



Newsletter

August 2024

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Message from Head Teacher

Dear families,

It is a pleasure to be issuing the first newsletter of the new school year, and welcoming you all back to school. A special *hello* is extended to our new P1 pupils, who have been settling in well.

We also have new pupils in classes across different years. Thank you to all our families for choosing, and continuing to support, our school. We are mindful of the fact that, within our local area, there are a number of schools that you could choose, so it really is appreciated.

Once again, we have **seven** classes across the school, as well as The Sunshine Room.



Cuts to the education budget across Glasgow mean we have fewer staff than ever before, but we will continue to provide the best possible learning experiences and opportunities we can.



As we move further towards more sustainable working practices, we will still issue paper newsletters, but larger documents will be put on our website. You will be signposted to them via links and QR codes.

We had a lot to celebrate last year, and all our successes and achievements can be found in our [Standards and Quality Report](#).

You'll also find information about our improvement priorities for this year.



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We are delighted to invite you to our Open Afternoon on Friday 6th September. Join us from 13:45, and spend some time in your child(ren)'s class and meet their new teacher.

I hope you find the information contained in this newsletter useful. If you have any concerns or questions, or if there's anything I can help with, please do not hesitate to contact me.

I wish you and your family all the best for the school year ahead.



Yours,

Iain Morrow
Head Teacher

Our values:

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School hours



Gentle reminder... our school day runs from **08:45** until **14:45**.

Due to latecoming, some pupils have missed between one hour and one day of education each week. It is important to be in the playground for the bell ringing at **08:45**.

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

At home-time...

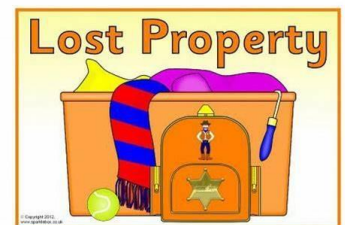
Please let us know if someone different is collecting your child at home-time (for example, a family member we haven't met before, or if they're going on a play-date).

We know there are lots of friendship groups and family relationships across the school, but we just need to know who's collecting who. This just keeps us right and everyone safe.

Similarly, if your child is to start walking home themselves, when previously they've been picked up, let us know that too.

Names / labels on personal items

Our pupils come to us with a myriad different talents and abilities, and impress us every day with their learning. However, one major skill which could be better across the school is... **looking after things!**



You can help us with this by...

- labelling everything, especially items of clothing (*as so many things look the same*)
- reminding your child(ren) to place things where they belong
- encouraging them to remember where they've left items (*jackets, jumpers, lunch boxes etc*)
- asking them to check they leave school each day with everything they arrived with

Pantomime

Following the success of our trip to the King's Theatre last year to see *Snow White*, we have once again arranged to take the whole school to the pantomime.

This year's panto is **Peter Pan**, which is sure to hook everyone in!

We'll be doing fundraising for this, but early notice: we'll be seeking **£8** per pupil from families. NB: The total cost to the school is **£3365**.



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Homework



Further to extensive consultation last session, full details of which were published in our April 2024 newsletter, we have made some changes to our approach to homework.

Each child will be issued with a folder which will contain a jotter, *SumDog* log-in details, pencils, an eraser and a ruler. This will ensure equity of opportunity.

The homework issued may vary across different year groups, but in general it will be:

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| Weekly | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Spelling practice• Numeracy (SumDog) challenge• Reading |
| Each term | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A creative challenge linked to the class' topic work <p><i>NB: There'll be a prize in each class for the best submission every term!</i></p> |
| Flexible | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Additional work may be issued to consolidate understanding• Any work not finished in class may be sent home for completion |

Wellbeing

We have pupils at Golfhill with nut allergies.



Please ensure that playtime snacks and packed lunches do not contain any nuts.



Please provide your child with a full water bottle each day.

Staying hydrated is really important!

NB: this includes Kinder Buenos and anything with Nutella (both contain hazelnuts).

Remember that fizzy drinks, energy drinks and chewing gum **should never** be brought to school. We encourage healthy snacks where possible.

Outdoor learning



We aim to get our pupils outdoors as much as possible. This will inevitably mean that pupils (and staff!) will be out in the rain, so please provide your child with a waterproof jacket and appropriate footwear.

The weather in Glasgow is unpredictable, so regardless of the forecast, we recommend coming prepared for all seasons.

NB: Playground staff are forever asking pupils to put their jackets on outside, but it's a losing battle, whatever the weather. We really do try though!

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Dates for your diary

<i>Open Afternoon</i>	Friday 6 th September from 13:45
<i>September Weekend</i>	Friday 27 th and Monday 30 th September
<i>Parents' Evenings</i>	Tuesday 8 th October 15:30 – 18:00 Thursday 10 th October 15:30 – 18:00
<i>In-service Day</i> (no pupils)	Friday 11 th October
<i>October Week</i>	Monday 14 th – Friday 18 st October
<i>School Photographer</i>	Thursday 31 st October
<i>Hallowe'en celebrations</i>	Friday 1 st November (<i>pupils may wear fancy dress</i>)
<i>Flu vaccinations</i>	Friday 15 th November
<i>Trip to pantomime</i> (Peter Pan)	Wednesday 18 th December
<i>School closes for Christmas</i>	Friday 20 th December @ 14:15
<i>Christmas and New Year holiday</i>	Monday 23 rd December – Friday 3 rd January
<i>Pupils return to school</i>	Monday 6 th January
<i>Open Afternoon</i>	Friday 14 th February from 13:45
<i>Mid-term break</i>	Monday 17 th and Tuesday 18 th February
<i>In-service Day</i> (no pupils)	Wednesday 19 th February
<i>Purple Friday</i>	Friday 28 th February (<i>wear purple to celebrate diversity</i>)
<i>Parents' Evening</i>	Thursday 3 rd April (to be confirmed)
<i>School closes for Spring Break</i>	Friday 4 th April @ 14:15
<i>Spring Break</i>	Monday 7 th April – Monday 21 st April
<i>Pupils return to school</i>	Tuesday 22 nd April
<i>May Day holiday</i>	Monday 5 th May
<i>In-service Day</i> (no pupils)	Thursday 22 nd May
<i>May Weekend</i>	Friday 23 rd and Monday 26 th May
<i>Reports issued</i>	week beginning Mon 23 rd June
<i>Schools closes for summer</i>	Wednesday 25 th June @ 12:45

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