



Whitehirst Park Primary School/Bun-Sgoil Pàirc Whitehirst -
Information for parents/carers
August 2023



Welcome/Fàilte to the new school session. It's lovely to see the children looking refreshed and ready for the new session. This brief information leaflet will be followed very soon by a more comprehensive newsletter for the term. I very much look forward to working with you and your family this session.

Lynn Robertson
Head Teacher

Staffing

We are pleased to welcome Mrs Clyde (Classroom Assistant) to our staff. It is all change in our office this year. We have bid farewell to Mrs Phillips who is off to pastures new and Mrs Farro is retiring at the end of August. We wish them both the very best, they will be missed for sure. Mrs McKinlay will now work full time and we will be delighted to welcome Mrs Macfarlane to our office team early in September.

Absence Procedures

It would be much appreciated if you could contact the school before 9.30am if your child is absent from school. Apart from anything else, we need to know that your child is safe. Please note that it is extremely important that the school has up to contact details. A pack of administrative/medical forms is enclosed to allow you to update your child's details. In the meantime, if you know of any changes, please contact the school office staff.

Permission Slips

Internet Use and Photographs ~ Please read the enclosed guidelines and return the permission slip pages within one week of receiving this newsletter.

Local Outings/Playtrail ~ There may be times during the session when your child has the opportunity to take part in an activity within the town e.g. walking to the library, shops, park etc. These outings are closely supervised by school staff and parent helpers. Being an ECO school we do try to cut down on the amount of paper used, therefore by signing the slips overleaf it means that you are giving permission for the school year.

Infectious Illnesses/Allergies

As a matter of great importance, I would ask that you contact the school office immediately to inform us if you are aware of any infectious illnesses such as chicken pox within your family. We have a number of children with low immunity for whom infections can be serious and therefore we must know immediately if they are being exposed to any infectious conditions. We also have a few pupils with serious nut allergies. Please do not send nut based products for snacks/lunch. Your co-operation is very much appreciated.

Home/School Communication

We will continue to make use of Groupcall Xpressions App to communicate rather than through text messaging. This can be downloaded at the Apple App Store or Google Playstore. Teaching staff will continue to use Seesaw as a means of communication. We will issue further information for you detailing how and when we will use this soon.

Our school website is in the process of being updated and our draft calendar for the year has been uploaded, but for your convenience I have attached a calendar of provisional dates for the coming year. Please take careful note of Parent/Teacher/Pupil Target Talks, Open Evening and other important dates.

[Whitehirst Park Primary School Bun-Sgoil Pàirc Whitehirst \(glowscotland.org.uk\)](http://glowscotland.org.uk)

Draft Calendar Session 2023-24

AUGUST	
Inverclyde Information Session for Parents 6pm	Wednesday 23 rd August
P1/2/3/4/5 Gaelic Medium Outing to Harbour Arts Centre	Friday 25 th August
SEPTEMBER	
P7 at Inverclyde Residential	Wednesday 13 th September
P7 at Inverclyde Residential	Thursday 14 th September
P7 at Inverclyde Residential	Friday 15 th September
In-Service Day for Staff	Monday 18 th September
Open Evening for all classes 4.30pm-6.30pm	Wednesday 20 th September
OCTOBER	
Harvest Service	Wednesday 4 th October
Close for October Holidays 3pm	Friday 13 th October
School Opens 9am	Monday 23 rd October
Photographs - Individual and family	Wednesday 25 th October
Halloween Activities in Class	Tuesday 31 st October
NOVEMBER	
Parent/Teacher/Pupil Target Talks Evening 1	Wednesday 8 th November
Parent/Teacher/Pupil Target Talks Evening 2	Thursday 9 th November
Close for November Weekend 3pm	Thursday 16 th November
School Opens 9am	Tuesday 21 st November
Flu Vaccination	Friday 24 th November

DECEMBER	
Christmas Fayre Preparation Day - Helpers needed	Friday 1 st December
Last week of homework	Monday 5 th December
Christmas Fayre 3.30pm-5pm	Thursday 7 th December
Christmas Parties start - dates TBC	Monday 11 th December
Pantomime at Palace Theatre	Friday 15 th December
Christmas Service	Wednesday 20 th December
Close for Christmas Holidays 2.30pm	Friday 22 nd December
JANUARY	
School Opens	Monday 8 th January
Homework starts	Monday 16 th January
FEBRUARY	
Close for February weekend 3pm	Thursday 8 th February
In-service Day for staff	Tuesday 13 th February
School Opens	Wednesday 14 th February
MARCH	
Parent/Teacher/Pupil Target Talks Evening 1	Tuesday 6 th March
Parent/Teacher/Pupil Target Talks Evening 2	Wednesday 7 th March
Easter Service	Wednesday 27 th March
Close for Easter Holidays 2.30pm	Thursday 29 th March
APRIL	
School Opens	Monday 15 th April
MAY	
Holiday	Monday 6 th May
Health Fortnight	Monday 13 th May
Sports Day	Wednesday 15 th May
Holiday	Monday 27 th May
In-service Day for Staff	Friday 24 th May
School Opens	Wednesday 31 st May
JUNE	
Whole School Trip - TBC	Friday 7 th June
Final Reports Issued	Week beg 3 rd June
P7 Leavers Assembly	Wednesday 19 th June
Summer Service	Wednesday 26 th June
Close for Summer Holidays 1pm	Friday 28 th June

FOR UPDATES CHECK THE SCHOOL WEBSITE AND TERMLY NEWSLETTERS