CARE PLANS

A member of nursery staff will arrange to complete/update your child's Care Plan over the phone within the next few weeks. Please ensure any new medical information is passed on immediately.

SOCIAL DISTANCING

Just a reminder that although children do not need to physical distance from one another, they are discouraged from spending prolonged time in close proximity. Cuddling, high 5s, etc. will be discouraged.

Adults need to physical distance from children from a different household therefore staff will be physical distancing from pupils. Nursery guidelines state that adults do not need to physical distance from children in the nursery due to scientific data showing fewer cases of transmission between adults and very young children and because of the nature of nursery and the effect this could have on young children's wellbeing and development. P1/2 can and will follow nursery guidelines and Mrs Miller has chosen not to physical distance from the children in her class. If you would prefer she did with your child, please contact us.

According to government guidelines, adults must physical, distance from one another. We respectfully request that you follow this government advice when you are standing at the school gate and the main entrance to ensure everyone's safety and to ensure our pupils are receiving the same message from adults in school and from their parents/carers. We thank you for your anticipated support.

P.E

As per national guidance, P.E must take place outside. A national review of the safety of indoor facilities will take place in due course. As children are not allowed to use the changing rooms to get changed, we request children come to school on P.E days (see individual class timetables) wearing their P.E kits. These must be appropriate for P.E outdoors i.e. joggers/tracksuits, long sleeve tops and trainers. Professional judgement will be used when there is adverse weather and children can be taken into the hall.

INDOOR SHOES

Guidance was updated this week to allow children to change into 'indoor shoes'. Children are also now permitted to use the cloakrooms so don't need to leave jackets and bags on chairs/under desks. Packed lunches should still remain in school bags for the time being. Children in P1 - 5 will continue to enter through their classroom doors whilst P6/7 will enter via the main entrance **within the playground**. Pupils have been doing this since Thursday so are aware of new procedures.

HOUSEKEEPING

Miss Somerville, our clerical assistant also provides learning assistance at various times throughout the week as well as doing our crossing patrol. If your call is not answered, we kindly request you leave a message and someone will get back to you as soon as possible. Mrs McConnachie is class committed Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursday afternoons therefore will not be able to speak to parents on those days. If your call is urgent, Mrs Macfarlane HT or Mrs Brown GIRFEC DHT can be contacted at Moffat Academy on

01683 222000.

LOST & FOUND

We have some items of uniform, et. Left over from March. As per authority guidance, if this is not collected by next Friday 21st, it will be bagged and binned. Please ask your child to have a look through these items if you think you have something missing.

DRESS DOWN DAYS

These won't be happening for the foreseeable as we try to limit money coming into school.

HOMEWORK

For now, children will only receive reading homework where possible and spelling homework. We are trying to reduce the amount of resources going between school and home. Paper/jotters must be quarantined upon return to school, so marking and feedback won't take place immediately. Once children have read a book, they too need to be quarantined for 72 hours before they can be put back on the shelf. We have a system in place for this. Some digital homework will be set. Paper copies can be arranged upon request.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

Currently, only cold lunches are being provided, but this may change in the next week or so. In the meantime, teachers will take lunch orders from our pupils every morning. We will advise you of any changes as/when they arise.

From Monday 17 until Monday 31 August, primary school lunches will be £1 on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. This is part of the 'Eat Out to Help Out' scheme. On Thursday and Friday lunches will be the normal price of £1.90. The incorrect price of £2 was shared with you previously - apologies.

Staffing

Mrs Andrea Macfarlane	Acting Head Teacher (based at Moffat Academy)
Mrs Kirsty McConnachie	Depute Head Teacher Curriculum, Learning and Teaching Day-to-day running of the school P4-7 class teacher (Mon, Tue & Thu pm)
Mrs Nicky Brown	Depute Head Teacher GIRFEC & Pupil Support (at Beattock on Tuesdays)
Mrs Megan Miller	P1/2 Class Teacher
Miss Danni Little	P3,4 & 5 Class Teacher
Mrs Lisa Young	P6/7 Class Teacher
Mrs Claire Berridge	Class Teacher providing RICCT and support cover.
Mrs Ruth Leigh	Early Years Teacher
Miss Jill Murray	Early Years Practitioner
Mrs Justyna Musiej	Early Years Practitioner
Mrs Sarah Dowson	Early Years Practitioner
Mrs Caitriana Wilde	Early Years Support Assistant
Mrs Margo Brewster	School Support Manager
Miss Tracy Somerville	Senior Clerical Assistant Learning Assistant Crossing Patrol
Mrs Jane Paterson	Learning Assistant Nursery (Mon - Thu and School Fri)
Mrs Eleanor Murray	Learning Assistant (Fridays)
Mr Dave Scott	RICCT PE Secondary Specialist
Mrs Myra Boa	Catering Assistant & Cleaner
Mrs Fiona Walker	Janitor (Playground supervision)
Mrs Tara Warwick	Cleaner