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GLEBE PRIMARY

January 2023 Newsletter



Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you have all had a lovely Christmas break and as the better weather and lighter evenings beckon are as excited for the New Year as we are.

Term 3 is always a busy one and one where we hope to see good progress across the curriculum. As you know, progress and attainment are closely linked to attendance so we are continuing our focus on excellent attendance and hope you support our work in this area by encouraging your child to attend school every day this term. That said we understand that children get sick and know a day at home is sometimes needed to recuperate from bugs etc. However, please remember we can work with families to support the return to school if children have been ill. We can change start/stop times, keep children inside where it's warm if needed or adapt the curriculum to suit. Furthermore if children are missing school due to anxiety or mental health there are many ways we can support them. Please contact us and we can discuss supports.

Glebe Primary is always trying to make best use of our budgets. We had previously paid for a full SeeSaw subscription which is no longer required now we are out of Covid measures. We will shortly be returning to the free version which limits the number of additional staff for class accounts. However, this shouldn't impact on parents/carers as the children can still share their work with you. We have also managed to replace our old projector in the hall with a new one. We will issue a short Form 5 survey in February which will look for your views on how we utilise next year's Pupil Equity Fund to raise attainment for our most vulnerable pupils.

All Scottish school pupils from P4-S6 have been asked to complete a HWB Census survey, this is a Scottish Govt. survey. Questions are differentiated for the different age groups. Parents/Carers were sent FAQ and links to sample surveys several weeks ago. Parents/Carers can contact the school for more information and can opt out if they do not wish their child to participate.

Please remember we have our next PTA/PC meeting in Fullarton Connexions Irvine on Thursday 26th January at 6pm. We hope to see you there. Please take note of some important information and dates for this term and we will be in touch with further dates/information when items are confirmed.

Best wishes

Elaine McNeil

Head Teacher



PE, Fit 15 and Weather

Schools including Glebe Primary are committed to providing two hours of quality PE each week. PE is skills based and wide ranging encouraging participation for all and improving health and wellbeing for all. We would encourage all children to wear appropriate PE kit and participate at their level. If there is a reason your child is unable to participate please contact the school office.

Fit 15 is a fifteen minute brain break where children are encouraged to run or walk the daily mile-weather permitting.

Mr Main is our new Non Class Contact Teacher (covering for Mr. Simpson) and he will be working with every class for one PE session each week. The other session of PE is provided by your child's class teacher and this session is usually outdoors as we only have one gym hall, which is also timetabled for lunch and is out of use for a short period before and after lunch for set up/clear up.

The outdoor PE session is timetabled on the astro-turf however in really poor weather conditions we may have to change the planned activity, limit the time spent outdoors or cancel and reschedule the PE session; timetables permitting.

Children should wear their PE uniform and PE footwear on PE and Astro days. Earrings should be removed for health and safety reason or covered with micro tape. Long hair should be tied back, again for safety reasons. Recently we have had issues with some of the older pupils wearing false or acrylic nails. We would urge parents/carers to discourage this-it is not safe or appropriate for school activities in the primary setting.

School Attendance

Low attendance continues to be a concern for some pupils and some families. We have noticed a real decline in attendance with this year's P7 cohort. P7 is a very important year and poor attendance usually relates to poor attainment. We would urge the P7 parents/carers to support good attendance for the rest of the year to support transition to the Academy and to give these P7s the best chance at their new school.

Across the rest of the school we are closely monitoring attendance and thank the families who have worked hard to make improvements.



Lunch

Please take advantage of the free school meals for all pupils in P1-P5 as well as those in receipt of the free school meals and clothing grant.

The lunches are varied, healthy and should save you time and money making packed lunches.

Please pre-order lunch, using ipayimpact, as this reduces valuable learning and teaching time for the class teacher daily, and allows you to discuss healthy choices with your child.



Safe parking around the school

Last year we had a huge focus on safe parking around the school. We liaised with Police Scotland and had some suggestions to encourage safer behaviour when it comes to parking at the start and the end of the school day. We thought this was worth sharing again this session.

We are asking for our families to support the school in the following ways:

- Please don't park on zig zag or double yellow lines.
- Please only **arrive at school 5 minutes before your child's entry/exit time** and please leave as quickly and safely as you can.
- Please **encourage active travel**; ride a bike, scooter or walk to school.
- Please **'Park and Stride'** in neighbouring streets and walk the rest of the journey. In most Park and Stride schemes, the walk to and from the car should take at least 5 minutes. Our main P&S location is **Golfields Rd.**
- Please **encourage older children to walk all or some of the way** to school, encouraging independence and reducing the footfall at school
- Please **don't arrive early and sit in parking spaces for an hour** every day. **Please turn engines off** as part of our Eco School Green Flag pledge.
- Please **drive slowly, less than 5mph**; particularly when entering or exiting parking spaces.
- Please **get out of your car when dropping P1-3 pupils off**. Children should not be encouraged to cross car parks or roads unaccompanied
- Please **look out for other children** who are walking to and from school

We know most parents/carers already show great consideration for others; thank you to those of you who already 'Park & Stride', or cycle etc. We sincerely hope more families adopt the above measures to help keep our school community safe.

