



GARROWHILL PRIMARY JANUARY 2016 NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents/Carers

PRIMARY 1 ENROLMENT

Welcome back! We hope you had a very good Christmas and New Year break. Our new school year takes off with the next phase in enrolment for the August 2016 P1 intake. If you know of a child due to start school in August, 2016 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 Thursday 4th February from 3.30pm 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. **Please telephone the school office between 9.30am & 4.00pm to arrange your appointment for the 4th February with your child/children's teacher(s)**

FAMILY CEILIDH

Our fundraising committee and Rota Kids group are working hard to help the school organise a Burns Celebration Ceilidh on Thursday 28th January 7-9pm. The event is for children in P4-7 with their parents and families. Our Rota Kids Group are also organising poetry recital, singing from our choir and a demonstration of Scottish Country dancing on the night. The ticket price will include the ceilidh from the band Craigenroan and a small haggis supper and refreshments. As this is a ceilidh 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 an order form. We hope you can keep the evening free and support this new school event.

TRAVEL PLAN & PARKING

Following the day of police action in December to urge more responsible behaviour from car drivers, Police Scotland have advised they will be conducting further unannounced days this term also. Please consider the safety of all children and park/stop your car away from zig zags and without restricting neighbours' driveways.

The drop off zone in the car park is working very well thanks to the cooperation of most parents, school and nursery, in not parking and leaving their vehicle.

Please remember the school car park is for staff and visitors. Parents dropping children off should not park and leave their vehicle. This also applies to any blue badge holding parents/carers. The blue badge bays are for the use of blue badge holding staff and visitors. Parents visiting the school to spend time in the building meeting with staff are free to park in a car park space if the car park is open.

BIG BIRD WATCH

Children in Miss Purves' class have registered to participate in the RSPB Big Bird Watch this month as part of their term 3 social studies and science work. At the end of the month all children in P2/1 will be organising a toy sale to raise some funds for the RSPB charity. Please look out for further information in children's bags.

Diary Dates

Week Beginning 11th
January: P1 enrolment

14th January: P4/3
visiting library

21st January: P6 and P7
childline assembly

22nd January: School
Parliament meeting

28th January: P5-7
family Ceilidh

4th February: Parents'
Evening 3.30-9pm

15th and 16th February:
School closed for mid
term break.

17th February: In-
service day, school
closed to children

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. Throughout February and March we will be holding some workshops to support home learning. Please look out for your invitation to this event.

P6 AND P7 CHILDLINE ASSEMBLY

On Thursday 21st January our P6 and P7 pupils have the opportunity to take part in an assembly with staff from Childline. The assembly is intended to increase our children's awareness of how to stay safe. The assembly will be followed up on 28th January with class workshops. Separate letters with detailed information have been included with this letter for P6 and P7 pupils.

CHARITABLE DONATIONS

Thank you for your support in helping our children to help others. From August 2015 our school has made several donations to charity and we are very proud of the effort made by the whole school community. This has included:

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| • Text Santa: | £305.05 |
| • MacMillan Big Coffee Morning: | £592.98 |
| • RNLI | £252.20 |
| • Children in Need | £571.76 |
| • Ronald McDonald | £190.72 |
| • Scottish Poppy Appeal | £167.40 |
| • Sue Ryder Hospice | £129.00 |

Thank you

FEBRUARY BREAK

The next school holiday dates are 15th and 16th February. Wednesday 17th February is a staff in-service day and school is closed to children.

Yours sincerely,



Linda Logue
Head Teacher

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Please use this slip to offer help or provide feedback to the school.

Name: _____ Child's Name: _____

Class: _____ Date: _____

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