



GARROWHILL PRIMARY JUNE 2015 NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents/Carers

SPORTS DAY

Weather permitting our Sports Day will take place on Friday 12th June. As we do not yet have use of all of our grounds, events will take place in the playground and be in the format of a 'potted sports' with children completing activities at stations organised around the playground with some in the halls.

Our children have been organised into 16 teams according to their House Groups. Children in P1-3 will complete their sports day activities from 9.25 until 10.30. Children in P4-7 will complete theirs from 11-12.15.

Parents are welcome to spectate at the appropriate times but as we have limited space please limit the number of adults per child to two. Spectators must remain in the designated spectator areas which will be the grassed areas and will be clearly marked. Some events will take place in the school hall and spectators will not be able to view these. It is important and in the interests of safety that spectators do not approach children or enter the school building during this event.

Thank you for your co-operation while we operate with restricted space.

SUMMER FAIR

Our Fundraising Committee have been hard at work organising a summer fair to raise funds for our school. The funds raised by the committee help to enhance our children's learning through provision of resources, equipment and experiences we could not otherwise afford.

This years' Fair takes place on Saturday 6th June from 10am until 1pm. Please come along with the family and enjoy the many activities and stalls that have been organised.

LEAVERS SERVICE AND BUFFET

Our end of year service takes place in Mure Memorial Church on Tuesday 23rd June at 1.15 pm. This service is to celebrate our P7 childrens completion of the primary phase of their education and only the parents/carers of our Primary 7 pupils should attend. Tickets for this service have now been allocated to the P7 families who requested them and this ticket will also give attending adults entry to the celebratory buffet in the school hall after the service.

Diary Dates:

5th June

P4(H) Riverside Museum/Tall Ship

9th June

P1 Induction - Day 3

9th, 10th & 11th June

P7 Induction - Bannerman High

18th June

P1 Induction - Day 4 and whole school moving up day

18th June

P2/1 Kelvingrove Museum - Fossils of the Dinosaur Age

22nd June

P7 Leavers Dance 7-9pm

23rd June

P7 Service: 1.15pm followed by P7 buffet 3-4pm

24th June

School will close at 1.00 p.m.

13th August

School reopens for pupils

**CLASS OF
2015**

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

Please consider where you stop your car if driving to school. Avoid parking on zig-zags and over residents driveways.

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. A letter should be provided to the school when the child returns from their absence.
- **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>

ANNUAL WRITTEN REPORTS

Your child's annual report will be with you by 15th June. The reports give an update from the last information you received from your child's teacher. Included in the report is a learner and parent feedback booklet which we would be very grateful if you could complete. Your feedback helps us improve your child's experience in school and is much appreciated.

CHICKS and BUTTERFLIES

Over the last few weeks our infant classes have had a very exciting time with the arrival of butterflies and now our chicks are hatching. Earlier in the month many classes also had the opportunity to have a workshop session with some birds of prey and took part in a visit from zoolab. The children have had fantastic learning experiences which have only been possible through additional funding raised by our Fundraising Committee. We are very grateful for the hard work and commitment of our parents in organising events to raise funds.



SCHOOL CLOSURE

Please remember school closes on 24th June at 1 pm for the summer break. There is no lunch break on the last day due to the 1 pm dismissal. Children in receipt of a free school meal will be offered a packed lunch. Arrangements should be made for all other children to have lunch when they arrive home.

CORDIA PRICE INCREASE FOR LUNCHES

Education headquarters has informed all Head Teachers that with effect from August 2015 all school lunches for P4 - P7 will increase from £1.50 to £1.70. Free school lunches will still apply for all P1 - P3 children and all children who qualify for a free school meal.

THANK YOU

I would like to thank you all for your help and support in what has been an extraordinary year for Garrowhill Primary. We have definitely travelled from the old to the new in more ways than one and together have managed a change process that most other school communities will never experience. We have an excellent staff team here in Garrowhill, committed to making sure our children achieve their best and a parent forum who work with us. This year achievements are proof that when we all work together nothing is impossible. Many thanks from all the staff and we hope you have a wonderful, restful summer break.

