

# Golfhill Primary School, Whitehill Campus

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back to school and the start of session 2016/17! As a school we warmly welcome our new Primary 1 children and their families and hope that you feel part of the school community very quickly. Starting school is an exciting time in the life of a family and we look forward to seeing how the children grow and learn. We look forward to exciting times ahead. We are delighted to welcome back the children in P2-7 also. Across the school the children are getting used to their new classrooms and are settling very well. The whole school looks very smart in their school uniform so thank you for your support with this.

This newsletter provides an overview of life in the school. We hope you find it helpful. If you are a follower of Twitter, you may like to check out the Golfhill Twitter feed. Should you wish to see anything further included in the newsletter, please let the school office know.

## Staffing update

Last session we said goodbye to Mrs Elaine Hunter after many happy years teaching at Golfhill. We are delighted to welcome Miss Kirsty McCarten (P4 teacher) and Miss Rowan Hayworth (P6/5 teacher) to Golfhill. I am certain they will be welcomed into the Golfhill community and that they enjoy and benefit from being with us this session...I know the children will love having them as their teachers. Please see below for staffing for this session:

| Class/role                  | Class Teacher  |
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| P1                          | Mrs Kate Buchanan (Monday – Tuesday)<br>Ms Hazel Sim (Wednesday – Friday)  |
| P2/1                        | Miss Samantha Munro  |
| P3/2                        | Miss Nicole Jamieson   |
| P3                          | Mrs Jane Little (Monday – Wednesday)<br>Mrs Karis Johnstone (Wednesday – Friday)   |
| P4                          | Miss Kirsty McCarten<br>Mrs Ruth Duff  |
| P5/4                        | Mrs Sheena Gray (Monday, Tuesday and alternate Wednesdays)<br>Ms Noelle Ryan (alternate Wednesdays, Thursday and Friday) |
| P6/5                        | Miss Rowan Hayworth<br>Mr Peter Mackin   |
| P7                          | Mrs Nirala Baruah  |
| The Sunshine Room (Nurture) | Miss Catherine Thomson   |
| EAL teacher                 | Ms Marilyn Gordon ( all day Tuesday and Wednesday am)  |
| Clerical                    | Mrs Mary Jones   |
| Clerical                    | Mrs Kay Aitken (Wednesday pm, Thursday and   |

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|                             | Friday pm)          |
| Support for Learning Worker | Mrs Linda Jamieson  |
| Support for Learning Worker | Mrs Pauline Todd    |
| Support for Learning Worker | Mrs Yvonne Davidson |
| Support for Learning Worker | Mr Russell Moore    |
| Support for Learning Worker | Mrs Sandra Trench   |

### **Reminder about security/entering the school**

In our efforts to keep all children safe, we continue to lock the gates at playtime and lunchtime. Similarly, when any visitor, parent/carer comes to the school the foyer window is used in the first instance to speak to either Mrs Jones or Mrs Aitken. The sign in book and visitor badges are located there. Thank you for your support with this.

### **Absence phone line**

Should your child be late or off school, please call the absence phone line on 0141 287 0039.

### **Calendar for session 16/17**

The calendar of activities for this session has been developed. Please see the list of dates at the end of this newsletter. I hope this will help you know what is coming up in the school so you can help prepare your children. As you can imagine some dates will be subject to change however we will let you know of any changes.

### **Ardentinny**

Our P7 children head off to Ardentinny on Monday 22 August for a week long residential experience. This is an exciting start to the school year and one they will remember for years to come. Mrs Nirala Baruah and Mrs Ruth Duff will accompany the children. We look forward to hearing all about their adventures.

### **Sharing expertise across the campus**

We have Child Development Officers (Korinna, Monica, Lyndsay and Joanna) from Westercraigs working with P1 staff and supporting the children as they start Primary 1. We are very grateful that Lesley Morrison HT Westercraigs is supporting us with this. Please say hello to the staff as you see them. The focus for this work will be phonological awareness and play development. There will be the opportunity to share some of this learning particularly with our Primary 1 parents.

### **Health update**

Many classes have already started their Physical Education. You may like to send in a change of clothes for PE on a Monday and wash over the weekend to make sure your child is ready for this.

