

GARROWHILL PRIMARY

OCTOBER 2017 NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers

ANNUAL FLU VACCINE

Thank you to all parents for the prompt return of consent forms for the flu vaccine programme. The nursing team will be in school on Thursday 5th October to administer the nasal spray vaccine to all children for whom consent was received.

HARVEST SERVICE

All children in our school will attend Mure Memorial Church at 1.30pm on Wednesday 11th October for our Harvest Service. Our P3 children are presenting this years' service to the school. As parents/carers **do not attend** this church service we would like to invite parents/carers of children in these classes to a rehearsal of their performance in the church at 1.15pm on Tuesday 10th October.



We would welcome donations of tinned & dried goods e.g boxes of breakfast cereal, tinned goods such as soup, meat, fish, vegetables, custard, rice & fruit. Tea bags, coffee (not decaf), sugar, tomato sauce, rice, broth mix, fresh/diluting juice, biscuits & pasta. All donations will be given to The Lodging House Mission.

CHILD PROTECTION: ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

It is the responsibility of all parents to inform the school before 9am of any absence from school.

Please phone the dedicated absence team based at 220 High Street on **(0141) 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 only 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**

Diary Dates:

Harvest Service

Parents of children in P3 classes, including those in P4/3 are invited to attend a rehearsal in Mure Memorial Church on Tuesday 10th October at 1.15pm



5th October

Flu immunisation day

11th October

RNLI visiting P2 classes

Thursday 12th October

Parents' Evening 3.30-9pm

In-service Day 3

School is closed to pupils Friday 13th October

October Week

Monday 16th - Friday 20th Oct

Wednesday 25th Oct

P3 Parents' Literacy workshop

Hallowe'en Discos

P4 - P7 Thursday 26th October 7pm - 8.15 pm

P1 - P3 Tuesday 31st October

1pm - 3pm

30th October

Tempest Photography; class groups.

Wednesday 1st Nov

P4 Parents literacy workshop

SCHOOL APP

We have received some very positive feedback from parents on the new school app. During parents' evening staff will be enquiring about its use as we aim to ensure every family has the app downloaded. It is important that we are able to use this as a main means of communication alongside our website and text service. If you are having difficulty using the app please let a member of staff know.

PARENT WORKSHOPS

Thank you to all parents/carers who attended our P1 and P2 workshops on literacy this term. Between October and December we will be running further information events as part of work to improve spelling and digital learning in P3-P7. The first of these are for P3 and P4 parents to look at new approaches in spelling and introduce our on-line profiling system.

P3 parents are invited to attend school on Wednesday 25th October at 6.30pm

P4 parents are invited to attend school on Wednesday 1st November at 6.30pm

Alerts regarding P5-7workshops will be sent via the school app.

ART EXHIBITION

On Thursday 12th October the children's recent art work will be on display in the school hall. Every child has a piece of art work framed and available to purchase at a cost of £7. Additional copies can also be ordered on the night if necessary. The exhibition will be in the school gym hall and parents are free to view the work during our parents' evening.

The school is not making a profit from sales.

HEALTH PROMOTING SCHOOLS

Garrowhill Primary is a health promoting school and as such we encourage all children to take part in daily exercise and eat a healthy, well balance diet. This year, Skye House have the responsibility of helping improve aspects of food and nutrition across the school. Members of this House will be meeting with our catering team over the course of the year to work together to ensure we take the correct action to promote healthy living. One of the improvements suggested is that Sky House help to run a fruit tuck shop Monday to Thursday from the school cafeteria. This will give children the option of purchasing fruit in school at a very reasonable cost. This will be a non-profit making tuck shop. It is hoped this will be able to start after the October holiday. Prices will be posted on the school app and website with further information. Fridays in school will continue to be Fairtrade Fridays.

ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICINES

School staff are only able to support with administration of medicines when it is essential. These medicines must be prescribed by a GP and be a four times a day dosage. Where a child must take medication three times daily, the three doses can be administered at home. All parent/carers requiring help in administering medication should complete the relevant consent form which is available from the school office. Staff will assist all children with long term conditions such as allergies, epilepsy and diabetes as agreed on the child's care plan.

Please remember we do have several children with nut allergies and we ask that all parents/carers avoid sending nut products into school as snacks.

A full copy of our policy on administration of medicines is available on our website.

CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS

Tempest Photography will be in school on Monday 30th October to take class photos only. Children should wear their shirt and tie uniform for this photo. Our PE timetable will go ahead. Staff will make sure all ties etc are back in place!

ROAD SAFETY AWARD

On Friday 29th September Mrs Rafferty and our two Road Safety Officers, Holly and Alistair, attended the Lord Provost's Awards Ceremony at the City Chambers to collect Garrowhill's Award for its effort to encourage everyone to maintain safer routes to school.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

The school improvement plan focuses on three main areas this year; inclusion, literacy and digital learning. A copy of the plan and our Standards and Quality report is available on the school website. If there is any aspect of the improvement plan you feel you could help with we would be delighted to hear from you.

HALLOWE'EN DISCOS IN SCHOOL ASSEMBLY HALL



This year we are asking that children celebrate Hallowe'en by dressing up as a fairytale or nursery rhyme character. All Children, P1-7 may come to school in fancy dress on Tuesday 31st October

The Parent Council have organised a disco for children in P4-7 on the evening of Thursday 26th October where they can display their costumes. Children should be dropped off at the main entrance to school by 7pm where our registered helpers will sign them in and provide supervision in the school hall. Parents/carers should return to school at 8.15pm to collect children from the hall.



Children in P1-3 will have a small hallowe'en party and parade on the afternoon of Tuesday 31st October in school.

Finally, I wish you all a relaxing October Week holiday. School closes on Thursday 12th October following our parents' evening meetings and re-opens on Monday 23rd October at 9.00am.

LINDA LOGUE
HEAD TEACHER