



Shawlands Primary News

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Respect
RESPONSIBILITY
TEAMWORK
Fairness
Resilience
HONESTY



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Shawlands Primary,

What gorgeous autumn weather we are having just now. It is lovely to see the children enjoying being out in the playground whether for breaks or outdoor learning and making the most of the environment. The environment is very much in our minds just now as COP26 takes over our city and there is a real buzz around the school as our children approach their learning about climate change with enthusiasm and a sense of responsibility that we all have a part to play in protecting the planet. I hope you enjoy finding out about what we have been doing.

Theresa Wright

Headteacher

COP26

As Glasgow is hosting this important event and it is our children and young people whose lives will be most affected by climate change, every class in the school has been learning about the environment and about how we can help look after it.

Scan the QR code with your mobile telephone camera to find out what we have been doing. You will also see the QR code on posters on the school gates so that passers by can see what we have been doing too.



Communication with parents

Almost all of our parent-teacher appointments have now taken place by telephone call. Thank you for your patience as we negotiated this new way of doing this. There were one or two blips, but we got to most of you in the end! In the unlikely event that you still haven't spoken to your child's teacher please contact the school office so that arrangements can be made for you to do so.



Thank you to those of you who have signed into mySchoolApp. The 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. Until we have the vast majority of families using the app we will have to continue to send important information by text/ email and through the app. 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 are using the app we will be able to stop using texts and emails and all school information will be available in one place. Details of how to register can be found on the school website at :

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/gc/shawlandsprimarieschool/>

Parentpay

You will, by now, have received information about the new Parentpay system which is being rolled out to all Glasgow schools. We are no longer allowed to handle cash in school and all payments for trips, charity events etc. must be made online. From Tuesday, 9th November school lunches and breakfast club payments have to be made via Parentpay too. All families have been sent login details, but if you require any further help please contact the school office on 0141 632 1840,

Diwali

We send our very best wishes to all our families who have been celebrating Diwali over the last few days. We wish you a healthy, happy and successful year ahead.



Standards and Quality

The latest edition of our Standards and quality report in which we outline our main achievement and our key improvement targets is now available on the school website. You can access it here: <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/gc/shawlandsprimaryschool/enrolment/school-documentation/>

Welcome

Welcome to our new principal teacher, Miss McAlpine, who has now joined us and is busy getting to know the children, staff and processes in Shawlands Primary.

Clubs

We are delighted that we have been able to start some of our lunchtime and after school clubs again with badminton, cricket and choir among the activities on offer. There will be plenty more to follow as the session continues and we will let you know as they come up.

Homework

We are back into a more normal way of working in school in many respects and you will be aware that children are now able to take reading books etc. between home and school. Apart from reading, most homework is now posted on Showbie. For P1-6 this may consist of some literacy and numeracy activities as well as opportunities to demonstrate knowledge across the wider curriculum. Homework is, of course, not compulsory, but it is helpful if the children spend some time practising the skills they have been learning.

We have had some requests for work for children who are absent as a result of Covid-19. We don't expect children to be working when they are unwell, but if they are at home because others in the household are isolating and they cannot get here, please let us know. Teachers are unable to teach in class and online at the same time, but we hope to be able to provide some work via Showbie for children who are well enough.



Wet weather

Now that we are into November and the weather is getting colder, children should be coming to school with warm, waterproof coats and shoes or boots. Only in very severe weather conditions will pupils be kept indoors at break and outdoor learning times, so it is important that they have the right outerwear—labelled with their name!

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.