



Glencairn Primary Newsletter

Term 1 2024
August – October



Kindness Determination Honesty Respect

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely break and were able to relax and enjoy some family time.

We have had a busy start to the term at Glencairn, and the children are back into the swing of things. There will be a new school newsletter every term keeping you up to date with what is going on at Glencairn Primary.

Please find lots of information below. This be may be added to throughout the term so please keep an eye on the school website and your texts/emails. If you have not already done so could you please download the Xpressions App as this can make communication easier.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with any queries, Mrs Ross or myself will be in touch. We can't often see you straight away especially in the morning but please be assured, we will get in touch as soon as we can

Thank you for your continued support

Kindest Regards

Lynda Rogerson (HT)

Attendance and Late Coming

We are continuing to focus on improving attendance and late coming across the school. Every school day counts and we want to work with families who experience barriers to attendance. Head Teachers have to complete monthly attendance reports, these are not meant to cause distress and I understand children do get sick, however we need to work together to ensure there are no unnecessary absences which then impact on your child's education and attainment. 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. You may be contacted by letter if your child's attendance falls below 90%. We appreciate the many families who are very supportive of the school's work in these areas.



Lunch

Lunch is free for all P1-P5 pupils and for older children who have applied for free school meals and clothing grants. We would encourage your child to take advantage of this. The lunches are varied, healthy and saves families time and money making packed lunches.

We also appreciate families taking the time to discuss food options and then pre-ordering lunch to reduce the time class teachers spend on this task. Weekly menus can be found on the NAC website.

[Lunch Menu Primary \(north-ayrshire.gov.uk\)](http://north-ayrshire.gov.uk)



Roald Dahl Day Friday 13th September

We will be celebrating Roald Dahl Day on Friday 13th September. Roald Dahl's favourite colour was yellow so your child can wear something yellow on Friday. Please do not buy anything new, any bright colour will do.



Car Park

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.



Could I kindly ask that any smoking or vaping takes place outside the school grounds. Thank you for your support



Dogs

Could I kindly ask that you refrain from bringing dogs into the playground as some children can find this very distressing.



House Captains

Our Captains and Vice Captains have delivered their speeches and all the pupils voted for their Captains and Vice Captains. Thank you to everyone who stood up and delivered their speech. They were excellent and everyone should be very proud of themselves. Look out for some exciting House Challenges over the next few months.



Cumbræ were the winners last year. Congratulations to them.



Please ensure you that your child has shorts and gym shoes to take part in PE. You will have had information on gym days in your class newsletter. Jewellery must not be worn to gym, earrings either need to be removed or covered with tape. Please contact school if you require any PE kit.

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

Uniform

School uniform helps us to promote equality; school values and keep pupils safe and secure. It provides parents and pupils with a sensible, practical and economical dress code to eliminate pressure from advertisers or designer labels. **If any parent has any difficulty with uniform items, please contact the Head Teacher who will be able to help discreetly and in confidence.**

P1-7 uniform consists of:

Red School sweatshirt or cardigan/pullover (Hoodie for P7 only)

Grey trousers, skirts or tunics

White school polo shirt or white shirt and tie

We all strive to follow the Glencairn Way every day. We encourage our pupils to:

Be kind

Be respectful

Be honest

Be determined

Communication

Please let us know if there are any changes to your child's circumstances. E.g. change of address / emergency phone number or medical condition. Furthermore if you require new forms to update your information please don't hesitate to ask the office staff and they'll pop the forms in your child's bag.

We kindly ask that ALL families download the Xpressions app. When we send messages and the contact doesn't have Xpressions we are charged for the text. It is expensive, and it seems we send more messages than most schools! Unfortunately we can no longer afford the current level of communication, so please download Xpressions if you don't want us to reduce reminders etc.

We also post information on twitter, and where possible, the Parent Council/PTA aim to keep you updated on the Parent/Carer Facebook page. Emails/letters will continue for consent to attend clubs etc. and Xpressions messages or texts will be used for urgent information or quick updates. X (Twitter) is the preferred social media platform for schools. We are delighted to have so many families following and commenting on the success of the school. If you wish to follow us then do so @glencairn_ps



Glencairn Parent Partnership Need Your Help



The Parent Partnership have supported Glencairn Primary for a number of years through fun fundraising activities. Here are a few examples of what they have helped us with. There are lots of plans for this year, but they need your help!

Helped towards the cost of trips and buses.



Organised Halloween Parties and provided snacks and drinks



Helped towards the cost of hoodies

A form will be sent out soon to try and recruit some new helpers.

Contact school if you require any further information,
on **464376**

Data Forms

Could all data forms and permission forms be returned to the office as soon as possible, Thank you

Dates for your diary

Fri 13 th Sept	Roald Dahl Day- wear something yellow
Mon 23 rd Sept	In-service Day – pupils do not attend
Tuesday 8 th Oct	Flu Immunisation – more details to follow
Friday 11 th Oct	Finish for October break. 3pm finish
Mon 21 st Oct	Pupils return

Our Sunflower Bench will be delivered soon. Watch out for it appearing in our beautiful garden.

We were also gifted a very generous donation from Mr Hosie's sons. We have not decided what it will be spent on but we all know that Mr Hosie would have wanted the children to enjoy it. We will consult with pupils in the weeks ahead



