

WHINHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY CLASS MARCH NEWSLETTER



Bun Sgoil Chnoc a' Chonaisg agus Sgoil Àraich
Cuairt-litir An Gearran



Dear Parents/Carers , *A phàrant/neach-curaim choir,*

CAR PARKING

Inappropriate parking in and around the school continues to be a problem and is a safety risk for our children. Please note the following.

In order to ensure that we keep our children safe we request that you comply with the following:

Top Car Park

- only cars displaying disabled badge should be in the designated bays. It is important to note that the spaces are for adults who are registered for a disabled badge to exit their car and collect a child.
- this car park also facilitates the pick up and drop off for children who attend our school by contracted Inverclyde transport.
- Delivery vehicles and waste management vehicles also use this car park.

Bottom Car Park

Staff cars and visitors to the school only. When parked all visitors are required to sign in at the school office.

Help us to keep your children safe. They are precious to you and also precious to us.



DOGS

There is a strict policy that dogs are not allowed in the grounds of the school. The only exception will be an assistance dog e.g. for sight/hearing. This dog will wear a harness and will be identified as an assistance dog and will be registered with the school.

The following dates on the newsletter are for your information and a letter will follow with more details nearer the events. **The school will be closed on:**

Friday 3rd April - HOLIDAY

Monday 6th April - Friday 17th April HOLIDAY

The children should return to school on Monday 20th April at 9am.



Please note the following information -

Our school is a nut free zone as we have pupils who have severe allergies to nuts and it is vital that we protect their health. No items containing nuts should ever be sent to school either as snacks, in packed lunches or as donations for events. Please check carefully as items like chocolate spread or chocolate bars, for example, can contain nuts too. Thank you for your cooperation.

IMPORTANT!
Nut Free Zone!!

ParentPay

A daily text alert will be sent out if you do not pay for your child's lunch or breakfast club to help stop arrears arising. The arrears should be cleared as soon as possible.

Appointments/Late - Can I ask that if your child is attending an appointment or will be late in can you call the office and arrange for their lunch to be ordered. This will avoid upset when they can not get what they want.

School Menus/Lunch

Can you please make sure children are aware of what is available on the canteen menu. This is to avoid upset when they say there is nothing that they like. Copies of the menu were issued by email in December but you can also see these menus on our school website or twitter.

Email

Can I ask that all parent/carers keep their email address up to date with the office. This is the main way we communicate letters and information to you.

March

The following dates on the newsletter are for your information and a letter will follow with more details nearer the events.

Mon 9th - Ardmay trip for all our Primary 7 pupils

Wed 11th - all day - Gaelic Drama workshop GP1-3 and Nursery pupils

Fri 13th - 12pm - 2.30pm Our girls football team will attend an event in St Columba's HS
9.30am Athletics team to Greenock Sports Centre - Sporthall Event

Mon 16th - 6pm PTA meeting
6.30pm Parent Council meeting

Tues 17th - P1 screening all day - School health

Wed 18th - P1 screening all day - School health
Euroquiz - Whinhill is hosting the event this year for authority P6s

Fri 20th - 9.30am GP1-3 class assembly - all parents, carers, grandparents and family members invited along to the assembly.

Tues 24th - NSPCC Speak out stay safe workshops for all pupils

Wed 25th - 9.45-12.30pm Our girls netball team will attend an event in Greenock Sportscentre

Saturday 28th - PTA Spring Coffee Morning - 11am - 1pm - There will be a cake/candy stall, children's gamezone, tombola and easter scavenger hunt. Everyone welcome. A letter will be sent home with information soon.

Please note the following information -

Sanitary Products

Free sanitary products are available in the toilets in the foyer area of the school. They are stored in drawer units. Should anyone when visiting the school require these please do so freely. This initiative is supported by Inverclyde Council.

Safety in use of Internet

I would like to draw your attention to the need for ensuring your children are accessing the internet safely. We are aware that children are choosing to access material that is not age appropriate and it is important that this is monitored at home.

As we have stated before primary children are too young to use social media safely and most platforms eg. Facebook, Snapchat, Instagram etc require users to be 13 years of age. While children cannot access these at school, often the problems caused by the use of these are brought into school and have to be dealt with and challenge the friendships that children have.

If you have chosen to allow your child to use these platforms please discuss the safety aspects with them. We will continue to deliver this as part of the curriculum.



Website/Twitter

Our school website contains lots of useful information about our school and our twitter feed, shows day to day activities that the school and our children participate in.

I encourage you to engage with both of these and they can be found at:

Website: <http://whinhill.inverclyde.sch.uk/>

Twitter: [@WhinhillPS](https://twitter.com/WhinhillPS)

Thank you all, as always, for your help and support through this school year. If you have any concerns or questions concerning anything in the newsletter please call the school office on 715749.

Thank you/Mòran taing