



# GARROWHILL PRIMARY

# SEPTEMBER 2015 NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers

## SCHOOL TRAVEL PLAN

Many of you will have seen news reports of Police Scotland's work on ensuring safe routes to school for children. The police are working closely with road safety teams and schools across the country to improve road safety. Over the next few weeks our road safety team will be working with children from Tiree House to revise our school's travel plan and encourage more parents to comply with the council's request to park safely when bringing children to school. The children involved in reviewing the travel plan will be surveying all classes in the school on how they travel to school and are asking that parents complete the survey attached to this newsletter and return it to school as soon as possible.

Thank you to those parents who have made the effort to park in the designated streets identified by Councillors.

## PRIMARY 1 FULL TIME START AND PICK UP AT 3.00 PM

Our P1 pupils will remain in school full time from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September. Many children are already leaving their adults at the gate and coming into the playground confidently to meet their friends. Thank you for your help in achieving this.

On Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September it is important that parents of P2 children stand back a little to allow P1 parents to collect children first from teachers. P1 will always be dismissed before P2.

For all children, please ensure your child understands where to meet you at 3pm and remind them that they do not leave the school gates if the adult who should be there is not. All adults collecting from school at 3pm should stand well back from windows and doors and make sure pre-school children are supervised.

## MODERN LANGUAGES

Last session several of our staff undertook further training in modern languages to allow us to teach Spanish at some stages. This year we will be implementing Spanish as our main foreign language across the school. Children in P5-7 will have weekly formal lessons, with children in other stages being exposed to the language using a progressive through school programme. Many children and staff feel Spanish is more relevant to their needs and we are hopeful the children will engage well with these new lessons.

## INDIVIDUAL AND FAMILY GROUP PHOTOS

On Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September the photographer will be in school to take individual photos of the children. Please ensure your child is dressed in school uniform. If you have more than one child in the school, please let our office know if you wish a family group photo to be taken. If we do not hear from you, we will only take individual photos.

## Diary Dates:

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept

School Photographs - Colorfoto

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept

Primary 2 - Visit from  
Easterhouse Fire Station

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept

Primary 4/3 - Visit to Baillieston  
Library

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> Sept

Primary 1 - Evening Times  
Photograph

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> Sept

Primary 2 - Visit to Easterhouse  
Fire Station

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept

Parent Council AGM - 6.30 pm -  
8.00 pm

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> Sept

The Big Coffee Morning

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> - Monday 28<sup>th</sup> Sept  
September Weekend

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> Sept

In-Service Day

October Week

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Oct

## WEEKLY ASSEMBLY

All children in Garrowhill Primary gather for our weekly assembly at 1.20 pm on Friday afternoons. Throughout the year classes prepare presentations for assembly to showcase their learning. These assemblies are often made more special when a member of the family can attend. The dates of each class assembly are listed below and you are welcome to attend if you are available on your child's assembly day.

2<sup>nd</sup> October: P5a: Mrs Bryce/Mrs Vickers  
23<sup>rd</sup> October: P6a and P6b: Mrs Bouch and Miss Carr  
30<sup>th</sup> October: P4/3: Mr Halewood  
6<sup>th</sup> November: P7b: Miss Byrne  
13<sup>th</sup> November: P1a: Mrs Chatham  
20<sup>th</sup> November: P7a: Miss Boyle  
27<sup>th</sup> November: P2b Mrs Elliot  
4<sup>th</sup> December: P2a Mrs Martin  
22<sup>nd</sup> January: P4 Mrs McGrady  
29<sup>th</sup> January: P2/1 Miss Purves  
19<sup>th</sup> February: P1b: Miss Russell  
26<sup>th</sup> February: P3a: Mrs Forrester

In addition to these dates, p4 and P4/3 will present the Harvest service to the school in church on 9<sup>th</sup> October. As there is no space in church to invite parents to this Harvest service we will be inviting P4 and P4/3 parents to a rehearsal in school so please look out for the invitation.

Our P1 and P6 children will be presenting the Nativity in church in December. Dates of these events have to be confirmed.

## PARENTS EVENING

Our first Parents' Evening will take place on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October. Appointments will be offered from 3.30pm through to 9pm. **The school office will send a text when they are ready to take your calls to make appointments.** Please do not call until you receive this text message.

## HOME LEARNING

Thank you for your help this week in establishing our new home learning routines. The children have responded very well to the tasks they had to complete. Most of the books children in P1 and P2 have in their bag are for shared reading. This means an adult needs to read the book to the child as the book is beyond the child's level of instruction but they have chosen it because they want to hear the story. There will be a book in the bag which is at the correct instructional level for your child and this can be used to encourage reading aloud. Above all, the books are to help develop and nurture a love of reading and should be enjoyed.

## THE BIG COFFEE MORNING

Our school is supporting MacMillan's cancer fund by hosting a 'Big Coffee' morning on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September in our school hall from 9.30 am - 11.00 am. We are hoping our immediate neighbours and any parents who are free will enjoy coffee and a cake in support of the terrific work MacMillan undertake. If you can donate cakes/biscuits for this event please send into school between Monday 21<sup>st</sup> & Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> September.



## OPEN AFTERNOONS

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August: P7B Miss Byrne, P4/3Mr Halewood and P2A Mrs Martin

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September: P7A Miss Boyle, P4 Mrs McGrady and P2B Mrs Elliot

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September: P6A Mrs Bouch, P5A Mrs Bryce, and P2/1 Miss Purves (for P2 parents only)

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September: P6B Miss Carr, P5B Ms Stewart, P3B Ms Law and P3A Mrs Forrester

## SCHOOL UNIFORM

We no longer keep stock of school uniform. If you need to place an order please complete an order form - forms are available from the office. Orders should be sent to the office by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month. Orders will be delivered to school on the last Friday of the month.

## 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**

If you have any comments/suggestions or can volunteer to help with any aspect of school life please let us know using the space below.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Child's Name and Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Comment/Suggestion:

Contact no: