



Newsletter

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Message from Head Teacher

Dear families,

It's been a hot minute since I sent home a newsletter, but hopefully you've felt up-to-date with everything that's been going on via all the plentiful other notes, letters and text messages which have been sent home over the last couple of months.

Can we ask, whatever age your child is, to always check school bags to ensure that you are not missing out on anything. Thank you in advance.



I am delighted to be able to let everyone know about teachers for next year...

- Nurture Mrs Blyth
- P1 Mrs Moore *This is current P1 teacher Miss Newton, but she's getting married!*
- P2 Miss Eardley *New to Golfhill – see below*
- P3 Ms Buchanan and Miss Allan
- P4 Miss Munro and Mr Hay
- P5 Miss Jamieson and Mrs Duff
- P6 Mr Wu *Returning to Golfhill – see below*
- P7 Ms Bradbury

Pupils will spend time with their new teachers on the afternoon of Thursday 11th June.

Miss Eardley will be joining us for her probation year, and we look forward to supporting her through her first teaching position.

Mr Wu is returning to Golfhill, having previously been here in session 2021/2022. He returns with a wealth of experience from other schools, and we are super excited to be welcoming him back

We will also be getting a new Support for Learning Worker. We have had a vacancy for almost a year, which should finally (thankfully) be filled.

In the meantime, thank you for your continued and ongoing support of our school. I wish everyone a fabulous summer which I hope is filled with sunshine, joy and laughter!



Yours,

Our values:

Acceptance Kindness Respect

Attendance



As always, we are carefully monitoring attendance, in line with Glasgow's *Attendance Matters* campaign.

Unfortunately, attendance has fallen across the school. It is now at its lowest level ever, having fallen pretty steadily since August (with a couple of exceptions).

Average attendances are as follows:

	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	P7	Whole school
Term 1	93.76%	91.41%	91.34%	92.43%	91.54%	87.30%	93.80%	91.72%
Term 2	91.05%	85.58%	89.00%	88.09%	87.53%	85.19%	88.70%	87.89%
Term 3	89.08%	92.98%	88.57%	86.54%	89.73%	84.55%	88.63%	88.64%
Term 4	88.86%	92.83%	87.55%	84.49%	84.24%	82.43%	89.91%	86.96%

The *sparklines* highlight the general decline.

Good attendance at school goes beyond achievement and attainment. It is essential for the development of life skills and building positive relationships.

Wee reminder, no holidays during term-time are ever officially “authorised”. We accept they will happen, and absolutely understand the reasons why, but they have to be recorded on our register in a certain way.

Please also, as far as possible, try to make appointments outwith school hours.

Latecoming - again

We are still having huge problems with late-coming, and must ask yet again that pupils arrive on time to start at **08:45**, and picked up at **14:45**.



It happens to us all occasionally. But good time-keeping is an essential life-skill, and helps prepare learners for future studies and employment. We would truly welcome your support.

Again, our school starts at **8:45am**. The expectation is that pupils are in the playground, ready for the bell ringing at this time.

A lot of our pupils are missing between **one hour** and **one day** of education each week, purely because of late-coming. This is hugely detrimental to wellbeing and progress.

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Primary 7



I'd like to take this opportunity to celebrate our Primary 7 pupils, as they enter their final days at primary school.

It has been our pleasure to know them and their families over the years, and wish them nothing but success and happiness as they move on to secondary school.

We have lots lined up for them over the next couple of weeks, ensuring a fun and memorable end to their primary education.

We all wish them a fond farewell. Good luck, P7, and thank you for everything!

Weather

Please send your child to school with appropriate clothing for the ever-changeable weather in Scotland. It may be summer, but as we all know, it is reasonable to expect four seasons in one day!

Pupils will be outside before school, at break time, and at lunch time, in addition to taking their learning into the local environment, so it is important to be prepared.

Please help us by writing your child's name on the labels of all items of clothing, and encourage them to look after their own belongings,



As always, we do not keep the children inside, except in extreme circumstances (and remember, when children are outside, so are the adults!)



Phones

More and more pupils, across almost all year groups, are bringing mobile phones to school. We understand there are various reasons for this.

Pupils should hand their phones to the class teacher at the start of each day, and they will be kept securely in the school office. Phones are returned at home-time.



Teachers remind pupils of this daily, but we would appreciate your support in sharing this message at home. We would also remind you that social media apps have age restrictions for a reason.

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Dates for your diary



Before summer

<i>Sports Day</i>	Wednesday 10 th June	<i>Families welcome from 13:30</i>
<i>Scottish theme non-uniform</i>	Friday 12 th June	<i>Separate info will be issued</i>
<i>World Cup bank holiday</i>	Monday 15 th June	
<i>School closes for summer</i>	Thursday 25 th June @ 12:45	

After summer (more dates will be confirmed on our return in August)

<i>In-service Days (no pupils)</i>	Monday 10 th and Tuesday 11 th August	
<i>Pupils return to school</i>	Wednesday 12 th August @ 08:45	
<i>Open Afternoon</i>	Friday 4 th September	<i>from 13:45</i>
<i>September Weekend</i>	Friday 25 th and Monday 28 th September	
<i>In-service Day (no pupils)</i>	Friday 9 th October	
<i>October Week</i>	Monday 12 th – Friday 16 th October	
<i>Pupils return to school</i>	Monday 20 th October @ 08:45	
<i>School closes for Christmas</i>	Friday 18 th December @ 14:15	
<i>Christmas and New Year holiday</i>	Monday 21 st December – Monday 4 th January	
<i>Pupils return to school</i>	Tuesday 5 th January @ 08:45	
<i>Open Afternoon</i>	Friday 12 th February	<i>from 13:45</i>
<i>Mid-term break</i>	Monday 15 th and Tuesday 16 th February	
<i>In-service Day (no pupils)</i>	Wednesday 17 th February	
<i>Easter Weekend</i>	Friday 26 th and Monday 29 th March	
<i>School closes for Spring Break</i>	Friday 2 nd April @ 14:15	
<i>Spring Break</i>	Monday 5 th April – Friday 16 th April	



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