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# Message from Head Teacher

Dear families,



As we fast approach the end of Term 1, the weather is changing, the nights are beginning to draw in, and Strictly is back on the telly... autumn is definitely in the air!

Before we reach the October break, though, we have the September weekend coming up (no school on Fri 27th or Mon 30th).

Then we have our Parents' Evenings. In a change to previous years, we are running these over two evenings: Tue 8th Oct and Thu 10th Oct, both until 18:00. Appointment slips have been issued, and we look forward to seeing you at your allocated day and time.

During these Parents' Evenings, we will be starting the process of refreshing our school values. Our current values – Respect, Safe, Equality – have served us well for a number of years, but it's time for an update.

School is closed to pupils on Friday 11th October for our in-service day. Staff will be undertaking a variety of professional learning, before enjoying a well-earned week off. School will re-open to everyone on Monday 21st October at 08:45.



At the risk of sounding like a broken record, can I please remind everyone that our school day runs from 08:45 until 14:45.

The names of those arriving late in the morning are recorded, and from next week, this will extend to anyone being collected late at the end of the day.

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 upcoming holidays – enjoy, and stay warm!



Yours, Iain Morrow Head Teacher

Our values:

## Things to bear in mind...

#### Dogs



Dogs should not be brought into the playground. We have pupils with a fear of dogs, and unfortunately we've also had issues with fouling. We appreciate your help with this.

### Car park



Our car park is for the use of staff only, and should not be used as a pick-up and drop-off facility. It is already incredibly busy, with staff from three establishments using it, and there is simply no room for more traffic.

# Fast-food

It would be appreciated if families **did not** hand in fast-food items, such as McDonald's, for their children at lunchtime. Best to keep this for a treat after school... 🚱



#### Uniform

All pupils are expected to wear a uniform. We are flexible in our approach to this, being mindful of different preferences and the cost of the school day.

Our school colours are navy and sky-blue.

NB: Items with the school badge on them look great, but there's no obligation to buy them.

NB2: Please label items of clothing with your child(ren)'s names!

# **Fundraising**



Help us raise money for school funds with easyfundraising! Simply do your usual online shopping, but do it via the easyfundraising website.

Visit: <a href="https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/">https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/</a>

Click on: Find a cause

Search for: Golfhill Primary School – Glasgow

Click on: Sign up and support this cause

Create an account (takes moments), or log-in to an existing account.

Once logged on, choose your retailer, do your shopping, and let *easyfundraising* do the rest!



With support from our Parent Council, we have signed up to Asda's *Cashpots for Schools* initiative.

First, download the free Asda Rewards app.

Navigate to the Cashpots for Schools section.

Choose our school by searching via postcode: G31 2QF

Scan your app every time you shop at Asda!

Watch the pennies roll in!

Our values:

#### Pantomime (reminder)

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**.



# School photographer

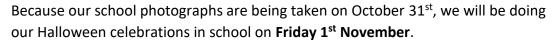


Our photographer, Tempest, will be visiting us on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October to take individual and family photographs. Please note that this only includes siblings who attend Golfhill!

They will also be offering class photographs, which were a big hit last year. Look out for permission slips coming out just after the October holiday, which **must** be returned if you wish your child(ren) to be in the class photo.

*NB:* P1 had an extra photograph taken recently, for publication in the *Glasgow Times* newspaper. This will be published sometime in the next few weeks.

#### Halloween





Children are welcome to come to school dressed up in their Halloween costumes, but there is no obligation to do so. Anyone opting not to dress up may come in non-uniform.

Costumes and make-up will need to be done at home.

Those who do dress up must note that **no accessories** of any kind are allowed in school, including masks, swords, knives, wands, guns, tridents etc. This helps prevent loss and injury.

There will be spooky activities throughout the day, including a virtual quiz and class parties.

#### Free bus travel

Don't forget, everyone under 22 years old and living in Scotland is eligible for free nationwide bus travel.

To apply for a National Entitlement Card, please visit freebus.scot



Our values:

# Dates for your diary



Parents' Evenings Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 15:30 – 18:00

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October 15:30 – 18:00

In-service Day (no pupils) Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October

October Week Monday 14<sup>th</sup> – Friday 18<sup>st</sup> October

Pupils return to school Monday 21st October @ 08:45

School Photographer Thursday 31st October

Hallowe'en celebrations Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November (pupils may wear fancy dress)

Flu vaccinations Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November

*Trip to pantomime* (Peter Pan) Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December

School closes for Christmas Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December @ 14:15

Christmas and New Year holiday Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January

Pupils return to school Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January

*Open Afternoon* Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February from 13:45

Mid-term break Monday 17<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February

In-service Day (no pupils) Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February

Purple Friday Purple Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February (wear purple to celebrate diversity)

Parents' Evening Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April (to be confirmed)

School closes for Spring Break Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April @ 14:15

Spring Break Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April – Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April

Pupils return to school Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April

May Day holiday Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May

In-service Day (no pupils) Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

May Weekend Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May

Reports issued week beginning Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> June

Schools closes for summer Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June @ 12:45

Our values:

Respect Safe

Equality