



GARROWHILL PRIMARY NOVEMBER 2016 NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents/Carers

TRANSITIONS

Enrolment for children due to begin P1 in August 2017 will take place throughout the week beginning 7th November. If you have or know of a child due to enrol for school, please contact the school office to arrange a suitable time to complete the enrolment process. Your child's birth certificate and a utility bill showing your address must be brought to this appointment. All children must enrol at their catchment school. Parents who wish to make a placing request to an alternative school can indicate their intention at enrolment and complete a placing request form.

Please refer to the **Glasgow City Council Website "School Enrolment"** for further information on making a placing request and how to obtain an application form or apply on line.

Primary 7 pupils were issued with their transition to secondary school paperwork on 31st October. Please complete this and return by the 11th November.

Our associated secondary school is Bannerman High. Bannerman High is a delineated school which means it has a catchment area in the same way as the primary schools. Primary 7 pupils who do not live in the Bannerman Catchment area but who wish to attend the school must make a placing request to do so, even if they attend an associated primary school.

Please note, children who attend a school by a Placing Request are not entitled to free school transport.

OPEN AFTERNOONS

Open afternoons in your child's class is an opportunity to visit the school and take time with your child to discuss their learning and progress with them in the school environment. Some parents have the view that these events are unnecessary as parents have taken time from work and do not get to speak to class teachers. However, many families do enjoy visiting the school to review children's work with them and for this reason we intend to continue to offer the opportunity. We understand that working parents are not able to take time off from work and have explained to all children that when an adult cannot come to school, the children will take the work home to look through at the end of that week.

Our next Open Afternoons take place in the week beginning 28th November as detailed below.

ALL OPEN SESSIONS WILL RUN FROM 2.15PM UNTIL 2.45PM

Open afternoons:

Monday 28th November: P7b Miss Byrne, P7a Miss Boyle, P3/2 Mrs McGrady, P4a Miss Stronach, P5/4 Mr Steven, P1a Mrs Vickers/Mr Halewood

Tuesday 29th November: P6a Mrs Chatham, P4b Mrs Forrester, P3a Miss Russell, P1c Miss Purves

Wednesday 30th November: P2b Mrs Elliot, P2a Mrs Martin, P6b Miss Carr, P3b Miss McEwan, P1b Miss Salveta, P5a Miss Bryce,

Diary Dates

3rd November: Flu vaccine day in school

7th November: P1 enrolment week

7th November: Shettleston Harriers begin athletics in school with P3s

21st November: P6 classes visiting Mitchell Library as part of book week.

23rd November: Parent workshop on Growth Mind-set in school hall at 7.30pm

28th November: Open Week

30th November: St Andrew's Day

5th December: Carol Concert in school 9.30am, ticketed event

5th December: Hopscotch Theatre Company visiting school to perform Aladdin

6th December: P4a Carol Singing at Swinton Care Home

7th December: P4b Carol Singing at Sandford Gardens

7th December: P7 parents in school for transition meeting at 7.30pm

8th December: P5/4 Choir Singing at Greenfield Park Care Home

12th December - P6/7 School Choir Carol Singing at St. Enoch Centre at 1.30 p.m.

14th December - P5/4 School Choir Carol Singing at Morrisons 1.45 - 2.15 pm

SCHOOL TRAVEL PLAN AND SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL

Many thanks to those of you who have continued to work with our JRSOs and community safety team to make sure our children can travel to and arrive safely at school.

Unfortunately the behaviour of some drivers is still posing a risk to pedestrians due to their insistence on parking at the entrance to the park or mounting pavements when driving and parking. Details of these drivers, their car registrations and descriptions of their aggressive behaviour are forwarded to the police when we have them.

The entrance at Maxwell Road is one of two pedestrian entrances that we have, Please do not stand at this entrance when dropping off as we have received complaints from the public that the footpath is difficult to pass. Mums with prams trying to access the nursery can find this particularly challenging. If you must observe your child in the playground before 9am, it would help if parents dropped children off and moved on further along the street or into the park.

All parents should continue to remind children that once dropped off at school they must not leave the school grounds. There are staff in the grounds to assist if they need help with anything.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

Last year we held our very first Christmas Carol Service in our new school hall and were able to invite a limited number of parents. During our Carol Service we decorate the Christmas Tree and each year group sings one of their favourite carols.

Our Carol Service will take place on Monday 5th December at 9.30am in our assembly hall. We are only able to accommodate 80 guests at this event. Tickets will be issued on a first come first served basis to parents/carers. The fairest way to do this is by telephone as request slips/order forms can be lost or delayed in transit.

Parents who wish tickets for the Carol Service should call the school on Thursday **10th November** (maximum of 2 per family). Do not call before this date as tickets will not be ready.

Please understand that we cannot exceed an allocation of 80 due to the capacity of our hall.

GROWTH MIND-SET

Thank you to those parents and families who expressed an interest in the Growth Mind-set work the school are undertaking.

The first of our workshops will take place on Wednesday 23rd November at 7.30pm in the school hall. The session should last for approximately 45 minutes and is for adults only. The aim is to raise awareness of the growth mind-set work the school has undertaken in the last year, look at how this impacts on learning in the classroom and at home and participate in some of the challenges faced by children in school.

A text reminder will be sent to those parents who sent a response expressing interest.

CHRISTMAS CARD PROJECT

Thank you for your patience with the difficulties experienced in ordering on-line for this years' Christmas Card project. This is not something the school can rectify and we just need to hope that the technical issues are resolved soon. We will be asking that the deadline for orders and pick up of the childrens' designs is extended and will text you when the site opens up for further orders. If you still have the design but have still to order, please take a note of the order number and details and return the design to school by Wednesday 2nd November.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Our Christmas Services take place on Tuesday 20th December.

Parents and family of P1-3 pupils are welcome to join us in Mure Memorial Church at 11 am for our P1s presentation of 'The Sleepy Shepherd'.

Parents and family of P4-7 children are invited to attend church at 1.30 pm for our P6s presentation of the Christmas Story.

ANNUAL FLU VACCINE

The nursing team will be in school on Thursday 3rd November to administer the nasal spray vaccine to all children for whom consent was received. Please remind your child of this event the evening before and reassure them that this is a nasal spray and not an injection. Thank you.

PRIMARY 7 SWIMMING

Primary 7 swimming lessons start on 1st November. The two classes are organised into three groups for swimming with the 1st group on Tuesdays pm and the next two on Wednesday mornings. All children should participate and children swimming caps should be worn as appropriate.

TEMPEST PHOTOGRAPHS

Class photographs have been issued pupils. If you would like to place an order please return your order form and payment to the office by Tuesday 8th November.

SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

Thank you very much to everyone who contributed to our annual school fund raising event in October. The amount raised is in excess of £5,000.00 which is a fantastic effort and is very much appreciated.

As both our pianos were condemned to the scrap heap we have purchased one piano for the music room. The children have plans for purchasing new play equipment and seating to create more picnic areas in the grounds.

Some of the money raised helps to cover the cost of our Christmas activities, including payment of this year's panto, Aladdin, which will be presented by Hopscotch Theatre Company here in school on the afternoon of 5th December.

In addition to this each class will be organising a Christmas Party and Mrs Bouch is arranging for our choirs to visit a variety of venues to Carol Sing. The dates of class parties will be confirmed by text later this month.

Yours sincerely,



Linda Logue
Head Teacher