

E-mail contact: headteacher@garrowhill-pri.glasgow.sch.uk
www.garrowhill-pri.glasgow.sch.uk

Dear Parents/Carers

ANNUAL WRITTEN REPORTS

Our annual written reports to parents/carers and families will be issued on Wednesday 1st June alongside notification of the class and teacher your child will transfer to. In our early stages it is not possible for classes to advance as whole class groups due to legislation on class sizes. As we have advised during parent workshops, we make every effort to ensure children make the transition to their new class with a group of people they are accustomed to working with. Children will be familiar with their new class teacher and all children will have the opportunity to become acquainted with their new class on 20th June when we all 'move up' for the afternoon. Please note our classification and allocated teachers are always subject to change as there can be staffing updates over the holiday period. We will of course make every effort to avoid last minute changes and ensure children are well prepared for August.

We would be very grateful if you could take time to discuss your child's report with them and complete the report feedback sheet which will be with the report. This helps us support your child with the transition to a new stage. If you need to discuss any aspect of your child's report with your class teacher then please contact the office to arrange a suitable time to meet.

OFFICIAL SCHOOL OPENING CEREMONY

Thank you for your help in making our official opening ceremony on 20th May such a special occasion. Baillie E Cameron performed the official opening and unveiling of our plaque. The children looked wonderful, all wearing their school uniform and participating in what is a once in a life time event. Our choir and pupils in our P3 and P4/3 classes gave magnificent performances as did Christopher and Zaara, our vice-captain and captain in sharing the children's thoughts about our new home.



Our website has some of the official photos from the day for you to view and the plaque, which was unveiled during the ceremony, is now on display in the foyer.

SCHOOL OUTING TO KELBURN

We are very grateful to all parents/carers who have offered to help with the whole school outing to Kelburn Country Park on Wednesday 22nd June. Please make sure your child arrives in school on time on the day to ensure all classes are prepared to leave on time.

All children should wear comfortable trousers or joggers, trainers, t-shirt or school polo shirt and their school sweatshirt. Children may wear shorts under their trousers if the weather forecast is good for the day. A light weight jacket will be necessary in case of poor weather. Please apply sun cream and provide a hat or cap and water bottle and snack on the day.

Children in P1-3 will be provided with their packed lunch in accordance with policy on school meal entitlement. Children in P4-7 with entitlement to a school meal will be provided with a packed lunch. All other children in P4-7 should bring their own packed lunch.

No money is needed on the day as we will not be using the on site shop.

Diary Dates

2nd June - New Entrants Induction Afternoon 1.30

3rd June - Glasgow Schools Athletics Championships

8th June - Tennis Festival, Gorbals Leisure Centre

15th June - P6s Science Centre & IMAX Theatre (Tim Peakes)

15th June - Sports Day for P1 - P3 1.30 pm

16th June - Sports Day for P4/3 - P7 1.30 pm

20th June - New Entrants Induction Afternoon 1.30

21st June P7 Leavers' Service, Mure Memorial Church at 1.30 p.m.

21st June - P7 Buffet in the Assembly Hall for P7 Pupils, Parents/ Carers and Staff 3pm - 4pm

21st June - P7 Disco 7pm - 9pm

22nd June - Full school outing to Kelburn Country Park

23rd June - School Closed Voting Day

24th June - School Closes for the Summer at 1.00 pm

STAFFING UPDATE

Congratulations to Mr Halewood who, following a successful interview on 19th May, has been appointed Principal Teacher in our school. Mr Halewood will work alongside Mrs Vickers and will have responsibility for our ICT and technology curriculum as well as aspects of sustainability.

Many thanks to Mrs Vickers who has been a tremendous support in her role as Acting Depute Head since Miss Harris left in October. Mrs Vickers returns to her role of Principal teacher in August as we welcome Mrs Beastall to our staff as Depute HT. Mrs Beastall will work Monday to Wednesday with responsibility for curriculum development P1-3.

It is with regret and many thanks that we say goodbye to Mrs Gillespie who leaves us to take up a permanent post in one of our local cluster schools. I am sure you join me in wishing her the very best of luck in her new post. Thank you.

SPORTS DAYS

This year we plan to hold our sports events on two separate afternoons to allow us to use the safe surface of the school pitch. Sports afternoons will be held on 15th June at 1.30pm until 2.30pm for all children in P1-3. P4-7 will have their sports on Thursday 16th June at 1.30pm.

The format will be similar to last year 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 all weather pitch.

Parents/carers are welcome to attend but will not have access to the pitch area due to space restrictions. Spectators can view events from the perimeter pathways and grass embankments around the pitch where some seating is available.

