



GARROWHILL PRIMARY JANUARY 2017 NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents/Carers

**Happy
New Year!**

Welcome back! Our very best wishes to everyone for the year ahead. We hope 2017 is a happy and prosperous one for you.

PRIMARY 1 ENROLMENT

This week is the second P1 enrolment week where parents who missed the November dates can make an appointment to register for school. If you know of a child due to start school in August 2017 who lives in the Garrowhill catchment area, then they should telephone the office to arrange an appointment to complete the enrolment process.

PARENTS' EVENING

Our next parents' evening takes place on Wednesday 8th February from 3.30 until 9pm. This is an opportunity for parents/carers to meet with teachers for a one to one update on progress since the last meeting in October.

Mr Young, Mrs Beastall and myself will report to parents of P4b, Mrs Forrester's class. Miss Carr's P6 parents/carers will meet with Mr. Halewood

Please telephone the school office to arrange your appointment for the 8th February with your child/children's teacher(s)

BURNS NIGHT FAMILY CEILIDH

Our staff, parent council and Rota Kids group are working hard to organise our Burns Celebration Ceilidh on Wednesday 25th January 7-9pm.

This is our second year hosting a ceilidh and last year's evening was a great success and much enjoyed by those who attended.

The Burns Ceilidh is for children in P4-7 with their parents and families.

Our Rota Kids Group are also organising poetry recital and singing from our choir.

The ticket price will include the Ceilidh Band, Craigenroan and a small haggis supper and refreshments.

As this is a ceilidh where we will be taking to the dance floor and our hall accommodates a limited number of people, the event is not suitable for our younger children but is a terrific opportunity for parents to enjoy a night of dancing and fun with our older children. A separate letter will be issued this week to P4-7 children with details of the ticket cost and order forms.

We hope you can keep the evening free and support this new school event.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

From the end of this month the school's uniform supplier will be Logoxpres Ltd. We are making this change to enable parents to order all items of uniform online with the options of delivery straight to your home or click and collect at school. Good quality badged knitwear items will now be available and, if you wish, grey skirts/trousers, shirts and ties can also be ordered online. The change has also enabled us to reduce the cost of school uniform a little which we hope will be helpful to you.

A letter detailing all items available to order, a price list and details of the website for ordering will given to all children at the end of this week. If online ordering does not suit you, orders can still be given to the school office.

Diary Dates

Week Beginning 9th
January: P1 enrolment

10th / 11th January: P1 and
P7 dental checks

16th January: Football and
netball afterschool clubs
begin

19th January: Girls after
school football club begins

25th January: P4-7 family
Ceilidh 7pm – 9pm

24th & 25th January: P6
swimming lessons begin

27th January: P3 football
after school club begins

8th February: Parents'
Evening 3.30-9pm

10th, 13th and 14th: mid-term
break

15th February: staff in-
service day

HOME LEARNING

Home Learning will be issued from today in all classes. The core tasks described in your child's log are those which need repeated practice at home. Please feel free to use the learning journal as much and as often as you and your child need to in order to practice spelling and number facts as well as reinforcing writing skills. Thank you for the support given to children to help them access Sumdog. It is important that children are given 10 minutes each day on Sumdog to help improve their number skills.

The report on our usage for December indicates that approximately 70% of children have met or exceeded this target. We would like to see all children benefit from Sumdog which can be accessed from a PC, tablet or smart phone. If using a tablet or smart phone you do need to download the free Sumdog app. Please let school staff know if you are having any difficulty using Sumdog and we will do everything we can to help.

SCHOOL CAFETERIA

As you know our school cafeteria operates a cashless system. Children know how to 'top up' their 'Q' cards with additional funds as they need them and it is important that cards are kept in credit.

If your child has no money on their card they will be given their lunch and the debt passed to the office staff to collect. This is usually done by text reminder. Lunch arrear payments must be paid in cash to the school office, you cannot pay a lunch arrear by topping up the card.

Children in P1-3 have their cards credited with the cost of the lunch time meal every day and should they have no other money on their card staff would not allow them to purchase additional items that would put them in debt.

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/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=11896&p=0>

CHILD PROTECTION: ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

If your child is not able to attend school for any reason, you must alert the absence line before 9am.



When a child fails to arrive at school and a parent has not made us aware that this will happen, school staff must make sure that the child is safe. Unfortunately we have an increasing number of parents who do not alert us to absence and do not respond to our calls and texts. Please help us avoid unnecessary worry by calling the absence line on time. If you have a difficulty getting through to the absence line then call our office and we can record the call from there.

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.**

FEBRUARY BREAK

The next school holiday dates are Friday 10th, Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th February. Wednesday 15th February is a staff in-service day and school is closed to children.

Yours sincerely,

Linda Logue
Head Teacher