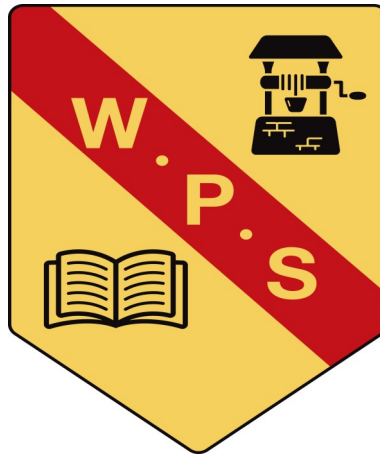


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Keeping You Posted

Primary 4a

A Message from the Class Teachers

Welcome to our first newsletter. We hope you had a lovely relaxing summer break and are excited to be back and ready to learn in p4, we certainly are! Miss Dedecker will be in class on a Monday & Tuesday and Mrs Gray on a Wednesday, Thursday & Friday. If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours

Miss Dedecker and Mrs Gray

Home Learning

Literacy: Literacy homework will be issued on a Monday to be returned by a Thursday. This will consist of spelling words and an activity grid to accompany these. This term, we will be focussing on reading in class however would encourage children to read for enjoyment at home.

Maths: Maths homework will be issued on a Tuesday to be returned by Friday. Please complete one activity each week from the grid provided and evidence this in your maths homework jotter.

Parent Pay & Parent Portal

Your child has been issued with log in details for both platforms. Please ask Mrs MacAulay at the school office for another copy if you do not have these!



ParentPay



parentsportal.scot

Parent Pay is the online payment solution used in all mainstream primary and secondary schools in Glasgow. ParentPay is used to pay for all school trips, meals, concert tickets, uniforms, etc and will enable us to remove all cash and cheques from schools. In addition, you can now pre-order your child's lunches.

Parents Portal will provide access to information about school, allow you to complete the annual data check, update your child's details, view the school calendar and complete electronic permission slips and forms. This will reduce the need printing of letters and use of the costly texting system. We will be phasing out the use of texts and letters, so please sign up to this as soon as possible.

Health and Wellbeing

P.E— This term our P.E days will be on Mondays and Fridays. Pupils will be developing their skills in basketball and Zumba.

HWB—Our class lessons this term will be focussed around emotions and developing a growth mindset.

Expressive Arts

The class will have opportunities to engage with Expressive Arts throughout the term. This will be linked to both our topic and class novel as well as seasonal or topical events.

Religious & Moral Education

This term we will be exploring bible stories learning about Christian beliefs.

Interdisciplinary Learning

Our IDL topic this term is Scottish Wildlife & Habitats. We will be learning all about food chains, habitats and the environment. This will provide lots of opportunities for STEM activities and collaborative learning.

Numeracy & Mathematics

In Numeracy this term we will begin by focusing on Place Value, exploring 4 digit numbers and beyond. We will then move on to exploring the 4 operations, with a particular focus on using different strategies to solve addition and subtraction calculations.

In Maths we are making connections to our class topic, Scottish Wildlife and Habitats, learning how to use grid references and data handling.

Literacy

Reading— This term we are reading a class novel called the Hodgeheg. This will be used for core reading lessons, focusing on our before, during and after reading strategies.

Writing— We will begin by looking at recount writing this term and will then move on to writing non-chronological reports which will be linked to our class topic.

Listening & Talking— This is embedded throughout all areas of the curriculum. There will also be opportunities to listen and respond to Newsround.

School Pick Up

At Wallacewell Primary our primary goal is to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all of our pupils. All children from Primary 1 to Primary 7 are reminded by their class teacher and through assemblies that if there is nobody there to pick them up or they are unsure of the travelling home arrangements they should remain with their teacher or member of school staff who will contact their parent/carer to clarify. We kindly ask all families to reiterate this message to all children.

We would also like to remind families that school finishes at 3pm. Whilst we appreciate that on occasion circumstances such as traffic or appointments may result in you collecting your child late from school however we kindly ask all families to adhere to the schools opening and closing times and collect their child on time from school at 3pm. All late collections are recorded and where concerns arise we will arrange a meeting to discuss this and any further action with the relevant parent/carer.

Free School Meals

Lots of our families, who we believe are entitled to Free School Meals (FSM), have still not registered. As you will be aware all P1-5 pupils attending school in Scotland are entitled to free school meals.

For other pupils (P6-7), parent or carer must be in receipt of -

Universal credit and earning no more than £726 in the monthly assessment period before you apply.

CTC only with income under £18,725

CTC/WTC with income under £8,717

Income support

Income-based jobseeker's allowance

Income-related employment and support allowance

Asylum support from the Home Office

If your child is in P1-5 and also eligible for free school meals due to low income, you should still apply for free school meals to make sure that you get the Scottish child payment bridging payment. We would also encourage parents/carers of pupils in P6-7 to apply if you think you meet the criteria above.

Please visit the website for further information and to apply. If you require any assistance please do not hesitate to contact us at the school.

<https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/article/17885/Clothing-Grants-and-Free-School-Meals>

Reporting Absence

How to report your child absent from school:

You should call the Pupil Absence Reporting (PAR) Team on: 0141 287 0039 to report your child absent from school. You can call the line every school day from 8:00am. You should call the absence reporting line before 9.30am on the first day of your child's absence.

Please do not use Seesaw to report your child's absence as this may not be seen by school staff and is not GCC protocol for reporting absence.

The Pupil Absence Reporting (PAR) team:

The Pupil Absence Reporting (PAR) service is provided by a dedicated team of experienced Education support staff. The information you provide to the team is updated in the school's system when you call, so the school is immediately aware of all absence information.

The Pupil Absence Reporting(PAR) service has been created to provide an efficient flexible way for parents/carers to report absence. We recognise that in some circumstances, for example, to report or discuss a sensitive issue, you may still require to speak directly with the school. The following guidance should be applied:

Please phone the PAR team to report the following absences:

- Sickness absence: if the absence lasts more than one day, parents and carers are required to call on subsequent days to provide an update. A letter should be provided to the school when the child returns from their absence.
- Medical or dental appointments: Parents and carers should call the team to report absences for medical or dental appointments. The school requires a letter or appointment card as evidence of the appointment to ensure permission is given to be absent from class.

Please phone the school directly to report the following absences:

To make sure you receive the right support you require, parents and carers should still contact the school directly to report absences of a sensitive or personal nature, for example:

- Bereavement
- Serious illness, for example, an absence which is going to last more than one week
- Injury, for example, broken limb
- Contagious diseases or illness

You can also report your child's absence by using an online form, though you need to register with myaccount to do so. More information can be found here: <https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/pupilabsence>

