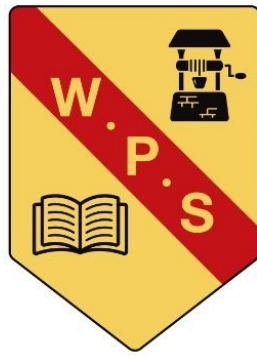


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August 2024



# 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 hope that our monthly newsletters will 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.

Yours

*Miss L Davidson*



## Important Dates

Attached to this newsletter you will find a list of important dates between now and August 2025. 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.



## Parent Council 2024-2025

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 2024-25 Parent Council along with their contact information. We will share Parent Council updates with families through our website.

Chairperson: Ross Nisbet

Vice Chairperson: Caryn Smith

Secretary: Elizabeth Smith

Treasurer: Valentina Vagka

Fundraising Coordinator: Denise White

Contact Email: [wallacewellparentcouncil@glow.sch.uk](mailto:wallacewellparentcouncil@glow.sch.uk)

**Our first Parent Council meeting of the session will take place at Wallacewell Primary on Monday the 26th of August at 6pm. As always everyone is welcome.**



## 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 pupils to 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. This includes items such as 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.

We have attached a helpful attendance infographic to this newsletter which outlines the procedures for managing attendance in our school.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us.



### Contact Details:

0141 557 5041

[Headteacher@wallacewell-pri.glasgow.sch.uk](mailto:Headteacher@wallacewell-pri.glasgow.sch.uk)

### Child Protection Co-ordinator:

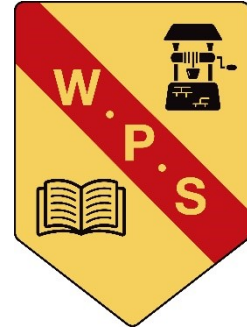
Miss Davidson (HT)

### 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 questions or concerns. Please note we may not always be able to speak to you straight away, particularly if we are teaching, supporting a pupil or in another meeting. As such we recommend that you make an appointment wherever possible.**

# 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 and wellbeing.

## **DATES FOR THE DIARY**



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### **August 2024**

- Monday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2024 (6pm) – Parent Council Meeting (6pm). All parents/carers welcome.
- Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> of August 2024 – Rag Bag Collection. Please bring in all donation's bags to the school reception.

### **September 2024**

- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024 – Primary 1 Playing with Sounds Class Sessions begin. Information has been sent to each Primary 1 class.
- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024 – 4-week Bodhran music input starts for Primary 7
- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2024 (1.30pm)– 'Primary 1-7 Meet the Teacher Open Afternoon'. Come along to meet your child teacher and take a look around our wonderful school.
- Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September – P7 Hoodie Fitting
- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2024 – Monthly YMI Music input starts for Primary 1
- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2024 – Determined to Dance Coaching starts for Primary 4
- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2024 – Glasgow Times Primary 1 Photos
- Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2024 – Parent Council AGM (6PM). All parents/carers welcome.
- Friday, 27 September and Monday, 30 September 2024 - September Weekend Holiday

### **October 2024**

- Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October – P1-4 Fluoride Varnishing
- Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October – P1-4 Fluoride Varnishing
- Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October – Inset Day for Staff. Holiday for pupils.
- Monday 14<sup>th</sup> to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2024 - October Week Holiday. Pupils return on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October.
- Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2024 - Parent Council Meeting (6pm). All parents/carers welcome.
- Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2024 – Wildside Nature working with P1-2 in school.
- Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2024 – Wildside Nature working with P3-4 in school.
- Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2024 (2pm) – Primary 2 Harvest Showcase
- Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2024 – Wildside Nature working with P5-7 in school.
- Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October –Flu Immunisation Programme (P1-7). Information will be shared with families in due course.
- Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2024 – Wildside Nature working with P5-7 in school.
- Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2024 – Halloween Discos. P1-3 = 4.30pm till 5.30pm & P4-7 = 6pm till 7.30pm. £2 per ticket. Details to follow.

## **DATES FOR THE DIARY (Continued)**



### **November 2024**

- Festive Activity Calendar—To be issued to families
- Panto Pennies – We will be collecting loose change all for our Christmas Pantomimes in the month of November.
- November 2024– Enrolment for Primary 1's starting in August 2025 begins. Further information will be issued by Glasgow City Council nearer the time.
- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024 - Primary 3 Play Along Maths sessions begin. Information will be sent to Primary 3 parents/carers nearer the time.
- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2024 —New Primary 1 Open Evening (6-7pm).
- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2024 – Primary 4 PATHS Showcase (2pm). Details to follow.
- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2024 – Parents Evening (Early).
- 18<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> November 2024 – Book Week Scotland. Details to follow.
- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2024 - Parent Council Meeting (6pm). All parents/carers welcome.
- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2024 – EAL Parents Day.
- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2024 - Parents Evening (Late)
- Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November - Family Quiz Night 6.30-8pm. £5 per table—max 6 people per table. Details to follow soon.
- Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2024 (10am-1pm) – Community Christmas Fair

### **December 2024**

- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2024 – Upper School Christmas Pantomime at the Kings. Details to follow.
- Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2024 - Parent Open Afternoon (Health & Wellbeing) 1.30pm
- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2024 - Upper School Christmas Pantomime at the Kings. Details to follow.
- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2024 – Primary 1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal (Pre-Entrants & their Parent/Carer and Wallacewell Day Centre Service Users).
- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2024 – Primary 1 Nativity (PM)
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2024 – Primary 1 Nativity (AM)
- Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2024 – Primary 1 Christmas Party. Details to follow.
- Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2024 - Parent Council Meeting (6pm). All parents/carers welcome.
- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2024 – Primary 2 & 3 Christmas Parties. Details to follow.
- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2024 – Primary 4 & 5 Christmas Parties. Details to follow.
- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2024 – Primary 6 & 7 Christmas Parties. Details to follow.
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024 - Schools closes at 2.30 pm.
- Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2024 to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2025 - Christmas holidays.

