



GARROWHILL PRIMARY

2018 SUMMER TERM NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents/Carers

CLASSIFICATION FOR AUGUST 2018

Our P1 intake for August 2018 has been confirmed by the local authority at 58 pupils. This takes the school roll to 455 across 16 classes, almost at full capacity. This will mean a classification as follows:

P1a, P1b, P2/1, P2, P3/2, P3a, P3b, P4/3, P4a, P5/4, P5a, P5b, P6a, P6b, P7/6 and P7

The difference in legal maximum class sizes from P1 to P4 coupled with demands of this classification does mean there will be changes to the class groupings across these stages for August. When putting new classes together our priority is to maintain groups of children who are developing in literacy at a similar pace. This ensures the needs of all children continue to be met.

Details of the classes children will be moving to for August and their allocated teacher will be issued in May.

ANNUAL REPORTS

This year we have reviewed the format of the annual written report you will receive for your child. This is an aspect of the work we are undertaking in response to the views expressed by parents in the annual survey completed in February this year.

The report will be much more focused on core areas; literacy, numeracy and Health & Wellbeing. Alongside this will be a summary report of your child's progress across the broad general curriculum.

Where an additional support need has been discussed with staff, a summary of the support plan will also be included for your reference.

Attached to this letter is a short leaflet explaining the new reporting format for you. A copy of this and supporting documentation from Education Scotland is also available on our website.

HOME LEARNING

Supporting learning at home is key factor in helping children become confident learners and makes a valuable contribution to their overall achievement. Over the last two years we have amended our approaches to home learning through consultation with children, parents and staff and have made every effort to offer a flexible approach for families.

A recent survey of views has shown a decline in standards and concern from parents about the use of on-line resources to support numeracy and literacy.

With this in mind we have reviewed the tasks to be included in home learning logs. Children at all stages will be expected to complete core tasks in reading, writing, number and spelling. These tasks will directly reinforce the classroom work for the period. Some may be written tasks and some oral. Class teachers will give guidance on how long should be spent on any day/evening on these tasks. Number work will focus on mental agility using the numeracy map (copy attached for reference) which was discussed at the recent workshop with Tom Renwick. More information on this can be found at: www.mathsontrack.co.uk
Sumdog maths will still be available for use at home but is no longer a compulsory element of our home learning programme. We will continue to use Sumdog maths in school at class teachers' discretion. Sumdog literacy will no longer be available for use at home or in school.

Diary Dates

23rd April: Tempest
Photography in school for
individual photos

20th April Winning House to
Cine world

26th April: P1s visiting The
Museum of Rural life

2nd May P4 soccer coaching
begins in school

Monday 7th May - School
Closed May Day holiday

8th May - In Service Day

16th May- SHRE workshop
for Primary 1 parents/carers
6.30pm

22nd and 23rd May: P7
induction days at Bannerman
high

30th May: P6 and P7 pupils
leave for Lochgoilhead

App alerts will be sent to
remind families of all school
events. Please make sure
you have downloaded the
school app to your phone.

There is a requirement of all parents to support children's reading and numeracy work at home both through the activities suggested by staff and other environmental based learning. Please remember to sign your child's learning log to confirm you are happy with the completion of the tasks and give us feedback on the work.

P1 AUGUST INTAKE MEETING

Enrolment for those children starting school in August 2018 is almost complete. Final decisions on placing request applications should be issued by the end of this month by the central HUB.

Our first induction meeting for all August P1 children and parents will take place during the second week in May. Parents of those children will be invited to this meeting by a separate letter

HEALTH WEEK

The week beginning 4th June will be our health week in school. This year we are making the week a Cancer Awareness Week. Children will take part in lessons on all aspects of health including sun and water safety.

Our sports days will take place over three afternoons on that week with P1, P2/1 and P2 competing in their houses on Tuesday 5th June from 1.30pm Pupils in P3, P4/3 and P4 will take part on Wednesday 6th at 1.30 and P5,6 and 7 pupils will have their sports on the Thursday.

The format will be potted sports with children competing in house groups of mixed ages led by our P7 captains. Each group will complete sporting tasks at different 'stations' positioned around the pitch.

Parents/carers are welcome to attend but should be aware that these events can be cancelled at short notice if weather is bad. Spectators can view events from the grass embankments and designated areas around the pitch.

Spectators should plan to arrive at school no earlier than 1.15pm on each day as children use the grounds until 1pm and staff need to prepare for the event.

During each event a coffee afternoon will be hosted wither outdoors or in the hall with all donations going to the four main cancer charities: CLIC sergeant, CRUK, Marie Curie and MacMillan.

These charities have been selected at the request of children in our school who have experienced support for relatives from them. CLIC Sergeant is included for the first time by our school as we would like to say thank you for the support given to one of our ex-pupils, Dylan Thomson.

During this week all classes in the school will complete their Sexual Health & Relationship lessons as part of the progressive programme of work children begun in their P1 year.

Parents of Primary 1 are invited to attend an awareness raising meeting to discuss the content of this through school programme of lessons which we undertake every year. The meeting will take place at 6.30pm on Wednesday 16th May.

BOOK FAIR

From 1st May -15th May the school will host a book fair from Travelling Books. Children will have the chance to view the books and will be given an order form with guidance on how to order should you wish to buy one. This is a 100% commission meaning the school will receive books for our library to the value of any purchases. Please note orders cannot be processed via Parent Pay. If you wish to place an order please send money & order form in a sealed envelope with the following information written on the front:

1. Child's name & class
2. Amount
3. What the money is for

SPRING FAIR

Our Parent Council are organising this year's Spring Fair which will take place on Saturday 12th May from 10am until 12 noon. Lots of exciting stalls and events are planned for the day including football, slides, bouncy castles, hot food and lots more. Please put the date in your diary and if you feel you can offer any help on the day call our school office who will pass on your details to Mrs Patrick.



HOUSE POINT WINNERS

After a long and exciting house point competition last term, the winning house was Bute. Bute house will be treated to a movie at Cine world on Friday 20th April. Children should wear school uniform. No snacks or money will be needed for this trip.

PRIMARY 7 LEAVERS' EVENTS

Our P7 Leavers' service will take place on Monday 25th June at 1.30pm in Mure Memorial Church. This service is to celebrate our P7 pupils' completion of their Primary school education and we invite only the parent/carers of P7 pupils to attend due to restricted seating in the church. Letters will be issued to P7 pupils offering two seats in the church initially. If we have further space as replies come back to us we will be able to offer them to interested parents and families.

Following the Service on the 25th we invite family members who have attended church to join us in the school hall for refreshments/buffet with the children.

At 7pm on the evening of 25th June, P7 children are invited to attend their Leavers' Disco.

INDIGO CHILDCARE

Indigo's open day will take place on Saturday 28th April 11.00 a.m. - 2.00 p.m. Activities include: bouncy castles, face painting, tombola, cake & candy and lots more. All families are welcome to attend.

Indigo Contact Telephone Number - 0141 634 6161.

The Indigo Group are based within Garrowhill Primary School, Garrowhill Early Learning Centre, 25 Bakewell Road, Glasgow. G69 6RN.