



## WELCOME BACK!

*Monday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2019*

*Dear Parents/Carers,*

A very warm welcome back to the new school session and the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of our school, how time flies! We look forward to working together over the coming session 2019-20 to ensure that your children can be the best they can be. All classes, including our P1s have settled very well; the children look so smart in their school uniforms and ready for the school day, thank you! Please take 10 minutes to make sure **everything** is named-permanent marker is best and easiest.

### School Uniform

The school welcome your continued support in encouraging children to wear our uniform and we appreciate the on-going effort from parent/carers to ensure this continues throughout the session. Please ensure that your child has their Physical Education/PE kit in school; soft shoes or trainers (black canvas pumps are ideal), shorts & a t-shirt. Can we also ask that children have NO jewellery on the days they have PE-pierced earrings should be removed at home-thank you. PE days for classes are attached. Can we also ask that children have a waterproof jacket/coat at all times; the weather is so unpredictable in the West of Scotland & children/classes will spend time participating in Outdoor Learning Activities & therefore need to be appropriately dressed, many thanks.

### Staffing Update

A warm welcome to our new teachers; Gemma Fraser, P1, Inga Nicholson, P3, Katie McMillan, P4, Megan McAllister (who is covering Mrs Dickson sick leave), Rebecca Ross, P6, Abi Cruikshank P5a and Zoe Fraser, Support for Learning Worker Glad to have them join the Pirie Park Team!

It is the responsibility of all parent/carers to inform the absence line of any absence from school. Within Glasgow Primary Schools good attendance is encouraged at all times and children rewarded accordingly. Failure to alert staff or the absence line that your child cannot attend causes concerns for us under the child protection procedures. We must be satisfied that every child is accounted for every school day. Please phone the dedicated absence team on **0141 287 0039**, 8am on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> day of absence. You can also save time-go online <https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=18832>

### **School Meals and Clothing Grants**

Many families may qualify for free school meals and clothing grants and are not yet taking advantage of this option. Application forms can be downloaded from Glasgow's website or if you prefer, ask at the office. Follow this link:- <http://www.glasgow.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=8693> However, if you were awarded a free school meal last session and your circumstances haven't changed, you will automatically be entitled to a free school meal and will not have to complete an application form.

### **Information Update**

It is vital that you keep our records up to date by informing us immediately of any changes in address and/or emergency contact details.

**Annual Data checks** have been issued to all Primary 1 children and **Emergency Contacts** Forms have been sent out to P2- 7 , we ask that these are returned to the office as soon as possible.

### **Flu Immunisation Programme 2019**

Over the last three years our school has participated very successfully in Glasgow's Flu Immunisation Programme. Consent form packs will be issued to all families very soon in order that children can be given the nasal spray vaccines again this session.

**Learning Journals** All children will be issued with their learning journals over the next couple of weeks to help parents see what their children have been learning week to week. Can we ask that you read your child's learning journal, comment and sign it every Thursday evening and return it by the Friday? The children are delighted when their parent shows an interest in their learning.

# PE Days

## Term 1-2019/2020



Class	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1a	✓			✓	
1b	✓	✓			
1c	✓			✓	
2a		✓	✓		
2b		✓			✓
3/2	✓				✓
3a			✓		✓
3b		✓	✓		
4a				✓	✓
4b				✓	✓
5a		✓	✓		
6/5		✓	✓		
6a		✓	✓		
6b		✓	✓		
7a	✓			✓	
7b	✓			✓	

Please note all classes PE Days above, however, this may be subject to change due to days that coaches come into school and any other events. We ask that children keep their PE kit in school Monday-Friday and teachers will encourage children to bring them home regularly to be washed and check that shoes, etc. still fit. Many thanks for your help with this 😊

### School Holidays

In addition, we have included the holiday dates for this session 2019/20 for your information. If you have internet access; our new website is still a work in progress [www.pirieparkprimary.co.uk](http://www.pirieparkprimary.co.uk) . We encourage you to join twitter and follow @Piriepark2014 for regular updates about school happenings; we now have Instagram too @piriepark2014 (no capital p).

We hope you'll join us on **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September from 6.00pm for Meet the Teacher and Family House Quiz AND Term 1's school fund-raiser; Annual Sponsored Walk in Elder Park on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September**-all welcome and times to follow. Children achieve better at school when parents are involved so please come along!

Thank you for your continued support & cooperation, we look forward to an exciting session working together.

Yours sincerely

**Susan Clark**

**Acting Head Teacher**

N.B. School meals are still **£1.90** daily, **P1 -4 children** receive **FREE** meals & the breakfast club remains at **£2.00** per day, however, if a sibling attends too, then they are discounted at **£1.00** per day.

#### **IMPORTANT REMINDER~ HEALTH AND SAFETY**

NO SMOKING and NO DOGS are permitted anywhere within the school grounds/campus. This is Glasgow City Council Policy and must be observed in all Glasgow Establishments. In addition, we have children and adults who may be afraid of dogs or allergic so please take this into account. Dogs cannot be carried within the school grounds/campus either. *Parents/carers please wait for your children out with the playground/at the school gates at 3pm, this is to ensure the safety and security of your children and staff, and, it is commonplace in most schools. Remember also the janitor closes the car park gates at 8.50- 09.10 am and 2.50 - 03.10 pm every day for the safety of your children.*

*Many thanks for your cooperation with these important matters.*



# *School Holidays 2019/2020*

(This one is for keeps-the fridge door or pin board!)

## **September Weekend**

Friday 27 September 2019

Monday 30 September 2019

## **October**

Friday 11 October 2019 (In-service day)

Monday 14 October to Friday 18 October 2019 (October Week)

## **December - Christmas and New Year**

Schools close at 2.30pm on Friday 20 December 2019

Schools return on Monday 6 January 2020

## **January 2019**

Monday 6 January 2020 (Return to school)

## **February Mid-term break**

Monday 10 February 2020

Tuesday 11 February 2020

Wednesday 12 February 2020 (In-Service day)

## **April - Spring Holiday**

Schools close at 2.30pm on Friday 3 April 2020

Schools return on Monday 20 April 2020

Friday 10 April 2020 (Good Friday)

Monday 13 April 2020 (Easter Monday)

## **May**

Monday 4 May 2020 (May Day)

Tuesday 05 May 2020 (In-Service day)

Friday 22 May and Monday 25 May 2020 (May Weekend)

## **June**

Schools close at 1pm on Wednesday 24 June 2020

