



22<sup>nd</sup> August 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to a new year at Firth Primary. We have made a great start with P1 settling in really well and our new nursery children taking it in their stride. All the children have been a delight and it has been lovely to hear all their holiday news.

## POLYCRUB

A huge thank you to all the people who have manned the Polycrub over the summer. I had a look in on Tuesday to discover a whole lot of amazing plants growing away. (I may have pinched a tomato for my lunch!) It is super to see such a huge contribution to our school from our children, families and the community. Well done and thank you!

## STAFFING UPDATE



Bruce Moar started in his role as janitor at the end of the holidays.

In nursery we have Erica Drever taking on the role of a senior practitioner.

We have Emma Drever back teaching in P1-4.

We are delighted to say Kirstin Swanney is expecting and will be off on maternity leave at the end of this term. Her cover is yet to be confirmed.

Our full staff team is on the school website.

[Firth Primary School \(glowscotland.org.uk\)](http://glowscotland.org.uk)

## OUTDOOR EDUCATION



P6 will have their Outdoor Education experience on 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> of September. This will take place on the premises of Firth School and possibly other venues for different experiences. More information about payment, kit lists and the programme will be sent home next week.

We don't have a date for the P7 residential trip to Hoy yet, but we will let you know about that as soon as it is confirmed.

## SWIMMING

We have swimming lessons arranged for our P5/6 class in term 2 starting on the 4<sup>th</sup> of November. This will be at the Stromness Swimming Pool and more details will follow nearer the time.



## SCHOOL CALENDAR OF EVENTS



We are organising dates for the year ahead next week and then we will share the plan with the Parent Council. If there are any specific events or dates that you think are important for our school community to recognise, then please get in touch. If there are any amendments that you think we should consider to what has happened this year, that is also good for us to know.

Kind Regards

Emma Jane Rendall

## EXPRESSIVE ARTS TIMETABLE 24/25

FIRTH	MORNING	AFTERNOON
Monday		
Tuesday	ART	ART
Wednesday	MUSIC	MUSIC
Thursday	PE WOODWIND/BRASS	PE
Friday	CELLO/BASS	
tbc	VIOLIN/VIOLA	

### Dates for the Diary

#### AUGUST

19th August - In-service day for staff

20th August - First day back for children

#### SEPTEMBER

9th September - Fairtrade Fortnight begins

26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> September - P6 Outdoor Ed

#### OCTOBER

11th October - Last day of school

28th October - In-service day for staff

29th October - In-service day for staff

30th October - First day back for children

#### NOVEMBER

4th November - Swimming Lessons Begin P5/6

#### DECEMBER

20th December - Last day of term

#### JANUARY

6th January - First day back for staff and children

## COMMENTS

It is always good to get feedback and ideas from our school community to help us make things better. If there is anything you would like to add, we would be delighted to listen and include your ideas as we move forward. Or just email the office.

Name:	Date:
Comments:	