

# GARROWHILL PRIMARY

# 2019-20 NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parent/Carer,

## WELCOME BACK

A very warm welcome back to the new school session. All classes, including our P1s, have settled very well.

Thank you very much for the support shown in having the children so well organised, wearing their school uniform and being ready for the school day.

## SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL

All children have the right to a safe route to school and where possible we encourage children to walk and cycle. Sadly, children's safety can often be compromised by driver attitudes to parking in the streets surrounding the school.

If driving to school or nursery, please do not park on zig zag lines, across the driveways of residents or in a way which may endanger pedestrians.

School staff offer support from 8.45 at the drop off area in the car park to help children alight safely from cars and enter the playground. Under no circumstances should a vehicle be left unattended in the drop off zone as this causes congestion onto Bakewell Road.

It is equally important that the footpath on Maxwell Drive is kept clear prior to 9am to allow children to walk unhindered to the school gates. Having to negotiate through a crowd of people can be very intimidating for our children.

## CHILD PROTECTION: ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

It is the responsibility of all parents to inform the absence line of any absence from school. Failure to alert staff or the absence line that your child cannot attend causes concern for us under our child protection procedures. We must be satisfied that every child is accounted for on every school day. Please report absences before the start of the school day if possible but no later than 9.30am. Absences reported later than this will result in parents being notified by the school that the child is not in class.

Please contact the Pupil Absence Reporting team at [www.glasgow.gov.uk/pupilabsence](http://www.glasgow.gov.uk/pupilabsence)

Use the online absence reporting details to report the following absences:

- **Sickness absence:** From 1<sup>st</sup> up to 4<sup>th</sup> day of absence. If absence persists contact the school on the 5<sup>th</sup> day
- **Medical or dental appointments:** Parents and carers should contact the team to report absences for medical or dental appointments for up to one day in the weeks preceding the appointment or on the day in the case of emergency appointments.

## Diary Dates

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August**

Sponsored Dance-a-thon

**Wed 21<sup>st</sup> August**

Credit Union Collection

**Thu 29<sup>th</sup> August**

Meet the teacher for parents/carers of Primary

**September Weekend**

Fri 27<sup>th</sup> - Mon 30<sup>th</sup> Sept

**Wed 9<sup>th</sup> Oct - Harvest Service**

dress rehearsal in Mure Memorial Church for all Primary 3 parents/carers @ 1.15 pm

**Wed 9<sup>th</sup> October - Parents**

Evening 3.30 pm - 9.00 pm

**Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> Oct - Harvest Service**

in Mure Memorial Church presented by P3 (sorry we cannot accommodate parents/carers).

**Fri 11<sup>th</sup> October**

In-service Day

**October Week**

Mon 14<sup>th</sup> - Fri 18<sup>th</sup> (inclusive)

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October**

Flu Immunisation

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

Christmas Nativity will take place in Mure Memorial Church  
 P1 - P3 @ 11am  
 P4 - P7 @ 1.15 pm

**Christmas/New Year**

School closes Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> Dec @ 2.30pm. School re-opens Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Jan 2019

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March - 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Parents Evening 3.30 pm - 9.00 pm

**Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> April - Easter Service**

in Mure Memorial Church  
 P1-P3 @ 11am  
 P4/3 - P7 @ 1.15 pm

### **Please phone the school directly to report the following absences:**

To make sure you receive the right support you require, parents and carers should still contact the school directly to report absences of a sensitive or personal nature, for example:

- **Bereavement and funerals**
- **Serious illness**, for example, an absence which is going to last more than one week
- **Exceptional Circumstances**
- **Religious and Parental Holiday Requests**
- **Children's Panel hearings**
- **All other Appointments**

### **SCHOOL UNIFORM**

The school has always benefited from parental support in encouraging children to wear our uniform and we appreciate the on-going effort from parents to ensure this continues.

Please remember that our school uniform is white shirt and school tie with grey trousers/skirts, burgundy cardigans/jumpers and dark shoes. Badged items can be ordered using the details for Logoxpres on our website.

We encourage children to wear dark school shoes and all should have a pair of appropriate indoor shoes.

Plain white t-shirts/polo shirts **do not form** part of the uniform but can be worn for PE if you wish. All children must have a pair of indoor shoes to change into for the classroom.

All children are expected to change into a plain t-shirt and shorts for PE. PE kit bags have been provided to allow children to keep their kit in one place and transport clothes safely between class and the changing area. We are encouraging good hygiene practices, especially in older pupils, and ask that parents ensure a change of clothes for PE is provided. PE times will be sent to all parents by text and app alert.

Football colours are not permitted in any Glasgow City Council school.

### **JEWELLERY**

Children are discouraged from wearing jewellery to school as it often causes anxiety when items are lost or damaged.

With regard to PE, the [Physical Education Code of Practice](#) (2.7 General Precautions) states the following:

*'Personal effects (e.g. jewellery, body piercings, items of religious significance, watches, hair slides and belts constitute a hazard and may cause injury if worn whilst participating in Physical Education and **must be removed.***

All items of jewellery, including body piercings must therefore be removed for PE. This includes fitbits.

