



Shawlands Primary News

Term 2 Oct- Dec 2020

Respect
RESPONSIBILITY
TEAMWORK
Fairness
Resilience
HONESTY

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Shawlands Primary,

Term two is now well under way and although life is quite different for all of us in many ways there is a really positive atmosphere in the school as everyone gets on with the business of learning and teaching. Everyone; pupils and staff alike, has adapted well to the new ways of doing things; they are all working so hard and great progress is being made in learning.

These strange times mean that our traditional Nativity play, Christmas Fair, P7 ceilidh and Christmas parties among other things won't be able to happen in the usual way, but rest assured that there won't be any down time— we will be very busy with lots of different activities and maybe even one or two surprises to make this term as productive, engaging and fun as it can be!

Theresa Wright

Headteacher



My School App

Our new school app is now up and running. Details of how to access it have been sent out and can be found on the 27th October post on the school website: <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/gc/shawlandsprimaryschool/>

Thank you to those of you who have already signed in. The new App will help streamline communication from the school as we will no longer be limited to contacting just one parent per child and we can communicate almost everything via the one platform. Once the contact parent has the login details they can share them with partners, grandparents and/or childminders who may be involved in looking after the children or picking them up from school.

We will continue to send important information by text/ email and through the app for a short time. I realise that it may be a little annoying if you are receiving multiple alerts, but as soon as we have the majority of families using the app we will be able to stop using texts and emails for general information and focus on the app.

Communication with parents

You will have seen that Glasgow schools will not be doing face to face or digital/ telephone parents' appointments until at least the end of March. This is outwith our control, but we will do our best to keep you informed as to your child's progress. Teachers are currently writing interim reports which will be with you early next month. We will already have been in touch with you if we are concerned about anything, so please don't worry if you haven't heard from us— it means things are going well for your child! If you are worried about anything you can let the class teacher or the leadership team know by contacting us in the usual way and we will get back to you.

Be Ready, Be Respectful, Be Safe

Now that we are all back in school and getting used to the new but ever-changing normal, we are updating our school rules so that we all know exactly what is expected in terms of behaviour from everyone in our school community and that every one really understands their responsibilities to make sure that Shawlands Primary remains a great place to be and to learn. Our new rules are very simple: **Be Ready, Be Respectful and Be Safe** and they fit in very well with our school values of Responsibility, Fairness, Respect, Teamwork, Resilience and Honesty. We will be focussing on the rules in detail in school and classes will be discussing what each rule means for their class, so please ask your children about it!

Parent Council

We are very fortunate to have a committed and proactive parent council who support the school in many ways.

They hold regular meetings which are open to all members of the parent body. The next meeting will be held on **Monday 9 November at 8pm** on Zoom. It is open to all parents/guardians at the school. The joining details are:

Meeting ID: 914 5415 9357

Passcode: 614376

Tea Towel Fundraiser

The school tea towels will be ready for Christmas, so do get your orders in asap! The deadline for orders is Thursday 12 November, and you can email orders to:

shawlandsprimarypc@live.co.uk

If you didn't receive an order form in your child's bag, you can request one at this address as well, and also use it for any general parent council enquiries or suggestions.

Diwali

We are thinking about our families who will be celebrating Diwali next week. These are very strange times and we know the celebrations will be a little different than usual. However, we hope you find a way to connect with your loved ones and we wish you a Diwali that brings happiness, prosperity and joy to you and your family.



Halloween



Last Friday saw our school over run with ghosts, goblins, ghouls, princesses, superheroes and some very casually smart folk enjoying a day out of uniform. Fortunately they were all very well behaved and a lovely time was had by all. Thank you for your generous contributions; a much appreciated £270 was raised for school funds.

Latest Updates

Guidance and risk assessments around what we can do in schools are continually updated and we will let you know about changes as soon as we can. We are now able to do indoor PE in school and each class will have one indoor slot per week. It is still safer to be outdoors and we will continue with our outdoor PE slots and outdoor learning whenever possible so please make sure your child has suitable clothing and footwear.

We are having to keep windows open to increase ventilation and as winter progresses the classrooms may get quite cold, so warm clothing will be essential. As always, please make sure children's names are on their clothes.

Digital learning

Thank you to everyone who responded to our digital learning survey. We have now applied to the Scottish Government for devices for those families who told us they needed them. We will be in touch when we receive our allocation.

Digital literacy is a key feature of our curriculum as we endeavour to equip children with the skills to succeed in a digital world. This is even more important at the moment as we live with the possibility that we may have to move to blended or remote learning (fingers crossed it doesn't come to that!).

In order to prepare, however, classes have been practising with Showbie in the class so that if they have to isolate for any reason they will know what to do when the teacher posts

lessons online. It is a learning curve for all of us, but we are making progress! We continue to post homework on Showbie, but if this is problematic for your family or you need any other resources please let the teacher know and materials will be provided.



Nuts in school

We have a number of children in school with nut allergies so we would be very grateful if you would avoid giving children nut products for snacks or lunches. Thank you for your cooperation.