Please check your child's head regularly for any signs of head lice. Further information can be found at <http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Head-lice/Pages/Introduction.aspx>

### **New classrooms**

We are delighted to say that after an intense few weeks of activity that the new rooms for Golfhill Primary have arrived. The staff and children in P6/5 and P7 are enjoying all the

additional space they have. If you would like to pop into the school to see the new facilities, please feel free to do so on **Monday 22 August at 3pm**. We will be delighted to show you.

### **School improvement**

Work has already started on our improvement plan. Mrs Duff is our Challenge Leader of Learning and is working on literacy as part of our drive to raise attainment. Mrs Duff will be attending a number of training sessions this term to support this. We look forward to her sharing her learning with the rest of the staff. Mrs Duff will also work with some pupils in the school and this will begin shortly.

We are gathering views on reading in Golfhill and how we can improve this. Parents/carers may be asked to complete a short questionnaire online. The link would be emailed but please speak to Mrs Thomson or Mrs Gray if you would prefer to complete a paper copy. It should only take a few minutes to complete. Thank you in advance.

Our other priorities this session include developing our curriculum and meeting learners' needs. Look out for updates on these priorities in future newsletters.

### **Keeping in touch**

As an ECO school, we are keen to reduce the amount of paper we send out. If you have an email address and are happy to receive school news via this, please complete and return the attached slip.

### **Upcoming dates and events**

- Thursday 18 August 6.30pm Ardentenny meeting for P7 parents/carers
- Monday 22 – 26 August P7 Ardentenny residential trip
- Monday 22 August – P5 children from P6/5 meet at swimming pool 8.45 am
- Monday 22 August – SPCA talk with P2-6
- Monday 22 August – 3pm – upper school wing open for parents/carers to see
- Thursday 25 August - P1 Taster Lunch 11.30am – parents/carers welcome
- Friday 26 August – Celebration Assembly for P2-6
- Monday 29 August and Monday 5 September – P7 SOS work with St Denis' Primary
- Tuesday 30 August Parent Council meeting
- Wednesday 31 August Meet the Teacher – 3 – 4pm all parents/carers welcome
- Families in Partnership Literacy Workshops will take place 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> September at 3pm - more information to follow.  
Monday 5 September – P1 children in all day 8.45 am – 2.45 pm
- Wednesday 14 September P4-7 Hopscotch Theatre performance 'This is my life'
- Friday 23 and Monday 26 September – holiday weekend
- Friday 30 September – non- uniform day
- Families in Partnership Numeracy Workshops – 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> October and 1st November
- 14 October – In-service day – no children at school
- 17 – 21 October – school holiday
- 28 October – Celebration Assembly

I look forward to seeing you at the 'Meet the teacher event'. Mairi Thomson Head Teacher



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**OUT OF SCHOOL CARE SURVEY**

**Dear Parents/Carers**

Glasgow City Council recognises the role that good quality Out of School Childcare can play in helping parents to sustain or take up employment and improving outcomes for children and has set out a vision to provide high quality education and child care, in all early years' establishments and extended services across the City.

The Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014, Early Learning and Childcare Statutory Guidance, outlines the relevance to support parents to work, train or study, especially those who need routes into employment and out of poverty: Out of School Care services can promote this aim and would like to seek the views of parents and carers in relation to their current and future need for Out of School Childcare for children aged 4 to 16. This information will inform the future development of Out of School Childcare across the city.

Can you please assist by completing the Out of School Care Survey by close of business 4 September 2016?

The Out of School Care Survey can be accessed for completion as follows:

- 1 On line via Survey Monkey: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/8W2BGCD>
- 2 On line via the Glasgow Family Information Service: <http://www.gfis.org.uk/> News and Events / Out of School Care Survey
- 3 On line via Glasgow City Council: <https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/> / News and Events / Out of School Care Survey
- 4 Please call Glasgow City Council, CBS Early Years Support on 0141 287 4883, Monday – Friday 9am – 5pm. Staff will be happy to record your answers by telephone and /or email you the link to the Out of School Care Survey.

Should you have any questions in respect of the above Survey please call Glasgow City Council, Early Years' Service for assistance.

Contact details: Pauline Millar 0141 287 4887 or Bernadette Haggerty 0141 276 6845