



BALMUILDY PRIMARY SCHOOL

September 2024



Dear Parent and Carers,

It has been an exciting start to the new session, not just for myself but for all our learners, and particularly our new families that have joined us. I would like to extend a warm welcome to everyone. A special well done to all our P1 learners who have settled well and as a school I am very impressed how we have re-established all our routines after the long summer break.

School Improvement Priorities

As part of our continuous improvement journey, we create an improvement plan that outlines our priorities and how we will achieve and measure these over the session. This session we have 3 main priorities

1. Wellbeing, Equality and Inclusion
2. Learning, Teaching and Assessment in Reading
3. Curriculum Development of PLAY and PEBL (Pupil Enquiry Based Learning)

A copy of the School Improvement Plan with the specific actions will be uploaded to the school website shortly. I will also upload a copy of the Standards and Quality Report written in June 2024 that evaluated the progress the school made last session.

Library visits

As part of our Reading Schools Journey, all classes will have a visit to the local library. These will start on the 12th of September and all classes, weather permitting, will have a visit before December. As part of these visit the children can apply for a library card or bring their own.

Flu immunisation

The NHS flu Immunisation Team will be in our school on 25th of September, if you wish your child to receive this please ensure the permission slips are returned to the school as soon as possible. The team only bring enough to immunise the number of permission slips they have had returned. Unfortunately, if your child is absent on 25th of September, then parents should make alternative arrangements through the NHS.

Dogs

May I respectfully remind all Parents and Carers that there should be no dogs in our playground at drop off and pick up times. Some of our children are not familiar with dogs and can become upset if they are near them. We would appreciate your support in this matter.

Water Bottles

Just a reminder that all children should have a water bottle and these can be refilled during breaks and lunchtime. Unfortunately, we only have a limited supply of cups.

Tempest Photographs

Individual and sibling's photographs will be taken on 8th of October for those who wish photographs to be taken. Unfortunately, sibling photographs can only include those children in our school.

1-1 Parent Meetings

1-1 Parent Meetings will be held in the school hall on Thursday 10th of October, as in previous years, parents will be able to book their appointments through the online portal and appointments will be available from 3.30pm until 8pm on this date. Children are welcome to participate in these appointments, however please note that all children who attend should be supervised by parents at all times. More information on how to book your appointment will be sent out shortly.

Book Fair

The annual book fair will be in the school from 7th to 10th of October. As in previous year children will have an opportunity to visit the fair and will bring home a slip of any book they would like to purchase.

Physical Education



In order to maximise the safety of pupils no jewellery is permitted to be worn during PE lessons. Pierced earrings must be removed; children who cannot remove their earrings will unfortunately be unable to participate in PE lessons. Can you please ensure pupils come to school fully prepared with their PE kit each week.

Allergy Information

Due to several pupils with allergies we are a nut free school. It is important that pupils do not bring nuts or nut products to school as a snack or in their packed lunches. This includes any products which may contain nuts such as hazelnut chocolate spread.

We encourage pupils not to share or swap snacks in case they contain any



hidden traces of nuts. We also ask that children do not bring birthday cake to school to share with their class due to a number of allergies across the school. We very much appreciate your continued support with this matter. Could you please keep the school office up to date with any information regarding your child's allergies.

Thank you for your continued support

Kind regards

Charlotte Grogan
Head Teacher

Dates for your Diary:

September

12 th	P6A Library Visit
13 th	Roald Dahl Day
19 th	P5B Library Visit
25 th	Flu Immunisation Team in school
26 th	P5A Library Visit
27 th - 30 th	School Closed (September Weekend)

October

1 st	School reopens
	P1A Library Visit
3 rd	National Poetry Day
7 th - 10 th	Scholastic Book Fair
8 th	Tempest Individual and Sibling photographs
	P4A Library Visit
9 th	Parent's Evening (3.30pm- 8pm)
10 th	P1B Library Visit
11 th	In-service Day (School closed to pupils)
14 th - 18 th	October Break (school Closed)
21 st	Pupil return to school
24 th	Halloween Disco (PTA)
28 th - 31 st	NSPCC Assemblies
29 th	P6B Library Visit
31 st	P3B Library Visit