NUT FREE SCHOOL

As you know Glebe Primary is a nut free school and we currently have several pupils with serious nut allergies.

Please ensure that your child's play piece/snack/lunch does not contain nuts. This includes Kinder products, snickers, and hazelnut spread on sandwiches.

We thank you for your support with this.



SCHOOL CLUBS

LOOK OUT FOR INFORMATION ON AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS ACROSS THE SCHOOL. MRS NISBET AND OUR ACTIVE SCHOOLS COORDINATOR LAUREN FLETCHER HAVE A RANGE OF ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR THE TERM.

BURNS

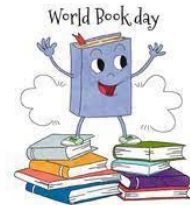
The children have been busy learning their Burns and Scots poems and songs for our whole school Scots afternoon. We are very excited to see the performances.

Our fab Miss McNair has organised this event and we will share the video of the performances with you using SeeSaw.

We'd like to say a huge well done to all of those who are taking part.

Certificates will be issued to all runner ups and winners will go through to the North Ayrshire Burns competition.

**SAVE THE DATE
WORLD BOOK DAY 2023
THURSDAY 2ND MARCH**



This year's World Book Day is on Thursday 2nd March. Our literacy pupil leaders will soon be organising activities and events for the day and information will follow about this year's theme.

For now we ask that you save the date as children will be inviting a family member into school between 2-3pm to share a book or work together on a reading activity.

This can be Mum, Dad, Gran, Papa or any special grown up.

Let's Get Reading!

Finally

Please find dates attached. Please get in touch if there is anything you wish to discuss. Thank you for your continued support.

In partnership

E McNeil
Head Teacher
Glebe Primary School

DIARY DATES

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| Monday 9 th January | Pupils and Staff return to School |
| Tuesday 10 th January | Proposed Strike Day TBC |
| Wednesday 11 th January | P6M at Irvine Burns Club |
| Thursday 12 th January | P6B at Irvine Burns Club |
| Tuesday 17 th January | Proposed Strike Day TBC |

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| Thursday 19 th January | Peter Lee from Learning By Questioning in to work with P4-7 pupils |
| Thursday 19 th January | P7 Inverclyde Zoom Meeting 6pm |
| Monday 23 rd January | Welcome to students teachers joining P4C, P5/4M and P6B |
| Monday 25 th January | P6 Burns Supper – Children only- video shared on SeeSaw |
| Thursday 26 th January | PTA/PC Meeting Fullarton Connexions 6pm |
| Friday 27 th January | P7 Teams Assembly with Greenwood Ac. And cluster Primaries |
| Friday 27 th January | Scots afternoon with songs and performances- Children only- video shared on SeeSaw |
| Monday 30 th January | Welcome to students teachers joining P2R and P3M |
| Monday 6 th - Wednesday 8 th February | P7 Residential trip to Inverclyde Sports Centre |
| Friday 10 th February | School Holiday pupils and staff |
| Monday 13 th February | School Holiday pupils and staff |
| Tuesday 14 th February | In-service day- staff only |
| Wednesday 15 th February | School nurse visit – P1 height/weight checks |
| Wednesday 15 th February | P7N at Greenwood AM for transition morning – info to follow |
| Wednesday 15 th February | Football team at Greenwood Tournament 3.30-5.15pm |
| Thursday 16 th February | P7E at Greenwood AM for transition morning – info to follow |
| Thursday 16 th February | PTA/PC Valentine Disco- P1-3 5.30-6.30pm P4-7 7-8pm |
| Monday 20 th February | Start of Fairtrade Fortnight- information to follow |
| Friday 24 th February | Class newsletter emailed home |
| Tuesday 28 th February | Proposed Strike Day TBC |
| Thursday 3 rd March | World Book Day 2023 |
| Friday 3 rd March | PTA/PC Adult Fundraiser –Bonkers Baldy Bingo 7.30pm @GSK Social Club. Contact PTA/PC for information |
| Wednesday 8 th March | Girls only Football Event at Greenwood – info to follow |
| Thursday 9 th March | PTA/PC Meeting Fullarton Connexions 6pm |
| Wednesday 15 th March | Football team at Portal Tournament 10am-2pm |
| Wednesday 22 nd March | P7 Transition Family learning Time to Talk for Parents/Carers – Greenwood. Info to follow |
| Thursday 23 rd March | P6 group at NAC's Euro Quiz at Saltcoats Town Hall |
| Friday 24 th March | P7 group at NAC's Rotary Quiz – Venue TBC |
| Monday 27 th March | P7N at Greenwood AM for transition morning – info to follow |
| Tuesday 28 th March | P7E at Greenwood AM for transition morning – info to follow |
| Friday 31 st March | Easter Service at Irvine Old Parish Church |
| Friday 31 st March | School stops at 2.30pm |

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| Monday 3 rd -Friday 14 th April | School Easter Holidays |
| Monday 17 th April | Pupils and Staff return to School |