



# Newsletter

## March 2022

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### Message from Head Teacher

Dear families,

As we approach Spring Break, it is reassuring to reflect on the fact that we have now completed four whole terms without a return to online learning (*term 4 before last summer, and the first three terms of this school year*). Long may this continue!

This has been achieved, in large part, by some COVID restrictions remaining in school. These are measured and proportionate, and in place to keep everyone as safe as possible.

You can help by not sending your child to school if they are displaying any COVID symptoms:

- New and persistent cough
- Change or loss in taste or smell
- High temperature

We know that fresh air is a good thing in the fight against COVID, so we continue to get outside as much as possible. This includes visiting the Alexandra Park Sports Hub, which is a great local resource.

Just a reminder that, during the Scottish springtime, there's every chance of seeing all four seasons in one day. Therefore it's always worthwhile wearing sensible shoes, and having a waterproof jacket.

Speaking of outdoor education, P7 are all geared up and ready for their trip to Aviemore next week. Huge thanks to Margaret (P7 mum) for connecting us with Urban Fox who are facilitating the trip, and to Miss Kirkland for pulling everything together to make it happen.

Look out for lots of exciting things coming up across the school in Term 4! In the meantime, thank you for your continuing support. As always, if there is anything you would like to discuss, or something that I can help with, please do get in touch.



Yours,

Iain Morrow  
Head Teacher

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## Parents' Evening



You should have received an appointment time for your telephone conversation with your child(ren)'s teacher. These will take place over the next couple of weeks.

If you did not get one, or you have lost the information, please contact us for details.

## Latecoming



Our school day runs from 08:45 until 14:45. It is vital that pupils are on time in the morning, to get ready for the day and make the most of learning experiences.

We also ask that pupils are collected on time, to prevent unnecessary anxiety. It is not uncommon for some pupils to be collected up to 25 minutes after hometime.

We understand everyone runs late sometimes, but please let us know if this is the case. It's also really important that you inform us if anyone different or new is collecting your child.

## Online safety

We have been receiving an increasing number of complaints from pupils and parents regarding inappropriate use of social media and online platforms.

The problems appear to be:

- The use of private or direct messaging to send abusive, threatening and intimidating messages
- This includes racist, sexist and homophobic language
- Sending photos, copied from other social media accounts, which have been edited to cause humiliation and distress
- Sharing of gossip and misinformation



As these problems occur outwith the school day and environment, there are limits to what we can realistically be expected to deal with, so your support is invaluable.



Could we ask that you closely monitor your children while they are using their mobile devices, tablets and consoles. Please bear in mind that all social media and messaging apps have a minimum user age, none of which are below 13 years old.

If you have any concerns about your child's online activity, the *Child Exploitation and Online Protection* (CEOP) website contains a wealth of information: [www.ceop.police.uk](http://www.ceop.police.uk)

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## Assemblies



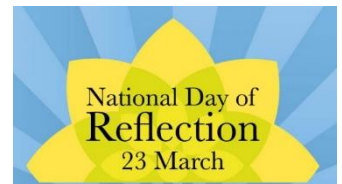
We are delighted to say that assemblies are allowed to take place again!

Assemblies are a wonderful opportunity for everyone to get together, and celebrate success and achievement.

We also get to sing some of our favourite assembly songs, remind ourselves of the school values, and learn about different religious and cultural events.

## Non-uniform days

On Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, we are asking everyone to go non-uniform, and wear yellow in recognition of the National Day of Reflection.



This is a day to reflect on the hard work and sacrifices we've all made over the last couple of years, and remember those no longer with us.

On this day, we are asking for donations, with all money raised going to Marie Curie. Thank you in advance for your generosity. *Pennies or pounds... all welcome!*

The last two days of term (Thu 31<sup>st</sup> March and Fri 1<sup>st</sup> April) will also be non-uniform. No money required – this is just for fun, and to get us in the mood for Spring Break!



## Ukraine appeal

Thank you to everyone who has donated items to our Ukraine appeal, in support of those fleeing from the conflict. It is very much appreciated.

We will be accepting donations of the following until Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March...

- Baby clothes
- Children's clothes
- Nappies
- Baby wipes
- Medical supplies (bandages, plasters etc)
- Feminine hygiene products
- Hats, gloves and scarves



We will be adding our items to the collection at Haghill Park Primary. Everything will be picked up there by a local charity, *Nessie*, and transported to the Polish-Ukrainian border.

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Please ensure you register with *ParentPay*. You can contact the school office if you need your log-in information again.

Moving forward, lunch choices will need to be made in advance via the *ParentPay* website, so it's really important your account is set-up as soon as possible. Thank you to everyone who has already done this: we are now up to **61%** activation.

## Dates for your diary

Non-uniform ( <i>wear yellow</i> )	Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March ( <i>donations for charity</i> )
Whitehill Car Boot Sale	Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> March ( <i>our Parent Council have a stall</i> )
Clocks go forward	Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> March ( <i>01:00 → 02:00</i> )
Non-uniform	Thu 31 <sup>st</sup> March and Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> April ( <i>no money</i> )
<i>School closes for Spring Break</i>	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> April @ <b>14:15</b>
Spring Break	Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> – Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> April
School returns	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> April @ <b>08:45</b>
May Day holiday	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May
<i>In-service Day</i> (no pupils)	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> May ( <i>to coincide with local elections</i> )
May long weekend	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May
Fun Day	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> June ( <i>more information to follow</i> )
Platinum Jubilee long weekend	Thu 2 <sup>nd</sup> and Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> June
School closes for summer	Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> June @ <b>12:45</b>
Schools reopens to pupils	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> August @ <b>12:45</b>

## Stay informed

You can keep up to date with what's going on in the following ways...

- Look out for notes and letters coming home in bags
- Twitter: @1Golfhill
- Website: <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/gc/golfhill/>
- Parent Council Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/golfhillprimaryparentcouncil/>



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