



GARROWHILL PRIMARY AUGUST 2016 NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parent/Carer,

WELCOME EVERYONE

A very warm welcome back to school everyone. The children all looked very smart in their uniform and settled very well in their classes.

Our Primary One children have had a very calm first day and are already becoming familiar with the school. Thank you very much to all of you for the support shown in having the children so well organised, wearing their school uniform and ready for the school day.

We also welcome several new staff to our school this session. Mr Steven joins us in P5/4, Miss Stronach in P4, Miss McEwan in P3 and Miss Salveta in P1. Miss Wilson has also joined us temporarily to assist with PE. Miss Wilson is part of the city's supply team and will need to leave when she is required elsewhere to cover classes.

Mrs Beastall, our Depute Head Teacher, has also taken up her post with responsibility for P1-3 curriculum and pastoral care.

PRIMARY 1 PARENTS' MEETING

Parents/carers of Primary 1 children in Miss Purves' class and Mrs Vickers/Mr Halewood's class are invited to attend school on the afternoon of Monday 22nd August at 2pm to meet with class teachers. This meeting is an opportunity to become familiar with classroom routines and discuss how you can support children with home learning.

Parents of P1 children in Miss Salveta's class are invited to attend on the afternoon of Tuesday 23rd at 2pm.

OPEN AFTERNOONS

Last session many parents enjoyed the opportunity to come into school to look at their child's work and discuss the class plans for learning. Many felt this gave parents a better idea of the plans for learning in the class and Parents and children have the chance to discuss next steps and set targets for themselves based on feedback from their teacher and families.

This session we will have three open sessions for each class with the first taking place on the week of 29th August. The date for each class is listed below. P1 classes are not included in this round of open sessions as parents are attending meetings on 22nd & 23rd.

ALL OPEN SESSIONS WILL RUN FROM 2.15PM UNTIL 2.50PM

Open afternoons:

Monday 29th August: P7b Miss Byrne, P7a Miss Boyle, P3/2 Mrs McGrady, P4a Miss Stronach, P5/4 Mr Steven

Tuesday 30th August: P6a Mrs Chatham, P5a Mrs Dalrymple, P4b Mrs Forrester, P3a Miss Russell

Wednesday 31st August: P2b Mrs Elliot, P2a Mrs Martin, P6b Miss Carr, P3b Miss McEwan

We look forward to seeing you, however if you are working and unable to manage we will send home plans and samples of work for discussion with your child.

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 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 need to be re-submitted annually and 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>

PE TIMETABLE

Below is our PE timetable for terms 1 and 2. All children have been given a bag to keep their PE kit in. Please make sure all items of clothing and personal belongings are labelled to avoid property being lost. The first class on each list below will have PE at 9am and may wear their shorts and T-shirt under their uniform coming to school but should remove the sweaty clothing after the lesson.

Monday: P3a, P5/4, P3b P1b (Miss Salveta/Mrs Beastall), P1c Miss Purves, P3/2
P4a Miss Stronach, P5a Mrs Dalrymple

Tuesday: P2a, P2b, P3/2, P1a (Mrs Vickers/Mr Halewood),
P6a, P6b, P7a, P7b

Wednesday: P4a, P4b, P5/4, P1a, P1b, P1c

Thursday: P6b, P6a, P5a P2a, P2b, P4b Mrs Forrester

Friday: P7a, P7b, P3a, P3b

If any timetabling change is necessary due to visiting specialists, the school office will send a text alert to parents.

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 very soon and we ask that these are returned to the office as soon as possible.

PROCEDURES FOR COLLECTION OF MONEY FOR SCHOOL TRIPS, RAFFLES ETC

All monies being sent into school must be brought in a sealed envelope with the following information written on the front:

1. Your child's name and class
2. The amount of money
3. What the money is for



We regret that we will only be able to accept money handed into school in the above format. This will be an enormous help to us and we are very grateful for your efforts.

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.

JEWELLERY

Children are not permitted to wear any jewellery during P.E. lessons in the interests of health and safety. Thank you for your support with this matter.

CHANGE OF SHOES

All children require to change into a pair of (named please) **indoor shoes** inside the classrooms.

PARENTS' EVENING

Our first Parents Evening this session takes place on October 12th from 3.30 until 9pm. Appointments will be taken over the phone from 27th 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.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES AND CHURCH SERVICES

Both Primary 3s and P3/2 classes will present our Harvest Service on 13th October for the whole school in church. As space is restricted for inviting parents to this service, the children will do a special dress rehearsal presentation for their parents in church on the afternoon of 12th October at 1.45pm. We will send reminder letters nearer to the date but thought you would like it for your diary.

Primary 1 will present the Nativity this year for P1-3 classes and their parents at 11am on December 20th in church.

Primary 6 pupils will present a nativity for P4-7 classes and their parents on 20th December at 1.30pm

As P5 and P7 will present church services for Easter and leavers respectively, children in P2 and P4 will invite their parents into school later in the year for special presentations in our hall. This way all classes have the chance to present knowledge and skills to an audience at least once each session.

FLU VACCINATION

Over the last two years our school has participated very successfully in Glasgow's Flu Vaccination Programme. Consent form packs will be issued very soon to all families in order that children can be given the nasal spray vaccine again this year. Please return your form in the envelopes provided as soon as possible.

Vaccines will be given to all children with consent in place on Thursday 3rd November.

HOME LEARNING

All children in P2-7 will be issued with their learning logs and new journals to help record home learning on 22nd August. This should be returned the following Thursday, 1st September. Parents of P1 children will be issued with guidance on home learning at their meet the teacher meetings next Monday and Tuesday.

ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICINES

Key personnel in school are able to supervise or assist with the administration of prescribed medicines should children need them. Parents must visit school to complete appropriate consent paper work for prescribed medicines to be given to children. Staff will not administer or supervise administration of any over the counter medicines.

Children in P4-7 are encouraged to carry their own inhalers. Our office will soon be sending asthma plan update information home for parents to complete. For children in P1-3, staff will assist with the use of inhalers and record this in our medical file.

NEWS, WEBSITE and TWITTER

Our school website is now 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. This minimises the need for monthly paper newsletters.

We are also aware that often letters in the school bag are missed and text reminders work better for many parents.

With this in mind, this will be the last newsletter to be issued in paper format. Please keep the link to our website on your phone: www.garrowhill-pri.glasgow.sch.uk

We will continue to send text alerts to parents with regard to meetings, outings and school events and you can follow the school on twitter: @garrowhill

[If you have difficulty accessing our on-line news, please complete the slip below and return to the school office as arrangements will be made to accommodate your needs and ensure you receive news updates regularly](#)

Yours sincerely,



LINDA LOGUE
HEAD TEACHER

Please return tear off slip to the school office.

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News and Website

I confirm I am unable to access the school website and on-line news updates. Please supply a paper copy as necessary.

Name:

Child's Name:

Child's class: