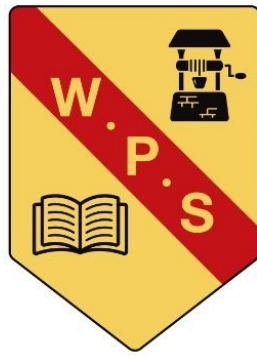


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September 2023



Newsletter

Welcome Back Everyone! We hope you had a fantastic Summer Break. We are excited to be back to school and have loved working with our pupils over the last couple of weeks to help settle them back into the routines of school.

We have lots of exciting things planned for this session and we are looking forward to working with all our families to get it right for our young people.

We have introduced monthly newsletters for families this session to keep you up to date with the life and work of the school. As you will be aware Groupcall (email) is our main method of communication and as such we would encourage parents/carers to check your emails and/or Groupcall Xpressions app regularly and ensure the contact information we have for you is up to date. We no longer use Seesaw in school.

Yours

Miss L Davidson



A Fond Farewell to Our Parent Council

As you may already be aware our 2022-23 Parent Council finished up in post last week. We would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their hard work and commitment to our school. They have supported the school in a variety of different ways, most recently through the planning and organising of a successful Carnival Day for the pupils of Wallacewell Primary. The Parent Council presented each child in the school with a gift at the end of last session and purchased two 'Friendship Benches' for our playground. They also organised for an ice cream van on the last day of term. ***On behalf of the staff, pupils and families at Wallacewell Primary—THANK YOU!***

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Parent Council 2023-24

Every parent/guardian becomes a member of the Parent Forum whenever their child starts school, enabling parents to get involved in school life in whatever way they can. Below you will find details of our 2023-24 Parent Council along with their contact information. We will share Parent Council updates with families through our website.

Chairperson: Emily Clarke

Vice Chairperson: Ross Nisbet

Secretary: Elizabeth & Caryn Smith

Treasurer: Valentina Vagka

Contact Email: wallacewellparentcou@glow.sch.uk



Parent Consultation—June 2023

Consultation and collaboration with families is vital to ensure we get it right for our young people. The Wallacewell Primary School Community belongs to all of us and we want to work together to make it even better! As such we would encourage families to take part in consultation opportunities made available throughout the year.

In June 2023 all families were sent out a 'How Good Is Our School' consultation link. This was an opportunity for families to share their views, on different aspects of school life, with the new Headteacher. We had 30 responses and are delighted to be able to share them with you as part of this newsletter. Please see attachment.



Health Promoting Schools

Wallacewell Primary is a health promoting school. Please be mindful of this when providing breaktime snacks for your child. Pupils only have a 15 minute break in the morning and as such will not have time to eat multiple snacks. Pupils should also bring a filled water bottle to school which they will have access to and can refill throughout the day. Please note that whilst juice can be brought to school in packed lunches for enjoy at lunchtime, pupils should not bring juice to school in their class water bottles.

We want keep all our children safe. As some members of our school community have severe allergies to nuts we kindly request that families avoid giving pupils products containing nuts for break/lunch for example Kinder Bueno, Peanut Butter, Nutella & Snickers. We kindly ask that you check the ingredients of snacks before allowing your child to bring them to school.

Attendance & Engagement

Wallacewell Primary are passionate about getting it right for the pupils we work with. In order for us to meet learners needs we require pupils to be in school on time each day. In Glasgow when a child's attendance falls below 95%, this becomes a concern for the school. We will follow the council and school procedures for managing attendance to support our families to ensure children attend school, on time, each day. In our newsletters each month we will share average class attendance information each allow us to work in partnership to improve attendance. We will also send out individual letters to families who fall below certain attendance levels as per Glasgow City Council procedures.

August 2023

Average attendance

95.27%

Lowest class
attendance rates

P2 – 91.40%

P7 - 95%

P1 – 95.16%

Contact Details:

0141 557 5041

Headteacher@wallacewell-
pri.glasgow.sch.uk

Child Protection Co-ordinator:

Miss Davidson (HT)

Deputy Child Protection Co-ordinators:

Mrs Taylor (DHT) or Miss Kelly (DHT)

Please ask to speak to a member of the Senior Leadership Team if you have any concerns.

DATES FOR THE DIARY



We will always try to give families as much notice as possible about school events but would like to make families aware that this is not always possible. Our school diary is changeable based on the needs of our children and the opportunities that we have access to.

