

# Newsletter September 2019



# Message from Head Teacher

The start of this school year has flown by, and I can hardly believe we've reached the September weekend already!

Across the school, teachers and support staff have been working hard to provide our children with the best possible learning experiences. The impact of this can be seen in the high levels of engagement and enthusiasm from the vast majority of our young people.

Where learners do need extra help, a range of interventions and support groups are available. We also regularly seek advice and guidance from different agencies, and our practice is adapted accordingly.

As noted in our vision for the school:

We celebrate our diversity and tolerance, and provide a welcoming and nurturing environment where **everyone** is accepted and supported.

Your support and understanding in helping us to meet this vision is greatly appreciated.

As always, if there is anything you would like to discuss, or something that I can help with, please do not hesitate to contact me.



Yours, Barbon

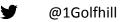
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### **Glasgow Science Centre**



*Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct:* P1, P2 and P3

Miss Munro has been busy organising trips for every class to visit Glasgow Science Centre over the next couple of weeks. We are delighted to offer these entirely free-of-charge.

*Mon 7<sup>th</sup> Oct:* Р4вм, Р4мD and Р5 *Tue 8<sup>th</sup> Oct:* Р6н, Р6J and Р7

MINUTES LATE PER DAY

If you are late by the following number of minutes eac and every day, the numbers on the right show how much learning has been mixed)

5 minutes

10 minutes

15 minutes

20 minutes

30 minutes

# Parents' Evening

Our first Parents' Evening takes place on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October. Appointment times are being collated, and will be issued shortly. We look forward to seeing as many of our families there as possible.



HOW MANY SCHOOL

DAYS/SCHOOL WEEKS

MISSED IN I YEAR

3.4 school days

1.4 school weeks

2.6 school

weeks

2.8 school

weeks

4 school weeks

#### Late-coming

I wrote about late-coming in the February 2019 newsletter, noting the fact that, on average, there were forty pupils late each day.

Since then, there has been a big improvement, thanks to increased awareness and new signage. Everyone's efforts are appreciated.

We are still averaging around 13 late-comings a day (equating to 7% of the school roll), and on the worst days there are 24.

Being on time is so important, as the table illustrates...

We will continue to monitor the situation, but I am confident things will continue to improve. If you are dropping your child(ren) off late, for whatever reason, please ensure you check-in with the office staff, and remain in the foyer.

#### Photographer



As you know, the school photographer recently visited us. We will distribute the samples as soon as we get them. We have no exact timescale for this, but it should not take too long.

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Clothing (just another wee reminder...!)

#### Labelling

Please take a moment to label your child(ren)'s clothes. This will help us reunite jumpers and jackets with their owners when they are invariably left lying around!



#### **Clothing bank**

Please remember about the clothing bank we have in the foyer. Everyone is welcome to help themselves from it, and we welcome any donations to add to it.



A wee reminder that, as per Glasgow City Council policy, **no football strips** should be worn at school regardless of team or country. This includes tops, shorts and tracksuits.

# Car park

Due to an increased number of staff across the Whitehill Campus (which comprises Westercraigs Nursery, Golfhill Primary and Whitehill Secondary), we must ask that the car



park is respected as a staff car park, and **not** a drop-off / pick-up point.

There is very little room to manoeuvre at the best of times, and we have had reports about vehicles and people almost being hit. This cannot continue.

Thank you in advance for your co-operation in this matter.

#### Weather

As we approach another Scottish winter, the weather will be getting increasingly unpredictable, and there's every chance we will experience *four seasons in one day*!

We want our children to be outdoors as much as possible, which has always been the case at Golfhill. Please send your child(ren) to school with an appropriate jacket or coat, and any other accessories necessary to stay warm (hat, gloves, scarfs etc).

Children will only be kept indoors at playtime and lunchtime in the case of extreme weather. Conditions will be judged and decisions made accordingly and as timeously as possible.



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# Upcoming dates for your diary

September Weekend	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> and Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> September
<i>Non-uniform day</i> (wear <b>red</b> )	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> October No donations required
Parents' Evening	Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> October
In-service Day (no pupils)	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> October
October Week	Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October
In-service Day (no pupils)	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November
School closes for Christmas	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December @ <b>14:15</b>
Christmas and New Year holiday	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December – Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> January
In-service Day (no pupils)	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> February
Mid-term Break	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February
In-service Day (no pupils)	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> February
Open Afternoon	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February @ <b>14:00</b>
School closes for Spring Break	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April @ <b>14:15</b>
Spring Break	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> April
May Day holiday	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May
In-service Day (no pupils)	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> May
Parents' Evening	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May
May Weekend	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> and Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May
Sports Day	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June (tbc)
Fun Day	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> June (tbc)
School closes for Summer	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June @ <b>12:45</b>

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