

Glencoats Primary School



Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back to the new session. I hope everyone has enjoyed the summer break despite the weather! The children have all settled in well and have made a great start with lots of hard work and very good behaviour being shown since we started back. I am looking forward to the year ahead with many great experiences planned for our young people as well as opportunities for family learning sessions.

A special welcome to our new Primary 1 children and families - it was a joy to see all the happy faces on the first day of term.

I would also like to give a mention to our new Primary 7 senior pupils who are ready to take on the challenge of their last year in primary and who will be leaders and role models for the other pupils - here's to a great year ahead for you all.

Please see attached a helpful calendar of events for September to December. As always, please don't hesitate to contact me or any of the senior leadership team (Mrs Studden, Mr Craig or Mr Smith) at any time for any questions, concerns or support throughout the year ahead.

Carol McCormick, Head Teacher



Please can you make sure you are signed up to the app as we use this to share lots of information and pupil achievements. Please contact the school if you need a new code to sign up or need any help with the app and we will be happy to help.



Children can wear comfy clothes on their PE days if this is easier for parents, e.g., joggers, leggings, etc.

Children are not allowed to wear jewellery - please tape up any earrings if these can't be removed as teachers are not permitted to do this for health & safety reasons - thanks!

Our Expectations



We encourage and support all of our children to follow our Expectations and take responsibility for their behaviour at all times. We have a very nurturing school where our children show kindness, respect and good manners to staff and each other. We are very proud of them!

BE SAFE

BE KIND

LISTEN & FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS

WORK HARD & TRY YOUR BEST

Our School Values



We work hard to reach the STARS

Supporting our children, families & each other

Teamwork

Attainment & **A**chievement

Respect, **R**esponsibility, **R**elationships

Success for Everyone

Nut Allergies



We kindly ask all parents/carers not to send any nuts or products with nuts to school as we have children who have nut allergies.

We appreciate your support in helping to keep our young people safe.

Data Forms



Please can you send any **data forms** or **flu vaccination forms** back to school as soon as possible to help our office.

HELP MAKE OUR SCHOOL A HEALTHY SMOKE FREE ZONE

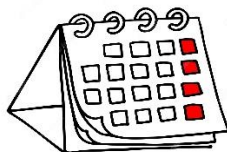


Last year, we had many requests from children and parents to try to make our school a smoke free zone. Our STAR Committee are going to be leading a campaign this year.






We are asking for you to help us to become a healthy school community by not smoking near our school playground or at the gates **at drop off & collection times** when there are other children and families around so that we can join together to send a positive message to our young people.





Staff have also been advised that smoking is not permitted in the school grounds. Thanks for your support.

GLENCOATS CALENDAR SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER



DATE	EVENT
Friday 1 st September SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS	All children will be having school photos taken today and information will be sent to parents/carers regarding purchasing photos for those who wish to do so.
September 1 st - 14 th PUPIL LEADERSHIP NOMINATIONS 	Children in P6 & 7 will be asked to nominate themselves for the leadership roles of House Vice Captains and Captains. Please support your children to write their speeches! We will also be asking children P4 - 7 to nominate themselves for a range of leadership roles across the school - STAR Committee, Digital Leaders, PAtHs Pals Buddies, Sports Leaders & Library Ambassadors
Thursday 21 st and 28 th September 2PM - 3PM PRIMARY 1 FAMILY LEARNING AFTERNOONS 	Primary 1 parents/carers are invited in to join their children and teachers for 2 Family Learning sessions where you will have the chance to see some active literacy and numeracy in action! We look forward to seeing you. Please come to the main entrance where you will be taken to the hall.
Friday 22 nd & Monday 25 th September SEPTEMBER WEEKEND HOLIDAY	School will be closed for the September weekend holiday on the Friday & Monday - school will re-open on Tuesday 26 th September.
26 th - 28 th September INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES WEEK 	This year we will be celebrating International Languages Week with a focus on Spain. Our House Captains will be organising a whole school focus topic where we will be learning about Spanish culture and language through different fun activities from P1 - P7.

<p>26th September - 29th September MATHS WEEK SCOTLAND</p> 	<p>Classes across the school will be taking part in activities to celebrate numeracy and maths. This year's theme is MATHS IN MOTION.</p> <p>Check out the Maths Week Scotland website for ideas on getting involved! https://www.mathsweek.scot/families/activities</p>
<p>2nd - 6th October EQUALITY FOCUS WEEK</p> 	<p>Our STAR Committee will be leading different activities from P1 - 7 all about equality. This will include learning about and celebrating different cultures as well as anti-racist education as part of Black History Month. We look forward to working in partnership with our friends from Pachedu.</p>
<p>Thursday 12th October 3pm - 6pm PARENTS' MEETINGS</p> 	<p>We look forward to welcoming all our parents/carers to our first Parents' Meetings. You will have a chance to meet with your child's teacher to talk about your child's learning and progress.</p> <p>More information will be issued nearer the time.</p>
<p>16th - 20th October OCTOBER WEEK SCHOOL HOLIDAY Monday 23rd October IN-SERVICE DAY</p>	<p>Schools will be closed for the October holiday and In-Service Day.</p> <p>Schools will re-open on Tuesday 24th October.</p>
<p>Friday 27th October 1.30 - 3pm FAMILY LEARNING COME COUNT WITH ME AFTERNOON</p> 	<p>We look forward to welcoming all our parents/carers to our Come Count With Me Family Learning Afternoon.</p> <p>You will get a chance to work with your children on different maths activities and see some of the new ways we do maths in our school!</p> <p>Please come to the main entrance where you will be taken to the classes.</p>
<p>Thursday 16th November 2pm - 3pm PRIMARY 2 & 3 FAMILY LEARNING AFTERNOON</p> 	<p>Primary 2 & 3 parents/carers are invited in to take part in some Read, Write & Count activities. We look forward to seeing you!</p> <p>Children will be issued with their Read, Write & Count bags - we hope you have fun doing the fun activities together!</p> <p>Please come to the main entrance where you will be taken to the hall.</p>

<p>13th - 16th November WELLBEING FOCUS WEEK</p> 	<p>Children across the school will be taking part in different activities with a focus on emotional, social and mental wellbeing.</p> <p>Our STAR Committee will be organising the event which takes part during Anti-bullying Week. This year's theme is MAKE A NOISE ABOUT BULLYING.</p>
<p>20th - 23rd November UNITED NATIONS OF THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD FOCUS WEEK</p> 	<p>Our STAR Committee will be organising different activities for all of our children to take part in linked to the United Nations of the Rights of the Child.</p> <p>This year we are hoping to achieve Rights, Respecting Schools Silver Award!</p>
<p>27th November - 1st December FINANCE & ENTERPRISE FOCUS WEEK</p> 	<p>Our House Captains will be leading different activities for all of our children to take part in on the theme of Finance & Enterprise.</p> <p>The whole school will be having a focus on aspects of maths related to money and budgeting.</p>
<p>Thursday 30th November ST ANDREW'S DAY SCHOOL HOLIDAY</p>	<p>The school will be closed for St Andrew's Day and will re-open on Friday 1st December.</p>
<p>CHRISTMAS EVENTS</p> 	<p>A SEPARATE CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER WILL BE ISSUED LATER IN THE TERM WITH INFORMATION ON XMAS FAYRE, XMAS PARTIES, ETC.</p>