It is not appropriate for children to miss several weeks of lessons due to ear piercings. Earrings must be removed and there are identified staff that can assist in replacing them after the lesson.

### **ANNUAL SCHOOL FUNDRAISING EVENT**

As you know, our school fund supports all children throughout the year by paying for events, activities and experiences that are not covered by our central allocation of funds.

Each year we ask children to take part in a fund raising event that also promotes physical activity and health. This year we are asking you to sponsor your child to take part in a Dance-a-thon on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August.

All classes will be challenged to dance for 30 minutes and then take part in a range of other physical activity throughout the day. PE kit will be needed on this day.

Sponsor forms and details will be issued in a separate letter.

### **WEBSITE, TWITTER and SCHOOL APP**

Our school website is updated weekly with information on events, holiday information and important dates as well as links to other documents you may need such as clothing grants etc. News, school events and diary dates are posted on our website and via our twitter account so please make sure you follow this.

**The Garrowhill Primary School App** has been in use for two years now. This and our website are the main means of communicating news and events to parents/carers.

Please ensure you download this free app to your phone. Through this you will receive notifications, letters and news relevant to your child's class. You will also be able to keep up to date with many other aspects of school life at the tap of a finger.

The only paper school bag communications to be issued will be those requiring a parental signature, such as the annual data check, consent forms or information from Glasgow Health and external agencies.

## **PARENTS' EVENINGS**

Our first parents' evening will take place on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October from 3.30pm until 9pm.

Appointments will be taken **over the phone from 25<sup>th</sup> September** and we will remind you of this by text following the holiday weekend. **Please do not try to make an appointment before this date.**

Our second parents' evening will take place on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March from 3.30pm until 9pm. **Please put both dates in your diary.**

## **SCHOOL MEALS AND CLOTHING GRANTS**

Many families may qualify for free school meals and clothing grants and are not yet taking advantage of this option. Application forms can be downloaded from Glasgow's website or, if you prefer, ask at our office. To download from the Authority website please follow this link:

<http://www.glasgow.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=8693> However, if you were awarded a free school meal last session and your circumstances have not changed, you will automatically be entitled to a free school meal and will not have to complete an application form.

## **TIMETABLES**

Our class timetables for PE, music and ICT can be found **ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE**

**If any timetabling change is necessary due to visiting specialists, an app alert will issued.**

## **INFORMATION UPDATE**

It is vital that you help keep our records up to date by informing us **immediately** of any change in address and/or emergency contact details.

Data checks will be issued to all children and we ask that these are returned to the office as soon as possible.

## **CREDIT UNION**

Our credit union will resume on Wednesday 21st August. If you currently have an account please make sure your child brings their deposit in on Wednesdays from that date. If you would like to open an account, details can be found on our website.

## **WATER BOTTLES**

All children require their own **named** water bottle. There are water fountains throughout the school and children are encouraged to re-fill during breaks and lunch time or when they move around the school for other lessons.

## **SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES AND CHURCH SERVICES**

Primary 3 pupils will present our Harvest Service on 10<sup>th</sup> October for the whole school in church. As space is restricted for inviting parents to this service, the children in these classes will do a special dress rehearsal presentation for their parents in church on the afternoon of 9<sup>th</sup> October at 1.15pm. We will send reminder notifications nearer to the date but thought you would like it for your diary.

Primary 1 will present the Nativity this year on 18<sup>th</sup> December. P1-3 will attend the morning service at 11am with P4-7 attending the afternoon service at 1.30pm. Parents are welcome at either service.

Primary 5 will present our Easter services on 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 11am and 1.15pm.

To mark the end of our Garrowhill Primary's 80<sup>th</sup> Year, we are planning a whole school show in December with dates and details to be issued in October.

### **FLU IMMUNISATION PROGRAMME 2019**

Over the last two years our school has participated very successfully in Glasgow's Flu Immunisation Programme. Consent form packs have been issued to all families in order that children can be given the nasal spray vaccine again this year. Please return your form in the envelope provided by Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August. Vaccines will be given to all children with consent in place on **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2019**

### **HOME LEARNING**

The first Home learning cycle will be issued on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September to return on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>. Please encourage your child to read every evening and practise number bonds and table facts.

### **ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICINES**

Key personnel in school are able to supervise or assist with the administration of prescribed medicines or long term conditions such as epilepsy or diabetes. Parents must visit school to complete appropriate consent paperwork for prescribed medicines to be given to children.

Staff will not administer or supervise administration of any over the counter medicines or short term, 3 doses per day prescribed medicines such as antibiotics.

Where a GP has prescribed a four dose per day antibiotic, please arrange an appointment to discuss a temporary care plan.

Children in P2-7 are encouraged to carry their own inhalers. Parents must ensure a current asthma plan has been lodged with the office.

### **SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**

A full list of school holidays can be found on the GCC website, our school website and the school app.

Please note for the September weekend school is closed on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> and Monday 30<sup>th</sup>.

School is closed on October from Friday 11<sup>th</sup>, which is an in-service day, until Friday 18<sup>th</sup> inclusively.

Yours sincerely,



LINDA LOGUE  
**HEAD TEACHER**