

GARROWHILL PRIMARY JUNE 2017 NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers

ANNUAL WRITTEN REPORTS

Our annual written reports to parents/carers and families will be issued on Tuesday 6th June alongside notification of the class and teacher to which your child will transfer. In our early stages it is not possible for classes to advance as whole class groups due to legislation on class sizes. We make every effort to ensure children make the transition to their new class with some of the 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 Thursday 22nd 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.



STAFFING UPDATE

After 30 years of service, Mrs McGrady has decided to take her well-earned retirement from teaching in June and enjoy time with her family.

Mrs Doyle, our support for learning worker, has also decided the time is right to retire and will also leave us in June.

It has been a pleasure working with Mrs McGrady and Mrs Doyle who have both given so much to the children in our school. I am sure, like me, you wish them the very best of luck for the future.

In August we will be welcoming several new members of staff to the school. Mrs Liddell and Mrs Kelly will be joining us. We are still waiting for the names of teachers to take up other posts the school.

NEW P1 INTAKE INDUCTION DAYS

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

Our next induction day for all new pupils entering P1 is Tuesday 6th June at 1.30pm. Parents should meet staff at the P1 entrance. 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 22nd June at 1.30pm when all classes in the school will 'move up' to meet their new teacher.

Diary Dates

2nd June - Glasgow Schools Athletics Championships

6th June - New Entrants Induction Afternoon 1.30 pm

8th June - School Closed Voting Day

13th, 14th & 15th June P7s - Bannerman High

19th June - Primary 1s Strathclyde Park

22nd June - New Entrants Induction Afternoon 1.30 pm

26th June P7 Leavers' Service, Mure Memorial Church at 1.30 p.m.

26th June - P7 Buffet in the Assembly Hall for P7 Pupils, Parents/ Carers and Staff 3pm - 4pm

26th June - P7 Disco 7pm - 9pm

27th June - School Closes for the Summer at 1pm



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 13th, 14th, 15th of June. Parents of children attending are also invited to attend an information evening on Monday 12th 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 Monday 26th June at 1.30pm. If you requested tickets for this service, these have been issued. If you have not yet requested tickets you must do so before 7th June.

Our P7 Disco will take place 7-9pm on the evening of Monday 26th in our assembly hall. The children have decided that a music festival theme was the best idea, so let's hope the sun shines warmly for them and no mud is required!

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. If wearing a white polo shirt and sweatshirt we do ask that it is badged, otherwise children cannot be distinguished from other schools when we are out on trips. Badged uniform items can be ordered from Logoxpres.

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 develop plans for raising attainment and further developing home learning. I hope they will continue to work with us next session as we focus on phonics, reading and digital learning. 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 8th the school will be used as a polling place for the General Election. 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 8th June.

FLOOD DAMAGE

Sadly our school was badly damaged last Saturday as a result of the heavy rains and thunder storms. A section of the upper corridor ceiling has had to be removed and replaced and the flooring and some furnishings are water damaged. We have also lost many of the novels studied in P4-7 classes.

We are extremely grateful to the Cordia Staff who worked over the holiday weekend alongside the City Building Team to make sure school could re-open as usual this week.

Over the summer holidays further repairs will be carried out and parts of corridor will be re-painted.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN AND STANDARDS AND QUALITY REPORT

Our School Improvement Plan for 2017-2018 is currently being articulated based on the views expressed by parents/carers and from pupil and staff self-evaluation. Our plan will include the details of we intend to further raised attainment using the additional funding from the Scottish Government's Pupil Equity Fund.

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 by the end of September.

HOLIDAY REMINDER

SCHOOL CLOSES FOR THE SUMMER ON TUESDAY 27TH JUNE AT 1.00 PM AND RE-OPENS FOR CHILDREN ON TUESDAY 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 in August 2017.

Yours sincerely,

Linda Logue
Head Teacher

