



Newsletter

November 2020



Message from Head Teacher

Dear families,

The nights are fair drawing in, there's a definite nip in the air, and now Glasgow is heading for Tier 4 restrictions... but we are still here and open for business.

I fully appreciate how anxious people are feeling just now, right across our community. Please know that we have worked hard to make our school as safe as possible. This is not only for our learners, but for the staff as well, all of whom have families of their own they are worried about.

We really are all in this together, and we appreciate your ongoing support.

Details of all the measures we have in place can be found in the *COVID19 Updates - November 2020* section of our website.

At the end of this newsletter, you will find a useful guide with details of all the activities we have planned over the next few weeks. While our celebrations will inevitably be different, we will try to bring as much festive cheer to our young people as possible.

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.

In the meantime, stay safe and well, and follow all the latest Scottish Government advice.



Yours,

Iain Morrow
Head Teacher

Staffing update

We have recently welcomed Mrs Kealey to Golfhill, joining our wonderful team in the office. Mrs Kealey comes to us with a wealth of experience of working in schools across Glasgow, and is delighted to be here.

Our DHT vacancy has been advertised, and interviews are being held on Thursday 26th November. There were 11 applicants, four of whom have made it through to interview.

We will update you when the successful candidate has been chosen.

Our values:

Respect

Equality

Safe

Reminder of times

Just a reminder that our school day currently runs as follows...

P1, P2, P4, P5J and P7c	08:45 – 14:45
P3, P5BD, P6, and P7H	09:00 – 15:00



Physical distancing and face coverings



We kindly remind adults to wear a face covering whenever they are in the playground, and to maintain 2m physical distance from each other.

Please also stay behind the red line.

We are very grateful that these measures have been followed so well – thank you everyone!

Attendance

Just a reminder that no-one should come into the school building if they, or anyone else in their household, display any of the symptoms associated with COVID-19:

- new and continuous cough
- fever or high temperature
- loss or change of taste/smell

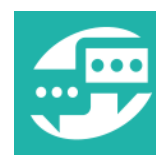


Other illnesses are still around, and the usual advice about these should still be followed. For example, in the event of sickness or diarrhoea, pupils should not attend for 48 hours after the last occurrence.

Information about health-related matters can be found at: <https://www.nhsinform.scot/>.

Xpressions app

We continue to encourage all families to download the free *Groupcall Xpressions* app, which is available on all smartphones.



The app gives families an easy way to get updates and information from the school, and all you need to use it is the email address you have registered with the school office.

Thank you to everyone already signed up!

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Warm clothing

To help with ventilation, our windows are being kept open at all times. This may mean that classrooms are a bit chillier than usual.



As per local authority guidance, we suggest that pupils bring an extra jumper, cardigan or hoodie to school, to put on whenever necessary.

Please note, we are more than happy to relax our uniform policy for this. We just ask that items of clothing do not feature offensive slogans or imagery, and that no football colours are worn.

Please also remember jackets, scarves and gloves etc for when children are outside.



Parent's Evening

As you will remember, our first Parent's Evening consultations of this year were carried out by telephone.

All our teachers were happy to do this, and enjoyed the opportunity to talk with families, but further national guidance has been issued since then, stating that *class teachers should not be expected to report on progress to parents through phone calls or on-line meetings*.

As this guidance lasts until Spring Break, we will be looking at how we can report on progress differently and creatively, while being mindful of workload issues for staff.

We will be in a better position to move this forward in January.



Dates for your diary

<i>Christmas and New Year holiday</i>	Wednesday 23 rd December – Tuesday 5 th January
<i>Pupils return to school</i>	Wednesday 6 th January @ 08:45 / 09:00
<i>Mid-term break</i>	Friday 5 th , Monday 8 th and Tuesday 9 th February
<i>In-service Day (no pupils)</i>	Wednesday 10 th February
<i>School closes for Spring Break</i>	Thursday 1 st April @ 14:15 / 14:30
<i>Spring Break</i>	Friday 2 nd – Friday 16 th April



Please see next page for all the Christmas dates and details...



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Christmas 2020 @ Golfhill



- Fri 27th Nov** Non-uniform day St. Andrew's Day theme (Scotland / tartan etc)
Fundraiser for school funds
Pennies or pounds – any contribution gratefully received!
- Tue 1st Dec** Launch of *Reverse Advent Calendar* (putting in, rather than taking out!)
- We are asking families to donate one item a day throughout December (as often or as little as you like or are able), with all donations going to the Everlasting Food Bank on Whitehill Street.
- Items to donate include:* tinned and dried goods, toiletries, pet food, baby milk.
- Mon 7th Dec** Christmas craft catalogue and order forms distributed, and adverts posted on *Teams*.
- * Please see letter from Miss Munro, distributed on 16/11/20, for more information **
- Tue 8th Dec** Christmas Lunch
- * Please see letter distributed on 19/11/20 for choices and order form **
(older pupils may have made their choices in class)
- Fri 11th Dec** Christmas Jumper Day *Charity fundraiser for Save the Children*
Pennies or pounds – any contribution gratefully received!
- w/b: 14/12/20** Nativity *Whoops-a-Daisy Angel*
- P1 will be staging a Nativity show online this year. Further information will be sent directly to the families of our P1 parents.
- Thu 17th Dec** Whole-school Christmas show (*in own classes, online via Teams*)
- All classes will be filmed performing a Christmas song (this will be done outside to comply with current guidance that pupils should not be singing inside), or reciting a Christmas poem.
- Class performances will be posted on *Teams* so families can see them.
- Fri 18th Dec** Whole-school Christmas Quiz (*in own classes, online via Teams*)
- Mon 21st Dec** Christmas parties (*in own classes*)
- Forest Trail – *Walking in a Winter Wonderland*
- Tue 22nd Dec** School closes at **14:15** (P1, P2, P4, P5J, P7C)
- School closes at **14:30** (P3, P5BD, P6, P7H)

