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GLEBE PRIMARY August 2024 Newsletter



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Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to term 1 and the start of this session! We were delighted to welcome back all of the children and we would like to extend a very special welcome to our new P1 children and their families, as well as lots of other new children who have joined us across the school.

Our P1 pupils have settled in brilliantly and both the P2 buddies and P6 Wellbeing Warriors are doing a great job in supporting our P1's; we are very proud of them all. We look forward to seeing our new P1 pupils grow and flourish in the years ahead.

We hope to see lots of parents/carers or extended family members join us for the first Learning café (Meet the teacher and play some games) on Friday 6th September. Like last year we are splitting the afternoon into 3 sessions in order to reduce the number of people in each class at any one time which helps the sessions run smoothly.

Sessions are arranged alphabetically by surname.

- *1st session 1.15-1.45pm - families with surnames starting with A through to H*
- *2nd session 1.45-2.15pm- families with surnames starting with I through to M*
- *3rd session 2.15-2.45pm- families with surnames starting with N through to Z*

If you have more than one child at Glebe then please choose different sessions for your other children to ensure you get quality time with each of them.

*Please read on for **information and dates for Term 1**. In the meantime, please don't hesitate to get in contact with questions, concerns or suggestions.*

Best wishes

*Mrs Sanderson
Head Teacher*

Dear Parents and Carers,

My name is Kirsty Rolfe, and I am thrilled to introduce myself as the new Depute Head Teacher at Glebe Primary School. It is an absolute pleasure to join this welcoming community, and I am eager to work alongside you to ensure that every child at Glebe Primary School continues to thrive in a supportive and nurturing environment.

I believe that strong partnerships between school and home are essential in helping our children succeed, and I am excited to build these connections with you.

In the coming weeks, I look forward to getting to know you and your children better. Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions, concerns, or suggestions you may have. My door is always open, and I am here to support you and your child in any way I can.

Thank you for welcoming me into your school community. Together, I am confident we can continue to make Glebe Primary School a place where every child feels valued, challenged, and inspired to learn.

Warm regards,

Kirsty Rolfe

Depute Head Teacher

Vision, Values and Aims

Our school's vision, values and aims were created with pupils, staff and parents/carers. Every year we share our school vision, values and aims with our families. At Glebe we strive for Excellence and Equity for all Learners, through the school values of

**Creativity, Kindness,
Responsibility and Respect.**

When you visit Glebe you should see pupils and staff demonstrating these values in everything we do.

IMPORTANT School Forms/letters

Annual data, medical, local journey and photograph consent forms are in schoolbags today. We ask families to check the information is accurate and update any inaccuracies, before signing and returning to the office. The importance of having up to date contact details can't be stressed highly enough. Each year we experience difficulty contacting some families in emergency situations so please check the forms.

Please note your child will not be able to go on any trips including local trips, e.g. the library or have their photograph taken, e.g. P1 annual newspaper photo, without completed consent forms. We can't use last session's forms.

Attendance and late coming



This year North Ayrshire is continuing to focus on improving attendance and late coming across schools. Every school day counts and we want to work with families who experience barriers to attendance.

We also ask for your support to get children to school on time as children who are regularly late miss vital chunks of learning every day. We appreciate the many families who are very supportive of the school's work in these areas. Please get in touch if you need support with your child's attendance,



Wider Achievement

Our P7 House Captains and Vice Captains help lead the assemblies and encourage the children to earn points for their house. We will continue to celebrate the children's wider achievement at the end of the Friday assembly. Children who have earned certificates, medals, trophies or other achievements out of school, should bring them to school on a Friday. The House Captains and Vice Captains will ensure their photos are recorded in our Awesome Achievements book, and more importantly points are earned for their house!



Captain and Vice Captains 2024/2025


Our P7s are busy preparing speeches to be the House Captain or Vice-Captain of their house. At Glebe we have 4 houses, **Fenwick**, **Lugton**, **Annick** and **Garnock**. Every child at Glebe is allocated a House Team. Children earn points and tokens for their house. Listen out for your children telling you all about this!

Next week the children will listen to speeches and vote for their leaders.



Senior Leadership Team Certificates

Children also earn Head Teacher/Depute Head Teacher certificates for excellent work/progress/effort in class. Children with excellent work will visit the DHT/HT to share this work. Over the course of their time



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Please remember that we now have a standard PE uniform which can be worn to school, on the PE days below. PE uniform must be in school colours consisting of the following;



- Dark/plain leggings, shorts or jogging bottoms.
- Polo shirt and school jumper/cardigan/hoodie.

If you have difficulty providing PE uniform please contact the office. Please note the adjustment to P2/3R days.

| CLASSES | PE GYM HALL (INSIDE) | PE ASTRO (OUTSIDE) | CLASSES | PE GYM HALL (INSIDE) | PE ASTRO (OUTSIDE) |
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| P1B | Thursday | Monday | P4M | Tuesday | Friday |
| P2/1M | Wednesday | Monday | P4C | Tuesday | Friday |
| P2/3R | Wednesday | Friday | P5GP | Monday | Thursday |
| P3BN | Wednesday | Friday | P5/6E | Thursday | Tuesday |
| | | | P6M | Monday | Friday |
| | | | P7M | Thursday | Monday |
| | | | P7S | Wednesday | Tuesday |

Health Checks



P1 and P7 Dental Inspections

The NHS Dental team will be in school on Tuesday 12th November to carry out the annual P1 and P7 dental inspections. Letters will follow with specific information for those year groups.

