



Newsletter

September 2024

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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

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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: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/>

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!

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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 31st 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

Because our school photographs are being taken on October 31st, we will be doing our Halloween celebrations in school on **Friday 1st November**.



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**

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Dates for your diary

<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>Pupils return to school</i>	Monday 21 st October @ 08:45
<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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