



# Glencairn Primary Newsletter

Term 2 2024

October - December



Kindness Determination Honesty Respect

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a really busy start to Term 2. The children have been working so hard in class and still managing to enjoy the last of the good weather in our ever developing playground area. Before we know it, Christmas will be here!! Some dates for your diary are listed below.

Enjoy our newsletter, and keep an eye on our school website for updates.

Thank you

Dates for your diary

November 13 <sup>th</sup>	Parents/Carers Evening
November 15 <sup>th</sup>	Dress Down (bring a sweetie if you can)
November 18 <sup>th</sup> -21 <sup>st</sup>	P7 Arran Trip
November 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Dress Down (bring a bottle, if you can)
November 27 <sup>th</sup>	Early Years photos - Tempest
November 28 <sup>th</sup>	P1-7 photos - Tempest
November 29 <sup>th</sup>	Dress Down (bring a toy or unwanted gift, if you can)
December 4 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Fayre - 3.15pm - 4.30pm
December 9 <sup>th</sup>	Panto in school
December 10 <sup>th</sup>	Nativity PM - 2.00pm
December 11 <sup>th</sup>	Nativity AM - 9.30am
December 11 <sup>th</sup>	Carol Singing in Stevenston
December 12 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Dinner in school
December 13 <sup>th</sup>	Sparkle Day (wear something sparkly or a Christmas Jumper if you want)
December 17 <sup>th</sup>	AM - P4 Party P5 Party PM -P6 Party
December 18 <sup>th</sup>	P7 Christmas Lunch (venue to be decided)
December 18 <sup>th</sup>	Early Years Party
December 19 <sup>th</sup>	AM - P1 Party P2 Party PM- P3 Party
December 20 <sup>th</sup>	School finishes at 2.30pm. Re-opens January 6 <sup>th</sup> at 9am

### 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 will be contacted by the school if your child's attendance falls below 90%. We appreciate the many families who are very supportive of the school's work in this- areas.



### Panto

Our pupils loved our in-house panto last year. Having the panto come to us, allows the cost to be kept low. The panto this year is Peter Pan and will be on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December.



The school will be contributing to the panto, we will be charging £4.50 per child, and this will include a snack and drink. Payments can be made through I PAY from next week.

### Remembrance Sunday

Remembrance Sunday is on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November. Glencairn Primary will respect a minute silence on the morning of Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November. Our school Captains and Vice Captains will facilitate the sale of poppies from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> to Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November. Children who wish a poppy should bring a small donation, usually silver. There is no obligation to purchase poppies.



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



### Car Park

We have noted that cars are no longer parking on the double yellow lines. Your efforts are appreciated.

Thank you



### Dogs

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



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.

### House Captains

As House and Vice Captains we have been very busy over the past few weeks! Our latest challenge was a Scavenger Hunt. Our P1-P3 pupils had to work in teams to find parts of our School Value Mascots that had been hidden around the playground. Once they found all the pieces, they had to put them back together again. Our P4-7s had to find missing letters, work together to unscramble them and work out what one of our School Values the letters spelled out. The fastest teams were awarded with stars and tokens. There was lots of excitement at our recent House Captains Assembly when the winners were announced. Along with planning and organising House Challenges, we have also started a Wider Achievements 'Big Book'. This is where we celebrate the out of school achievements of our pupils. These achievements are also celebrated at our monthly Captains assemblies. Our November Challenge will focus on number. Keep an eye on our X/Twitter feed for all latest news and pictures from our Houses @glencairm\_ps.

The Captains and Vice Captains



### Xmas Fayre

Our Christmas Fayre will be on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December. The children will be creating lots of wonderful gifts for you to buy. We will be asking the children to dress down throughout November, if you are able to, we would appreciate donations on those dress down days.



## **WIDER ACHIEVEMENT**

You will have received a form asking you about your child's achievements at home. This information will be celebrated monthly at assembly and be put in our new 'Big Book' which will be on display for all to see

## **SO PROUD**



We have been so busy.

Follow us on X to find out what has been happening at  
Glencairn Primary [@glencairn\\_ps](https://twitter.com/glencairn_ps)



Cross Country on a cold Saturday morning. Superstars!



Captains gathering opinions from pupils throughout the school on what clubs they would like



Wearing yellow to celebrate Roald day



We celebrate success at our weekly assemblies



Another exciting challenge organised by our School Captains



Our new Chill Zone, somewhere to go in the playground for a little quiet time



Some Spooky fun



Our Digital Leaders sharing good practice with other schools



# 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**

Our Sunflower Bench has been delivered. We just need to add the extendable legs and it will be ready for use. Thank you again for all your contributions.

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



## Communication

Remember to check your emails regularly. If you have not already done so, please download the Xpressions App. Information from school will be sent via both. We try to limit our text messages as they cost the school money

