

# GLENCAIRN PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

August 2019

Dear Parent/Carer,



I would like to welcome you to a new session at Glencairn. I hope you had a lovely summer and your wee ones are feeling refreshed and ready for what is promising to be another busy year in Glencairn.

I am delighted to see our children beautifully presented as always. A wee gentle reminder that black trousers/skirts are not part of our uniform and if you have been unable to find brown please pop in to see us and we will do our best to help you out.

A number of our girls have also returned wearing hooped earrings. These can be dangerous during play however small they are, so I must ask you to make sure earrings are stud type. Can we also ask that you put your child's name on all clothing to avoid any confusion.

We have a very successful Parent Partnership within our school. All parents are welcome to join this. They successfully raised money for our children last year and this was put to very good use. They are keen to have more parents involved.



Please keep an eye out for letters in the schoolbags. This is our main way of communicating what is happening in the school to our parents and carers. As you know we have also been trialling the use of Twitter and we will continue to use this as a way of updating you on events within the school. The school website also contains lots of information on the work of the school. Please have a look.

We will continue to use our text messaging service at times to give you newsflashes and reminders throughout the year. You will receive your data form soon and I urge you to return these with your up to date telephone numbers and other information as soon as possible. It is important that you update us throughout the year with changes of mobile numbers to enable us to call you throughout the school day. Please also ensure that you update your email address as we are moving to a new text messaging service.



We will provide a water bottle for any child who doesn't have one; this does not apply to our nursery children. We will be encouraging them to bring it filled every day to school. Water helps to keep the body hydrated and the brain active throughout the day. **Please note that our policy is plain water only. Pupils may only drink juice or flavoured water at playtimes and lunchtimes.** This is in line with North Ayrshire Policy.

You will have the opportunity to come along with your child to meet their teacher on 18th September. This is a chance to 'meet the teacher', find out how your child has settled into their new class and plan the next steps in your child's education with you.

Staff in the infant school have asked me to reinforce the routine at the end of the day. Pupils from P 2 upwards are encouraged to find the person who is picking them up. It is very busy out there and they are instructed to come straight back to their teacher if no one is there for them. They would then be taken to the office to wait for someone. We would really appreciate that you speak to your children about this and reinforce what staff have said to them to keep them safe.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any issues or concerns. We have an open door policy and if we are unable to see you, the office will be able to give you an appointment. We want to support and work with the pupils, parents and families of the school and we can only do this if you tell us about your worries.

## Dates for your Diary

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|  <p><b>YOU'RE INVITED TO...<br/>PARENTS NIGHT</b></p> | Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> September 2019<br>Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> January 2020<br>Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> April 2020 |  |
| <b>Inservice Days</b>  | Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> September 2019<br>Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September 2019<br>Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> October 2019   | Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February 2020<br>Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2020<br>Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> May 2020 |
| <b>Dress Down Day</b>  | Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2019<br>Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> November 2019<br>Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November 2019   | Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> May 2020<br>Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May 2020<br>Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June 2020        |
| <b>Stay &amp; Share Sessions</b>   | P1 & P2/1<br>P2<br>P3x & P3y<br>P4x & P4y<br>P5x & P5y<br>P6 & P7  | Sep/Feb<br>Sep/Feb<br>Oct/Mar<br>Oct/Mar<br>Nov/Apr<br>Nov/Apr   |
|   | Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> October   |  |
| <b>Arran Residential for Primary 7</b>   | Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup> April 2020  |  |
| <b>Christmas Fayre</b>   | Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December 2019   |  |
| <b>Nativity</b>  | Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2019   |  |
| <b>Church Service</b>  | Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2019  |  |
| <b>Sports Day</b>  | Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> June 2020  |  |
| <b>Church Service</b>  | Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June 2020   |  |
| <b>Summer Fayre</b>  | Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> June 2020  |  |