



Newsletter

April 2024

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Message from Head Teacher



Welcome to Term 4, and the final push before the summer holidays! Longer days and brighter skies are certainly putting a spring in our step!

Unfortunately, there is a bit of gloom on the horizon. You'll have seen the headlines about the devastating cuts to education in Glasgow.



While we are still waiting to see how this affects us directly at Golfhill, it is safe to say there will be fewer staff and less money available. Across the city, 172 teachers are being lost (and that's just the beginning).

Our Parent Council have been working hard on a campaign for all families to voice their concerns, and we strongly encourage everyone to get involved.

However, we will carry on providing the best learning experiences and environment we possibly can for our young people, with the resources we have. We simply ask for your patience and understanding when some of the supports we currently offer cease to exist.

In nicer news, we have begun planning something a bit special for this term... over the last few years, we have held highly successful Fun Days, but instead this year, we intend to take the whole school out for a summer trip! We'll get more info to you as soon as we can.



We also intend to hold a Sports Day sometime in June. Who can forget last year, when in a highly unusual turn of events for Glasgow, we had to cancel due to it being too hot!

As always, if you have any concerns or questions, or if there's anything I can help with, please do not hesitate to contact me.



Yours,

Iain Morrow

Our values:

Respect

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Homework Survey



At our Parents' Evening on Wed 27th March, we conducted a Homework Survey.

This was a follow-up to our Homework Referendum at the previous Parents' Evening, where **60%** of respondents answered **YES** to the question: *Should homework be given at Golfhill Primary?*

Here all the results of the survey... (**70** responses received)

Question 1: How important is homework?

Very important **39%** Important **40%** Not important **21%**

Question 2: What should homework consist of?

(multiple options chosen)

Reading **53/70** Creativity **45/70**
Numeracy **50/70** Spelling **43/70**
Writing **39/70** Wellbeing **36/70**

Question 3: What words best describe the homework experience in your household?

(multiple options chosen)

Engaging **23/70** Interesting **20/70** Frustrating **12/70**
Demanding **10/70** Tiresome **7/70** Useful **21/70**
Fun **22/70** Irrelevant **5/70** Not done **10/70**
Stressful **14/70** Successful **16/70** Informative **12/70**

Question 4: We may move towards issuing homework online, using Microsoft Teams. Thoughts?

Yes please! **26%** Happy to try **48%**
Not bothered **10%** No way! **16%**

Question 5: Other comments...

- Weekly rather than monthly
- Relate it to class work
- Love to see progress in reading
- Please keep screens out of homework
- We have issues getting homework done
- Design it to develop individual talents
- Homework should just be playing
- Love the current format
- I want my children working at home
- Need to incentivise homework
- Bring back jotters and worksheets
- Hard to get homework done due to schedules
- Give fewer choices
- More wellbeing homework would be good

With such a mixed bag of results, we will now spend time considering next steps. We'll let you know about any changes or updates when we return after summer.

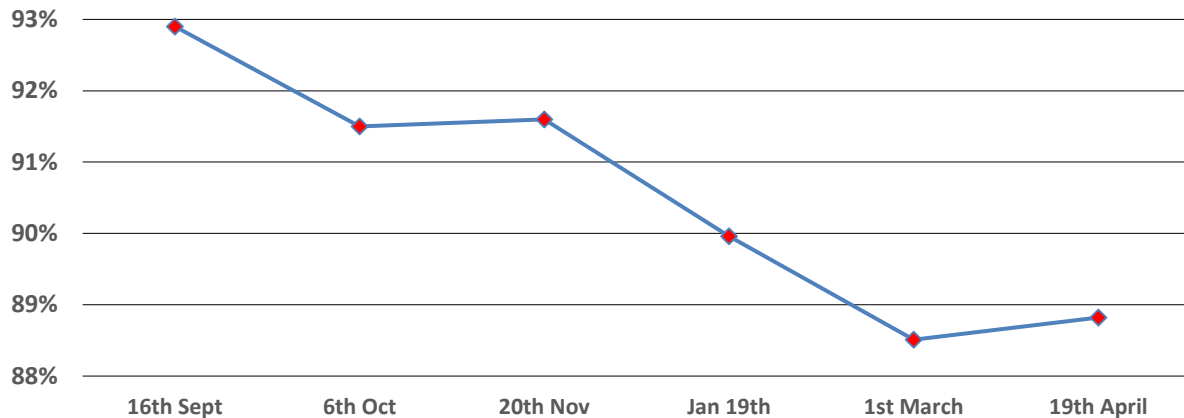
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Attendance and latecoming

The average attendance for the whole school in Term 3 was **88.82%**.

This is *very slightly* up from the average for January and February alone, but **down** from previous checkpoints during this school year...



P1	91.39%	↑
P2	88.48%	↓
P3	85.92%	↓
P4	90.91%	↑
P5	89.89%	↓
P6	87.78%	↓
P7	87.36%	↑

Attendance levels and what they mean...

P3	85.92%	↓	98% or more	4 days off
P4	90.91%	↑	Between 95% and 97%	5 to 10 days off
P5	89.89%	↓	Between 90% and 94%	11 to 19 days off
P6	87.78%	↓	Between 81% and 89%	20 to 27 days off
P7	87.36%	↑	Less than 80%	Over 38 days off

Also, due to latecoming, many children across the school regularly miss between **one hour** and **one day** of education each week. This is hugely detrimental to wellbeing and progress.

Please be ready to line up outside at **08:45**.

At the end of the day, a number of pupils are **still** not being collected on time. Please ensure arrangements are made to have your children collected at **14:45**.



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Please continue to leave at home...

Chewing gum



Football strips / colours
(of *any* club, team or nation)



Any drink **other than** water or fruit juice



Any snacks which contain nuts
(this includes anything with Nutella, and Kinder Bueno products, as they contain hazelnuts)



Dates for your diary

In-service Day (no pupils)

Friday 3rd May (please note change of date)

May Day holiday

Monday 6th May

May Weekend

Friday 24th and Monday 27th May

Summer trip

June (tbc)

Sports Day

June (tbc)

P7 Leavers' Assembly

June (tbc)

Reports issued

week beginning: Mon 24th June

School closes for summer

Wednesday 26th June @ 12:45

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