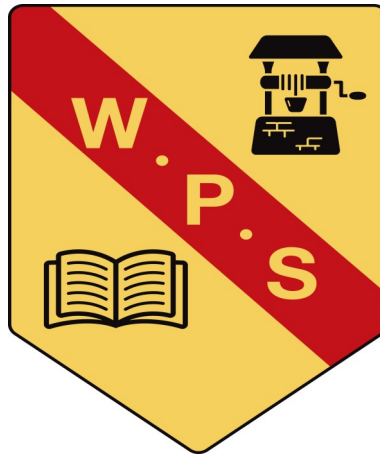


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Keeping You Posted

Primary 5a

### A Message from the Class Teacher

Can I take this opportunity to welcome your child to P5a. This term we are working to establish working partners and groups in the class. I am encouraging and supporting all of the class to find a friendship group to enable them to enjoy this year. Together we have made our class charter and discussed the importance of respecting each other. I will strive to teach your child interesting topics and employ a variety of ways to learn. This year I will help your child to have fun and increase their learning throughout this year.

Yours  
Mrs. Jodah

### Home Learning

Homework will be given out on a Monday and should be returned on a Thursday.

- Literacy will include spelling and tricky words. There will also be reading tasks.
- Mathematics will consist of a jotter task and Sumdog.

### 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

- Our P.E days are Monday and Thursday this term. It is advisable to send the P.E. kit in for the whole week. This term we are learning Hockey, Zumba and Dance
- Our focus is Friendships this term in Health & Wellbeing and building on securing confidence in each individual this class group.

## Expressive Arts

We are looking at the work of Paul Klee, Piet Mondrian and Picasso in Art. This links with our 2D shape in Mathematics. This should be fun!

## Religious & Moral Education

This term we are investigating Judaism. P5a will find out about the artifacts associated with this major religion. The children will learn about Hanukkah and Passover. I will link some of the stories that are known in other religions and this term's focus on Judaism.

## Interdisciplinary Learning

This term we are finding out about the Romans, especially the Romans in Scotland. The children will have an opportunity to try and build and investigate some of the engineering techniques used by the Romans. Then with a partner they can present a short presentation using digital technology to the class.

Later, we will be researching entertainment for children throughout the ages to compare their lives with children in the past.

## Numeracy & Mathematics

Our focus in maths and numeracy this session are—

- The 4 operations ( addition, subtraction, multiplication & division )
- Place value to 5 digit numbers
- Rounding numbers
- 2D shapes

## Literacy

Reading— Everyone is involved with the reading of the class novel *The Sheep Pig*. They are developing their comprehension skills. Your child will be reading for information especially when studying the Romans.

Writing— This term the focus is on recount and report writing.

Spelling— Spelling strategies are continued from P4 to learn different phonemes and tricky words. We are learning about spelling rules.

Listening & Talking— This is developed throughout the curriculum with different topics to encourage every child to find something they could talk fluently about.. Your child will have the opportunity to make a simple presentation about the Romans with a partner. There are listening activities throughout the curriculum, in pairs, small groups and whole class lessons.

## 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>