### **January 2025**

- Pupils return to school on Monday the 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025.
- Primary 5 'Mock Court' experience begins. Details to follow.
- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025 - Parent Council Meeting (6pm). All parents/carers welcome.
- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2025 – Primary 7 Burns Supper. Details to follow.

## **DATES FOR THE DIARY (Continued)**



### **February 2025**

- Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2025 - Parent Council Meeting (6pm). All parents/carers welcome.
- Monday the 17<sup>th</sup> of February to Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2025 – February mid term break.
- Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2025 – In Service Day for staff. School closed to pupils. Pupils return to school on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2025.
- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2025 (2pm) – Primary 5 World Religion Showcase. Details to follow.

### **March 2025**

- Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2025 - Parent Council Meeting (6pm). All parents/carers welcome.
- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2025 – Primary 3 Easter Showcase (2pm). Details to follow.

### **April 2025**

- Friday 4<sup>th</sup> of April 2025 – School closes at 2.30pm for Spring Holiday
- Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April to Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2025 – Spring Break
- Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2025 – Pupils return to school.
- Monday 28<sup>th</sup> of April - Parent Council Meeting (6pm). All parents/carers welcome.

### **May 2025**

- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> of May 2025 – May Day Holiday. School closed.
- Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2025 – Pupils and staff return to school.
- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2025 – Primary 6 Children’s Rights Showcase (2pm). Details to follow.
- Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2025 – Primary 7 Induction Day 1 at Smithycroft Secondary. Details to follow.
- Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2025 – New Primary 1 Induction Day (PM). Details to follow.
- Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2025 – Primary 7 Induction Day 2 at Smithycroft Secondary. Details to follow.
- Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2025 – In Service Day for staff. School closed to pupils.
- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May to Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2025 – May Weekend. School closed.
- Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2025 – Pupils and staff return to school.

### **June 2025**

- Primary 6 ‘Urban Adventure’ experience begins this month. Details to follow.
- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025 - Parent Council Meeting (6pm). All parents/carers welcome.
- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2025– Sports Day (AM). Details to follow.
- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2025 - New Primary 1 Induction Morning (AM). Details to follow.
- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2025 – Primary 7 Leavers Assembly (AM). Details to follow.
- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2025 – Primary 7 Leavers Dance (Evening). Details to follow.
- Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2025 – School closes for the Summer break at 1pm.

### **For Your Information**

- School photo dates to be confirmed.
- Primary 7 Residential to be confirmed.
- Primary 4 Science Centre Trip dates to be confirmed.
- Primary 1-3 Zoolab Experience to be confirmed.



### **Childsmile Fluoride Varnish Application and Data Protection Statement**

You have been provided with a separate form in which we ask for your consent for your child to have fluoride varnish applied to his or her teeth as part of the Childsmile Fluoride Varnish Programme. This letter simply provides some information about the data gathered by the NHS as part of the Childsmile Fluoride Varnish Programme and what happens to that data.

Specially trained Dental Nurses or Hygienists employed by NHS GGC visit your child's School or Nursery to apply the varnish to your child's teeth.

Information provided by you about your child will be used by NHS GGC to help us ensure your child gets the appropriate treatment at the right time. If your child is not registered with an NHS Dentist we will offer you help finding a Dentist for your child.

NHS GGC staff will send a letter to you if there is anything in your child's mouth which they think should be seen by a Dentist. To ensure your child gets the help and support they need, when they need it, we may also share information with other services such as education.

NHS GGC and NHS National Services Scotland (NHS NSS) will use the information gathered to help plan and deliver the Childsmile Fluoride Varnish Programme across Scotland. Occasionally this information will also be used to carry out research so that we can, for example, assess the oral health of Scotland's children and the effectiveness of the Childsmile Programme. When information is used in this way your child cannot be identified.

Information from your child's Fluoride Varnish applications will be held in the Childsmile Patient System which stores all information gathered throughout the whole Childsmile Programme. The System is very secure and access to it is strictly controlled. The NHS will make sure that your child's information is stored safely, stays private and is only accessed by authorised staff. All NHS staff have a legal and contractual duty to keep personal health information secure and confidential and have mandatory training in Data Protection, confidentiality and IT Security.

The legal basis for use of this information by NHS GGC and NHS NSS is that it is necessary for the purpose of promoting and improving the health of your child and other patients and/or for managing the NHS health care system and services in Scotland.

You have various rights in relation to your child's information. For further details on this and the period for which the information will be held, please see the Data Protection pages of NHS GGC at <http://www.nhsggc.org.uk/patients-and-visitors/faqs/data-protection-privacy/> and NHS NSS at <https://nhsnss.org/how-nss-works/data-protection/>.

If you have any queries in relation to the Childsmile Programme, please call your local Childsmile Team on Tel: 0141 201 3553 or 0141 201 4218/17

Yours faithfully,

*Your Local Childsmile Team*