Flu Immunisations

All pupils will be eligible to receive the flu immunisation (nose puff) on Thursday 26th September. Consent letters will be in schoolbags next week and should be returned ASAP as NHS staff will collect the forms on Monday 2nd September. Please be aware your child will not receive their immunisation unless the letter is received and processed by the NHS as per the above timescales.

Roald Dahl Day

At Glebe we like to celebrate one of our favourite author's birthday on Friday

13th September. In school we will share his stories and do a variety of literacy activities related to his books. Staff and children, if they wish, can wear something yellow as this WAS his favourite colour. Please do not buy anything special for this, a yellow badge, ribbon or even socks will suffice. The focus is on the books not what we wear!



School Photographs

- Tempest photographers will come into school on **Tuesday 10th September** to take individual and family photographs.
- Please ensure your child comes to school in school uniform - **even if this is a PE day**.
- Full uniform should be worn for school photographs.

Reporting to Parents/Carers Learning Conversations 24/25

This session there will be two written reports and two Learning Conversations with you, your child and the Class Teacher.

The first of the written reports is an interim report. This will give you an indication of how your child has settled in their new class, how they are learning and their effort in class. **You will receive this report on Friday 25th October.** The second full report will be issued at the end of April.

There will be two Learning Conversations (Parent' Evenings) this session. **Wednesday 20th November and Wednesday 21st May.** Appointment slips will follow prior to each one. Remember, if you are worried about your child's wellbeing or learning at any time please make an appointment to talk to their class Teacher, the DHT Mrs Rolfe or myself.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Please ensure that all items of uniform are labelled with your child's name. This will help us to return any items of lost clothing.
- Please send a water bottle to school with your child each day. **ONLY WATER PLEASE**
- For the safety of our staff and pupils, we ask that you refrain from parking in or using the staff car park for drop-off or pick-up unless a blue badge permit is displayed. No pupils should enter the playground via the staff car park gate.
- Parents should not enter the playground in the morning. P1 pupils now know where to line up and members of staff will be in the playground to supervise the children. On wet weather mornings, children are permitted to enter the building early.
- Only parents of our younger children (P1-3) should enter the playground at home time for collection. Parents of p4-7 pupils can meet/collect their children just outside the school gates.
- If your child requires medication to be administered during the school day please contact the school office for a medical form.
- Please ensure that you child's snacks/lunch do not contain nuts. We currently have several pupils with nut allergies therefore we are a nut free school.
- Pupils should come into school wearing standard school PE kit on their designated gym days. School polo shirts and school jumpers are suitable for PE days along with dark shorts/leggings/jogging bottoms.

Curriculum Update

Thank you to all those who contributed to parental surveys last session. Your views have helped to determine the next 2 priorities for school improvement.

Glebe Priorities for School Improvement

PRIORITY 1 – To enrich the quality of learning experiences and raise attainment through enhanced pedagogy and curriculum development.

PRIORITY 2 - To ensure the curriculum is accessible for all and improve wellbeing, engagement, and attendance through enhancing the curriculum, with relevant resources, and creative play, outdoor learning and digital experiences.

We will provide regular updates on our progress and will continue to seek parent and pupil views throughout the session.

PTA/PC MEETING DATES

Our school is fortunate to have a very supportive parent/carer community and a very active Parent Council/Parent Teacher Association.

We actively encourage new members to join – ALL parents/carers are welcome. There are various roles within the Parent Council and you don't have to join every meeting for every item of information.

If you would like to join, please come along to a meeting, alternatively you could post or send a private message on the parent Facebook page, or email the school and we will pass this to the chairperson Mrs McClory.

Details of this year's AGM and meeting dates will follow

PLAYGROUND SUPERVISION & HEALTH AND SAFETY NOTE

Staff have noticed some young children in the playground at 8.15am. Please remember there is no playground supervision for children dropped off before **8.45am**. Furthermore please note the use of the play trails is not permitted without school staff supervision. This is the case across all NAC schools. Apologies for any upset this causes.

Finally

Please find the dates for Term 1 attached. As always we will endeavour to get any new dates to families as soon as we have them. We are often invited

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to participate in events or attend events at short notice. I am sure you support the school in taking any opportunity to make learning better for pupils by saying yes to exciting events- even if it is short notice and can be tricky for school staff to organise! Thank you for your support and understanding and for quick responses to last minute events or calls for helpers. It is appreciated!

I hope to see you all at the Learning Café but in the meantime please get in touch if there is anything you wish to discuss.

Thanks for your continued support.

In partnership

Mrs Sanderson
Head Teacher
Glebe Primary School

Term 1 DIARY DATES

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| Friday 23 rd August | Ev5 Consent forms issued Data Check forms issued Photo Consent forms issued |
| Monday 26 th August | Flu immunisation forms issued |
| Thursday 29 th August | JRSOs Elections |
| Friday 30 th August | House Elections Class Newsletter/Home learning Activity Information |
| Monday 2 nd September | NHS staff to collect flu immunisation forms |
| Friday 6 th September | Learning café 1 – Meet the Teacher Games themed |
| Tuesday 10 th September | School Photo Day |
| Friday 13 th September | Roald Dahl Day |
| Monday 23 rd September | In Service Day – Pupils off school |
| Thursday 26 th September | Flu Vaccination Day |
| Friday 27 th September | Halloween Swap Shop |
| Friday 11 th October | Class Newsletter/Home learning Activity Information |
| Monday 14 th - Friday 18 th October | School Holiday October Week |
| END OF TERM 1 | |