



# GARROWHILL PRIMARY SEP 2016 NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents/Carers

## PICK UP FROM SCHOOL

September 5<sup>th</sup> sees the first full day for our Primary 1 pupils. We are very appreciative of the help our P2 parents are giving P1 families at the 3 o'clock pick up by standing well back to allow space for P1 children to see their adult. We reinforce with all children that they do not leave the school gates without an adult. If at any time there is no adult, as arranged all children should know to wait with a member of staff. Please reinforce this with your child and ensure they know where in the playground you intend to wait for them.

If, when dropping off at school, you prefer to wait around the perimeter fence to observe your child in the playground, please make sure the pavement is not blocked for other children arriving. A busy footpath can be intimidating to some children even when they are with an adult.

## SMOKE AND DOG FREE

Glasgow City Council operates a NO SMOKING policy in its premises and in school grounds. No smoking is permitted within the school grounds at any time including when picking up from school, after school clubs and evening events when the school is let privately. Please help us observe this policy and keep our school and school gates smoke free.

We understand that many families own a pet dog and enjoy walking their dog to school to pick up children. However, dogs should not be brought into the school playground for obvious safety reasons. The playground is an area where children play and we need to do everything in our power to keep it free from dog fouling. More importantly, the best behaved family pets can become very excited and behave uncharacteristically when faced with large numbers of children and some children can be very afraid of the most placid dog.

If you must bring the family pet to school, please arrange to meet your child at the school gate.

Some parents have helped us make a request to the council to place dog waste bins around the school along with appropriate signage reminding dog owners that waste should be disposed of. Parents walking children to school along Maxwell Road have noticed an increase in dog mess left on the pavements.

## BIG COFFEE MORNING

Garrowhill Primary will be supporting the MacMillan Cancer Fund by hosting a Big Coffee Morning on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September from 9.30 until 11am. Please help by coming along and enjoy coffee, cake and a chat with your neighbours. Any cake donations will be gratefully received by our office staff from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September. Thank you.

## Diary Dates

8<sup>th</sup> Sep: P1 photos

9<sup>th</sup> Sep: P2 Fire Brigade Visit

6<sup>th</sup> Sep: P5/4 visit  
Baillieston library

13<sup>th</sup> Sep P4a visit  
Library

15<sup>th</sup> P4a and P4b visit to  
New Lanark

23<sup>rd</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> Sep: school  
closed

27<sup>th</sup>: P4b visit to library

29<sup>th</sup> Sep: P7 SOS  
workshops begin in  
school

30<sup>th</sup> Sep: P5 and P5/4  
attending Get Ready to  
Run Event

### ANNUAL DATA CHECK

If you have not already done so, please return your child's annual data check to the school office. It is important that our records are up to date and staff are able to contact you in the event of an emergency. These forms should be returned signed even if there are no changes to the data already on them.

### EVENING TIMES P1 PHOTO

The photographer from the Evening Times will be in school on the morning of 8<sup>th</sup> September to take P1 class photos for the papers' annual spread which is published later in the month.

### CLASS EXCURSIONS AND VISITORS TO SCHOOL THIS MONTH

Our P4 and P5/4 have a series of visits to Baillieston library which started in August for some of the classes and will continue through the school year as part of work to promote reading for pleasure and assist with project work.

Our P2 classes will have a visit from Easterhouse Fire Brigade on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September as part of their work on the Emergency Services.

Both Primary 4 classes will visit New Lanark on 15<sup>th</sup> September as part of their Social Studies work.

Thank you to our parent helpers who volunteer their time to help on these excursions.

Children in P5 and P5/4 will attend the city's Get Ready to Run event on 30<sup>th</sup> September at Glasgow Green. Mrs Dalrymple has been taking the classes through their paces to prepare them. Good Luck!

Primary 7 pupils will take part in a series of Sense against Sectarianism workshops in school this month as part of their work on The Divided City.

### QUALITY USED UNIFORM

We all appreciate how quickly young children grow out of clothes, especially items of school clothing. The school receive many donations of good quality school clothing from our parents which could be used by other families. During our parents evening on October 12<sup>th</sup> we will operate a 'stall' in the school hall where parents can browse and select items of clothing that would be of use for school. All we ask in return is for you continued support in wearing our uniform and if possible drop some coins in the school fund donation box.

### CHILD PROTECTION: ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

Please phone the dedicated absence team based at 220 High Street on 287 0039 from 8 am on the first day of absence and every subsequent day. A letter explaining the reason for absence should be provided to the school on your child's return from absence.



**Use the absence reporting line to report the following absences:**

- **Sickness absence:** If the absence lasts more than one day, parents and carers are required to call on subsequent days to provide an update.
- **Medical or dental appointments:** Parents and carers should call the team to report absences for medical or dental appointments. The school requires a letter or appointment card as evidence of the appointment to ensure permission is given to be absent from class.

**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**
- **Serious illness,** for example, an absence which is going to last more than one week

- **Injury**, for example, broken limb
- **Contagious diseases or illness**

### SCHOOL UNIFORM

We no longer keep stock of school uniform. If you need to place an order please complete an order form - forms are available from the office. Orders should be sent to the office by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month. Orders will be delivered to school on the last Friday of the month.

### HOLIDAY REMINDER

**September weekend: School is closed on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Monday 26<sup>th</sup>.**

If you have any comments or would like to assist the school in any way, please e-mail to

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