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Dear Parents/Carers/Pupils/Friends,

Welcome to our March newsletter. There is a lot of information included...sorry to bombard you with it all at once! Some bits are reminders and other bits are new. I look forward to welcoming you all back into the school more frequently as the restrictions start to reduce.

### **REMINDERS**

#### **Issue of medication**

Medication cannot be either self-administered or given voluntarily to your child by school staff without prior written agreement, e.g. inhalers etc. The forms can be obtained from the school office. Only medication prescribed by the doctor can be administered by staff and then only if it is not the first dose. The medicine should be brought to school with the chemist's label on it which includes the child's name.

#### **Health Promoting School**

Here at Ibrox we aim to encourage the children to be as healthy as possible. We would like the food and drink that is brought to school to support this. This is important for the children's physical health as well as helping them to be able to focus more effectively on their work. Please ensure your child brings a water bottle to school with them every day. The school is unable to provide plastic cups for all children. There are water fountains around the school which the children can use, at a suitable time, with permission from their teacher. No fizzy juice, cans or energy drinks should be brought to school. If they are, they will be looked after by a member of staff until the end of the day when they will then be returned to the pupil to take home.

Our School Nutrition Action Group (SNAG) also known as "The SNAG Committee" will be continuing to work on promoting healthy eating and drinking throughout the school. The SNAG committee, supported by Mrs Shah, organise Tutti Fruiti Tuesday each week. They have recently used the profits made over the past few months to make a donation to a charity. The children throughout the school were asked to vote for the charity they would like to support. **McMillian Cancer Research** received the most votes. The remainder of the money made is going towards providing the whole school with a **FREE TUTTI FRUITI** Tuesday on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2022. Thanks to you all for supporting the SNAG committee with this event each week. Thanks also to Mrs Shah and the SNAG Committee.

## **Absence Reporting**

### **How to report your child absence from school:**

You can **call** the pupil absence reporting team on: **0141 287 0039** to report your child's absence from school. You can call the line every school day from 8:00am. You should call the absence reporting line on the first day of your child's absence.

You can also report an absence **online** – [www.glasgow.gov.uk/pupilabsence](http://www.glasgow.gov.uk/pupilabsence)

## **Clothes**

Can I ask that you ensure your child's belongings are labelled with their name? As you will appreciate jackets and jumpers are found / go missing all the time and it is a lot easier to return to their owner if their name is on it. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

## **Digital Update**

All children with an iPad should be bringing this to school daily to support their learning. Glasgow is currently reviewing the digital allocation across the city and hopefully 1-1 iPads will be rolled out to more classes. Wi-Fi is something we are no longer able to assist/support with, this was Scottish Government funded during the pandemic and we are unable to fund this ourselves. Any iPads lost or damaged should be reported to Mrs Chalmers. Please ensure iPads come to school safely, inside a school bag.

## **Showbie**

Please ensure you are logging onto your child's Showbie account to view their learning. This session we have begun to use Showbie as a profiling tool, allowing pupils and staff to identify examples of work they are proud of. On Twitter you are given a whole class overview but on Showbie you are able to see work specific to your child. Please leave a wee comment letting us know what you think! Anyone needing support with Showbie username/passwords please get in touch.

## **Gates**

As restrictions are beginning to ease we now do not need to allocate specific classes to leaving from a certain gate. We have decided to continue to use the "big" gate at the back as we feel this will help with congestion.

**As of Monday, children can enter/leave from whatever gate they would prefer.**

If you have any feedback or suggestions about the systems in place at the beginning or end of the day, please do not hesitate to share these with us.

## **NEW INFORMATION**

### **Additional Free school meal Spring payment**

Please click on the link below for more information or contact the school office to speak to a member of the management team if you need any further support/advice. School meals are free for all children in P1-P5. This payment is only for families who are eligible and have claimed the FSM/Clothing grant benefit. Further info can be found here.

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/gc/ibrox/2022/03/07/fsm-spring-payment/>

### **Free Bus Travel Scheme for all young people and children aged 5-21**

Pupils can now get free bus travel by applying for a new or replacement Young Scot National Entitlement Card (NEC). To make this process as easy as possible Education have published a simplified version of the government application form on Smart Survey for parents/carers of children **under 12**. Your application will go to Glasgow Life who will process your details and arrange for the cards to be delivered to your home address. You can access the survey here:

#### **Link**

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/YoungScotNEC/>

#### **QR Code**



The survey will close on March 18<sup>th</sup>. If you would prefer a paper copy of the application, please contact the school and this can be provided. After March 18<sup>th</sup> you will need to apply using the government website or in person at a Glasgow Life library.

## **Parent Pay**

As you will probably know, all schools in Glasgow are beginning to use Parent Pay. This allows you to have an account where you can pay for things linked to the school such as trips, non-uniform days etc. You will also use this account to pay for breakfast club and lunches. If your child is in P1-5 they do not have to pay for school lunches. If your child is eligible for Free School Meals then they do not have to pay for breakfast club or school lunches. **All families MUST CREATE AN ACCOUNT as from Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March you will have to pre order your child's lunch whether you pay or not.**

Please see the BLOG/APP for more information or contact the school office. We appreciate your support as this city-wide initiative is rolled out.

## **SAMH – Let's Talk workshop**

We are delighted to be working with SAMH (Scottish Association for Mental Health) this year and to be able to offer you the opportunity to attend a Let's Talk workshop/information session 'Managing Your Wellbeing.'

Let's Talk aims to increase knowledge and understanding of mental health and wellbeing for children, young people and the adults around them in order to reduce mental health stigma, enable mental health conversations and to help people to seek support more easily. Our Primary 7 children will also be involved in a session with SAMH which will focus on Understanding and Managing Stress and Anxiety, which we feel is particularly important for them as they begin their transition to secondary school.

The parent/carer workshop will be held in the school hall on Wednesday the 9<sup>th</sup> of March at 9:15am. We hope it will support you in feeling more confident in managing your own mental health, as well as being more empowered to discuss mental health with your children. Tea, coffee and cakes will be provided ☺

**PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE TODAY IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND.**

## **CLUBS – March 2022**

Multi - Sports	Basketball – P5-7	Badminton – P5-7
Wednesday – school hall	Wednesday – gym	Thursday – gym
2/3/22, 9/3/22, 16/3/22 & 23/3/22	9/3/22, 16/3/22, 23/3/22 & 30/3/22	3/3/22, 10/3/22, 17/3/22 & 24/3/22

**Dates for your diary –**

**\* Please keep an eye on Twitter, App, Blog & SHOWBIE as further events may be planned as the month goes on \***

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Who is involved</b>
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	SAMH Let's Talk parent workshop & session with P7	Parents & P7
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent Pay Meal Selection goes live (pre-ordering available from 6.30pm the night before)	Whole school
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	P7 transition event to Bellahouston Academy	Ms Taggart & P7
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Free Tutti Frutti event	Whole school
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Spring Tea	Nursery families
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Easter Egg Raffle	Whole school

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office to arrange to speak to a member of the management team.

Kindest regards,

*Fiona Young*

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