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

NEW P1 INTAKE INDUCTION DAYS

Congratulations to our new intake who all coped very well their first day in school in May.

Our next induction day for all new pupils entering P1 is Thursday 2nd June at 1.30pm. Parents should register with the office on arrival. Staff will then help children assemble in class lines in the playground and parents can leave the children with their teacher until 2.30pm.

Our new P1 classes will join us again on 20th June at 1.30pm when all classes in the school will 'move up' to meet their new teacher.

PRIMARY 7 END OF YEAR ARRANGEMENTS

Primary 7 will be invited to attend induction days at their chosen High School this term.

Children attending Bannerman High in August will attend for 3 days on 7th, 8th and 9th of June. Parents of children attending are also invited to attend an information evening on Monday 6th June at 6.30pm in Bannerman High School.

Children attending an alternative High School will receive notification directly from the school with dates of induction days for their establishment.

Our P7 Leavers' Service will take place in Mure Memorial Church on Tuesday 21st June at 1.30pm. If you have requested tickets for this service, these will be issued along with a letter regarding the P7 buffet.

Our P7 Disco will take place 7-9pm on the evening of Tuesday 21st in our assembly hall. The children have decided that the beach party theme is best for them so let's hope the sun shines warmly for them!!

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Our school uniform is important to us in Garrowhill. We believe the wearing of school uniform helps prevent discrimination and promotes positive relationships and engagement in school life and community. Dressing for success is part of our school ethos and contributes to the development of a good work ethic in our children.

Our uniform is a white shirt, school tie, grey trousers/skirt, burgundy school cardigan or sweatshirt and black/dark school shoes. Parents and children also have the option of wearing a white polo shirt with a school sweatshirt. All children should have a pair of indoor shoes for wearing around the school.

On PE days all children must change into shorts, t-shirt and gym shoes. Children may wear their indoor shoes as gym shoes or bring a separate pair of trainers for PE. This is personal choice for children and their families. It is not appropriate for children to wear brightly coloured trainers as outdoor footwear and part of their uniform. Please make sure all items of clothing are labeled with your child's name.

No jewellery should be worn during PE lessons. Thank you for your continued efforts in ensuring good standards are maintained.

HOME LEARNING

As we enter the last three weeks of this school session all home learning journals will be retained in school with examples of excellent practice and effort being put on display around our school. No further home learning tasks will be issued but we do ask that you continue to promote reading, writing and counting with your child throughout the month of June and the holiday period.

We have had some very innovative support from parents this session and we appreciate the feedback we have had from parents on the implementation of our new policy. Thank you especially to the members of our focus group this session who have helped us take forward improvements to our approaches in home learning. I hope they will continue to work with us next session as we focus on phonics and reading. If you would like to join this group or feel you can contribute to any aspect of our improvement plans, please let us know.

JUNE ELECTIONS

On June 23rd the school will be used as a polling place for the European Elections. Following consultation with the Constituency Manager, it was agreed that it would not be appropriate for children to attend school on this day. Staff will use this time for further in-service training in the building.

All parents are advised to make alternative child care arrangements for Thursday 23rd June.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN AND STANDARDS AND QUALITY REPORT

Our school improvement plan for 2016-2017 has been developed from the views expressed by parents/carers and from pupil and staff self-evaluation. As we move forward we will continue to develop approaches to inclusion and growth mind-set as part of our work to continue to raise attainment and achievement. Sustainable learning continues to be a priority for us next session and we want to focus our effort to improving approaches to literacy with particular emphasis on phonics, writing and grammar. The improvement plan and Standards and Quality report will be published on our website at the end of June.

HOLIDAY REMINDER

SCHOOL CLOSES FOR THE SUMMER ON FRIDAY 24TH JUNE AT 1.00 PM AND RE-OPENS ON MONDAY 15TH AUGUST.

Thank you very much for the continued support you give our children and staff to ensure together we can deliver the best school experience for our children.

Garrowhill Primary has had another successful year and I am very grateful for the effort of all staff in ensuring we continue to develop and improve our approaches for the benefit of our children.

I hope you have a wonderful summer break and we look forward to seeing you on your return to school on Monday 15th August 2016.

Yours sincerely,

Linda Logue
Head Teacher.

June Newsletter 31.05.16

Your comments and suggestions do help us improve how we support your child and improve our school. Please use the space below if you have any comments and suggestions.

Please use this slip to offer help or provide feedback to the school.

Name: _____ Child's Name: _____

Class: _____ Date: _____

Comment: