

Proposed Road Orders for Giffnock As you may already be aware the proposed changes are on display at Giffnock library, alternatively further details are available on the council website :

<http://www.eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk/giffnock-parking-review>

ERC launched a consultation on the future of early learning and childcare on Monday 11th January 2016 via citizen space and welcome your views. The consultation can be found at:

<https://getinvolved.eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk/education/consultation-on-the-future-of-early-learning-and-c>

General Election I have been advised that our school will be used as a polling station for the Elections on Thursday 5 May 2016 and therefore the school and nursery be closed to all pupils on that day.

Holidays & In-service Days

February break:	Mon 15 & Tue 16 February 2016
Good Friday & Easter Monday	Fri 25 & Mon 28 March
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 12 February 2016 and Tue 31 May 2016

Please remember if you have any compliments , concerns or queries or 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

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Newsletter



January 2016

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back after the Christmas break. I hope everyone had an enjoyable time.

It has been a very busy and exciting week registering our new boys and girls who will be starting Primary 1 in August 2016.



Office Personnel Miss Turner will take over from Mrs Morley as Acting Office Manager and we welcome Mrs Slesser and Mrs Malik to the Giffnock Office Team.

Standardised Testing All primary schools across East Renfrewshire will carry out tests in Numeracy and Literacy during February in primaries 3, 5 and 7.

Website <http://www.sumdog.com> is another useful site for helping your child at home in Numeracy.



Spare Clothing If your child has outgrown any uniform items we would be happy to accept these for our 'emergency box'. Thank you.

Orchardhill Thank you to all who joined us for our end of term celebrations and contributed to our collection of the grand total of £317.81 was gratefully received by Major Deanna Dougan on behalf of The Salvation Army.

The **Pupil Council** is delighted to announce the winners of our competition to design a school motto and logo. The winning logo was designed by Freya in P6. The winning motto was a joint effort between Amy and Grace in P7. **'Working hard, having fun, that's the way we get things done!'**

Look out for the logo and motto around the school.



Parent Council The first meeting of 2016 was held on 11 January and the new chairperson Kirsty Mason welcomed all members. There has been a very good response to recruiting new members and the table gives contact details. I would like to thank Linzie Steele and all previous Parent Council members for their hard work and support since I joined Giffnock. The Parent Council is a great asset to our school and I look forward to continuing to work together. Next meeting is on Monday 22 February 2016 at 7pm.

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Eco Schools Primary 6 and the Eco reps are starting a very exciting environmental project. Working with Greg Brown and Claire Reid (ER Environmental Officer) we are installing a carbon monoxide monitor to analyse the levels of harmful gases over a period of time in Academy Road. By raising awareness we hope to reduce the level of pollution next to our school.



Burns celebrating Scots Language and famous Scots will be a recurrent theme especially this term. We invite all pupils to wear something tartan on Friday 22 January when various Burns activities will be held throughout the school. Our focus for **World Book Day** this year will be Scottish literary characters and authors. We would like to thank the Parent Council for sponsoring our World Book Day workshops with a whole school author visit.