



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,



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Glasgow Science Centre



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.

Wed 2nd Oct: P1, P2 and P3

Mon 7th Oct: P4BM, P4MD and P5

Tue 8th Oct: P6H, P6J and P7

Parents' Evening

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



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...

MINUTES LATE PER DAY <small>(If you are late by the following number of minutes each and every day, the numbers on the right show how much learning has been missed)</small>	HOW MANY SCHOOL DAYS/SCHOOL WEEKS MISSED IN 1 YEAR
5 minutes	3.4 school days
10 minutes	1.4 school weeks
15 minutes	2.6 school weeks
20 minutes	2.8 school weeks
30 minutes	4 school weeks

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.

Football colours / slogans



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

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

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