



## September Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to September's newsletter. What a busy start we have had to the term already! All children have settled back into school life very well, are working very hard and enjoying school. We have welcomed three new families to the school since the start of September. Thank you to everyone who came along to our Meet the Team event afternoon this month where you had a chance to meet the staff working with your child, visit their classroom and have a look around the school. It was lovely to see you there and we are looking forward to more opportunities to invite you into the school.

Hope you and your families enjoy the September Weekend break.

Kind regards,

Mrs McGill

### **Parents' Night**

We look forward to welcoming you to our first parents' nights which will be held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October. You will be invited to book your timeslots with your child's teacher electronically. Information will follow.

### **Uniform Update**

Uniforms that have been ordered since we have returned to school will be available in the next two weeks. Going forward we will keep a minimum stock of each size. This can be ordered through Parent Pay or at the school office. Thank you for your patience with this.

### **Parent Council**

The Parent Council AGM took place on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September with new office bearers elected for the coming session.

Co – Chairs – Kathryn McLeod and Colin Frame

Secretary and Treasurer – Tony Wilkes

PTA Link – Sam Seddon

If you would like to become more involved in this area of school life, please contact the Parent Council on [scotstounprimarypc@gmail.com](mailto:scotstounprimarypc@gmail.com). The next meeting is on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 6.30pm.

### **Our School Improvement Priorities**

This session we are working on

- Streamlining our numeracy and maths curriculum
- Improving children's use of maths problem solving strategies
- Improving our approaches to writing

- Achieving UNICEF Rights Respecting School Award Bronze level accreditation
- Continue to make our curriculum more creative through approaches to inquiry-based learning and taking our learning outdoors more often.
- Build on existing good practice and support to maximising attendance for children in P2-P5 who have barriers to literacy progress.

### **Scotstoun Connect**

Following feedback from the parent body we are launching Scotstoun Connect along with Pauline McFadden, our Family Well Being Worker. This drop-in session is open to all parents and is an opportunity to visit the family room and meet other parents in the school over a cup of tea and a biscuit. Some of the drop ins will have a theme such as a Halloween costume or Christmas jumper swap. I hope you can join us. The first date is 8.45am on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October.

### **Learners' Voice and Participation**

This month saw the P7 children have the opportunity to participate in the House Captain Elections. They presented their case for election to their Houses during assembly time and all the children had the chance to vote later in the week. This group of children will work throughout the year with Mr Gallagher who has responsibility for this area of school life.

<b><u>House</u></b>	<b><u>Captain</u></b>	<b><u>Vice-Captain</u></b>
Bells	Jamie	Pip
Birds	Elliot	Tala
Fish	Romie	Martha
Trees	Ioulia	Finlay

Selection for other committees is ongoing, and I will share details of the successful candidates in a later newsletter. We continue to use Learning Circles with children from P4-P7 led by Mr Boyd to allow children who are not on a committee to contribute their views to school life. In their houses with P7 facilitators, children are asked a question about an aspect of school and they are able to give their opinion on it and how it may improve. They told us what they think about the playground, writing lessons and school life. These circles will continue this school session. Well done and thank you to the children who put themselves forward for these roles. This takes a lot of courage and resilience to do and they should all be very proud of themselves!

### **Attendance and Late Coming**

Coming to school on time and every day is shown to impact positively on children's learning. Our attendance at Scotstoun Primary is currently 96.1%. While this is above the Glasgow and national average, we recognise that we can always improve. Every single day a child is absent from school means a day of lost learning. 90% may seem like an acceptable level of attendance but the reality is 90% attendance means your child has missed 10% of their learning which is nearly 4 school weeks over a school



year. If your child is not well enough to attend school, please call the school absence line before 9.30am. Contact us immediately if you need help or support with your child's attendance or timekeeping.

### **Health and Safety**

Mrs McGill and Mrs Coats are our Child Protection and Safeguarding coordinators. Their roles are to ensure that all young people are safe in school, at home and in the community. If you have a Child Protection and Safeguarding concern about a child during school hours, please contact them through the school office (0141 959 3247).

Families are reminded of the importance of checking your child's hair regularly for head lice. School nurses no longer do this and it is not authority policy to send out letters when a child is reported to have head lice. The advice remains the same, immediate treatment by lotion recommended by a pharmacist, then automatic repeat treatment 7 days later. Please be vigilant.

We are a nut free school as we have several children who have very serious nut allergies that can develop into a potentially life-threatening allergic reaction. For this reason, all nut-based products (including Nutella) are not allowed in the school.

### **Dates for your Diary**

Date	Event
w/c Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September	Maths Week Scotland
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	6.30pm PTA Family Bingo night
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> – Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	September weekend holiday
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Junior Road Safety Officers to Lord Provost Road Safety awards
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> and Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents' evenings
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	Inservice day (school closed to children)
13 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> October (inclusive)	October week holiday
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Parent Council meeting 6.30pm
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Oral Health Chat for P1 children
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	P4 Viking Open afternoon 1-3pm
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> October	P5 Science Centre Trip