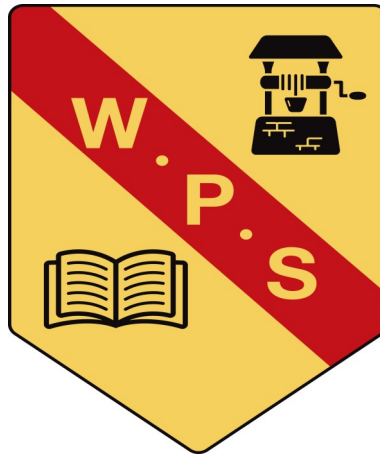


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Keeping You Posted

Primary 7a

A Message from the Class Teacher

I would like to extend a warm welcome back to Wallacewell Primary after our summer break. Please find information below about the curricular activities that your child will be learning about in primary 7 this term. We have begun by creating our class charters and building a good classroom ethos.

Mr Collins

Home Learning

literacy and maths work will be given out on a Monday and needs to be returned by Thursday. Children will also be given a section of their reading book to read. This will be written on their reading record which should be signed to say the task has been completed. Sometimes an additional homework task may be issued to children. Homework should be completed in homework jotters as Seesaw will no longer be in use.

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

Pupils should come prepared to learn and for PE this requires appropriate clothing. All jewellery, including earrings, should be removed. Pupils who are not participating in PE must have a note for their parent/carer or a medical certificate. Pupils who are unable to participate in practical PE should still bring their kit to allow them to assist in the lesson. We will also be working through the Emotion Works programme with a focus on emotion words and behaviours.

Religious & Moral Education

In term one we will be looking at similarities and differences between the beliefs and practices of Christian sects as part of our interdisciplinary learning topic on our class novel divided city. We will also be considering the moral and ethical chal-

Expressive Arts

This term we will be focusing on building our skills in one point perspective drawing and expressing our thoughts and feelings through both art, music and dance. Where possible this will be linked to our Interdisciplinary topic.

Interdisciplinary Learning

For our Interdisciplinary Learning topic we will be using our whole class novel study Divided City. Through this we will be exploring sectarianism and its impact on our local community. We will also look at the history of sectarianism from the Irish Famine and the resulting immigration throughout the UK and the world. We will also develop our understanding of current refugee crisis and the conflicts that lead to this.

Numeracy & Mathematics

In numeracy there will be a focus on foundational concepts to further support the class learning journey going forward. Our key areas of focus will be—

- Place Value
- The four operations—extending our understanding through challenge and depth
- Speed, distance and time
- Shape

Literacy

- Reading— The class novel study will be Divided City
- Writing— Our focus this term will be on Recount Writing and Report Writing.
- Listening & Talking—Talking and Listening embedded throughout all areas of the curriculum. There will be a particular focus this term on skills required for active listening and group discussions.

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>

