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Message from Head Teacher

Dear families,

We hope everyone has been enjoying this wonderful weather recently. It's certainly raised our spirits, and got us primed and ready for the final few weeks of the school year.



One of the biggest talking points around this time is next year's teachers... I am delighted to be able to reveal the following...

Nurture	Mrs Blyth	Sunshine Room
P1	Mrs Macleod	Current P1 classroom
P2	Ms Bradbury	Current P2 classroom
Р3	Miss Allan and Ms Buchanan	Current P3 classroom
P4	Miss Jamieson	Current P7 classroom
P5	Miss Munro and Mr Hay	Current P4 classroom
P6	Mrs Duff and [probationer - name tbc]	Current P6 classroom
P7	Mrs Smith	Current P5 classroom



Pupils will have a couple of opportunities to spend time with their new teachers before summer. In addition, transition conversations will take place between teachers across the school to ensure smooth starts in August.

Our P7 class will be spending two full days at Whitehill on June 5th and 6th, as they prepare for the big move to secondary school. We'd like to take this opportunity to wish them all the very best as they embark on new adventures and experiences.

If there's anything I can help with before the end of term, please do get in touch.



Attendance



We have continued to monitor attendance rates, in line with established procedures, and Glasgow City Council's Attendance Matters Every Day campaign.

Please see the table below for average attendances per class per term. You'll see there are very mixed results.

	P1	P2	Р3	P4	P5	Р6	P7	Whole school
Term 1	91.47%	87.22%	89.76%	89.85%	91.56%	92.55%	90.72%	90.53%
Term 2	91.89%	92.43%	89.80%	89.30%	91.43%	89.85%	89.81%	90.44%
Term 3	90.24%	88.47%	88.03%	92.16%	91.65%	91.53%	92.08%	90.56%
Term 4 (to May 16th)	94.25%	88.87%	86.20%	85.58%	83.05%	90.89%	92.42%	88.58%
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The Attendance Matters Every Day campaign wishes to highlight the value of going to school, beyond learning: developing life skills, friendships, and future opportunities.

Tesco tokens – reminder!



We have been selected by Tesco to take part in their Stronger Start initiative. Huge thanks to Ms Bradbury and the Parent Council for making this happen.



Whenever you shop in Tesco, you should be given a blue token with which you can vote for a good cause to get money. We are one of their causes!

The more tokens we get, the more money we will get! You can collect tokens in any Tesco store, but you can only vote for us in two of their city centre Tesco Express shops:

Merchant City High Street (Glasgow)→ Get shopping and get voting! (High Street) (our collection jar will be available April to June) MERCHANT CITY Tesco Expres Tesco Expres Trongate

Trading cards



We have seen a rise in the number of pupils bringing football and Pokémon cards into school.



Unfortunately, there have been a few issues regarding the trading of these cards (unequal trades, changed minds etc).

We therefore ask that these cards are not brought into school, just to save any disputes or disappointments!

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 their stuff!**



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

We've also included this as part of our value of Respect – respecting and looking after own own belongings.

Xpressions app



We continue to encourage all families to download the **free** *Groupcall Xpressions* app, which is available on all smartphones.

The app gives families an easy way to get updates and information from the school, and all you need to use it is the email address you have registered with us.



It doesn't cost us anything to send messages to the app, and you can reply directly to us from it. When messages are delivered via standard text message, it can cost over £3.50 to message the whole school, so your help is appreciated.



Easyfundraising

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!

Dates for your diary

In-service Day (no pupils) Thursday 22nd May

May Weekend Friday 23rd and Monday 26th May

Film Night Friday 30th May @ 15:30 (organised by Parent Council)

Sports Day Wednesday 4th June

Fun Day Friday 20th June

Reports issued Monday 23rd June

Schools closes for summer Wednesday 25th June @ **12:45**

In-service Days (no pupils) Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th August

Pupils return to school Thursday 14th August