



### **Diversity and Inclusion Service**

We invite all parents/carers to join us for our annual Inclusion Service. This will be led by our pupils in Primaries 5 and 6 on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October in Orchardhill Parish Church at 1.30pm.

### **Holidays & In-service Days**

September Weekend:	Fri 25 & Mon 28 September 2015
October Week:	Mon 12 to Fri 16 October 2015
Christmas:	Wed 23 December to Tues 5 January 2016
February break:	Mon 15 & Tue 16 February 2016
Good Friday & Easter Monday	Fri 25 & Mon 28 March 2016
Easter:	Mon 4 April to Fri 15 April 2016
May Weekend (1):	Mon 2 May 2016
May Weekend (2):	Fri. 27 & Mon 30 May 2016
Summer Holiday:	School closes Fri 24 June 2016

In-service Days:                      Fri 9 October 2015 / Fri 12 February 2016  
and Tue 31 May 2016

Please remember if you have any concerns, queries or compliments please do not hesitate in contacting me at the school or come along to one of our management team drop ins: 9 – 9.30 a.m. every Friday.

Yours sincerely,

*Pauline Ferguson*

Pauline Ferguson (Head Teacher)



# Newsletter



# September 2015

### **Dear Parents/Carers**

It's hard to believe it is September already! The school is a hive of activity with pupils and staff going about our business of teaching and learning as well as the many additional extras that are part of school life. I hope everyone enjoys the forthcoming long weekend.

## Meet the Teacher



thank you to everyone who managed to 'pop in' at the beginning of the month to meet the teaching staff. It was heartening to see such a great turnout and pupils excited to introduce their parents/carers to their 'new' teacher(s).

**Curriculum Event** the response to this event has been very encouraging. We are in the process of finalising the arrangements and will be back in touch shortly. We look forward to seeing many of you on the night.

**Parent Council** we have some vacancies for representatives in nursery, P1, P5, P6 and P7. If you are interested in joining or would like to find out more, please email [giffnockpc@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:giffnockpc@hotmail.co.uk).

**Late Coming** I am concerned at the number of pupils who are regularly late and require to be dropped at the school office. This practice impacts on children's readiness for learning at the start of the day and causes additional administration work too. Whilst I appreciate there can be an odd occasion when there are exceptional circumstances I would like to ask the support of parents and carers in ensuring that all children are in the playground ready to line up with their class at 8.55am.



**Afterschool Clubs** as you will be aware the list of afterschool clubs for this term has now been issued. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the school staff who volunteer and contribute to the wide variety of activities on offer. I hope you will encourage your child to participate

**Article 31** (Leisure, play and culture): Children have the right to relax and play, and to join in a wide range of cultural, artistic and other recreational activities.



## Equality and Inclusion

The recent ERC Equality forum went very well and our new Parental Equality Representative Mrs Taylor-Young attended. Although throughout our curriculum we celebrate the value of diversity and the importance of respect, we realise that not everyone might be aware of what work is currently being done in schools and what role parents can have. We will shortly be looking for further parental involvement in this area. So watch this space!



**Choir** has resumed and Mrs Brown and Miss Bruce are delighted to welcome all new and returning choir members. Our Inclusion Service will be our first performance and a number of children will be representing the school at the Primary Prom at Williamwood High School in November.



**Cycle Friendly** we are proud of our cycle friendly status, however to avoid accidents may I once again remind **all cyclists** to dismount before entering the playground and push their bikes within all playground areas. Thank you for your support.



**Pupil Council, Eco and RRS reps** There are many opportunities for our young people to take on responsibilities during their time at Giffnock. We have elected our Pupil Council, Eco Committee and Rights Respecting School representatives for this session from all classes P1-P7. Our new RRS committee will meet next week to plan various activities for the year and decide the different charities we will support, while considering 'The Rights of the Child' and helping children at home and in other countries.

**JRSO** (Junior Road Safety Officers) Our 2 new reps are Lily and Kirsty both pupils in Primary 6. With their help the whole school recently took part in the East Ren 'hands up' travel survey and they will soon be sharing the results.

## House Elections

**Eastwood-Livingstone Mains:- Mackintosh Davieland- Burrell Orchard- Scott**

Our House Elections have been underway this week. Thank you to all our pupils who participated and conducted themselves in such a professional manner. Our new Captains and Vice-Captains will be announced shortly...

**Article 15** : Every child has the right to meet with other children and young people and to join groups and organisations.