September 2023

- Tuesday 5th—Thursday 7th September—School Photos
- Monday 11th and Tuesday 12th September— P1-4 Fluoride Varnishing
- Friday 15th September— Evening Times Primary 1 Photos
- Friday 22nd September—School Closed (Holiday)
- Monday 25th September—School Closed (Holiday)
- Thursday 28th September—Family Quiz Night 7-8.30pm

£5 per table—max 6 people per table

More details to follow soon.

October 2023

- Friday 13th October—Inservice Day (School closed to pupils)
- Thursday 12th October—Primary 7 High School Transition Info Evening (6-7pm)
- Monday 16th October to Friday 20th October—School Closed (Holiday)
- Thursday 26th October—Halloween Disco's

P1-3 = 4.30pm till 5.30pm & P4-7 = 6pm till 7.30pm

£2 per ticket - includes crisps and a drink

November 2023

- November 2023— Enrolment for Primary 1's starting in August 2024 begins. Further information will be issued by Glasgow City Council nearer the time.
- Thursday 2nd November —New Primary 1 Open Evening (6-7pm)
- Tuesday 7th November—Flu Immunisation Programme
- Tuesday 14th November—Parents Evening (3.15pm-6.15pm)
- Thursday 23rd November—Parent Evening (6-9pm)

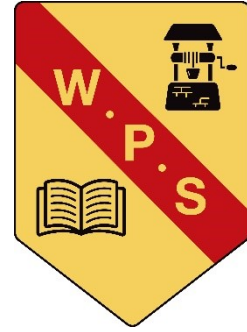
December 2023

- Christmas Activity Calendar—To be issued to families in Term 2
- Friday 1st December—Parent Open Afternoon (STEM) 2-2.45pm
- Tuesday 5th December 2023—Primary 1 & 2 Pantomime Trip
- Thursday 7th December 2023—Primary 3, 4 & 5 Pantomime Trip
- Wednesday 13th December 2023—Primary 6& 7 Pantomime Trip
- Friday 22nd December—School closes at 2.30pm

January 2023

- Monday 8th January 2024—School reopens

Attendance Matters



Attendance level of 98% or more

This is the equivalent of 4 days off during the year.

This is above average and represents very good attendance. Thank you to all pupils and parents who achieved this.

Attendance level between 95% and 97%

This is the equivalent of 5 to 10 days off during the year.

This is in line with the national average and represents good attendance.

Attendance level between 90% and 94%

This is the equivalent of 11 to 19 days off during the year.

If your child's attendance continues to remain at this level, or drops lower, school staff will become concerned about the potential impact on your child's progress and achievement.

Attendance level between 81% and 89%

This is the equivalent of 20 to 37 days off during the year.

You will receive a letter from the school and your child's attendance will be monitored closely for signs of improvement.

Attendance level of less than 80%

This is the equivalent of being off for 38 days or more during the year.

Your child's lack of attendance at school could be referred to the Children's Panel, and you may be invited to appear at a hearing.

If your child's attendance does not improve, court proceedings may follow. This is always a last resort but good attendance is vital to your child's attainment

School Term Dates 2023-2024

August

- Monday, 14 August 2023 (Return date for Teachers & In-Service Day)
- Tuesday, 15 August 2023 (In-Service Day)
- Wednesday, 16 August 2023 (Return date for Pupils)

September

- Friday, 22 September and Monday, 25 September 2023 (September weekend holiday)

October

- Friday, 13 October 2023 (In-Service Day)
- Monday, 16 to Friday, 20 October 2023 (October Week)

December - Christmas and New Year

- Schools close at 2.30 pm on Friday, 22 December 2023
- Monday, 25 December 2023 - Friday, 5 January 2024 (Christmas holidays)

January

- Schools return on Monday, 8 January 2024

February mid term break

- Monday, 12 February 2024
- Tuesday, 13 February 2024
- Wednesday, 14 February 2024 (In-service day)

April - Spring Holiday (Easter)

- Schools close at 2.30 pm on Thursday, 28 March 2024
- Good Friday 29 March 2024
- Easter Monday 1 April 2024
- Monday, 1 April - Friday, 12 April 2024 (Spring Break)
- Schools return on Monday, 15 April 2024

May

- Thursday, 2 May 2024 (In-service day to coincide with UK Parliamentary elections, but may be subject to change)
- Monday, 6 May 2024 (May Holiday)
- Friday, 24 May 2024 and Monday, 27 May 2024 (May Weekend)

June

- Schools Close at 1.00 pm on Wednesday 26 June 2024