

Glencoats Primary School  
Newsletter September 2024



Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back to the new session. 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 at any time for any questions, concerns or support throughout the year ahead.

Best wishes,

Carol McCormick  
Head Teacher

### 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**

**S**upporting our children, families & each other

**T**eamwork

**A**ttainment & **A**chievement

**R**espect, **R**esponsibility, **R**elationships

**S**uccess for Everyone



We are no longer using Seesaw as our communication tool and have now signed up to a new app called **Just2Easy**. Information has been sent out to all families - please make sure you use the QR code to sign up so that you can keep up to date with school and class information including children's experiences and achievements. If you need any help, please let us know.

### RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOLS SILVER AWARD



Last year, all our classes worked really hard to learn about the rights of the child. They took part in many different activities and met with the accreditation team who were very impressed with all our hard work! We have achieved our RRS Silver Award and are now going for gold!

### 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.



Children can wear comfy clothes on their PE days if this is easier for parents, e.g., joggers, leggings, etc. Children should wear indoor trainers/sandshoes. Children are not allowed to wear jewellery - earrings must be taped up for health and safety reasons - tape is provided by the school office.

## HELP MAKE OUR SCHOOL A HEALTHY SMOKE FREE ZONE



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.

## DISABLED PARKING



Just a reminder that only blue badge holders are permitted to park in the disabled parking bays at the main entrance of the school - thanks for your support.

## ATTENDANCE AND LATE COMING



This session we are having a focused look at supporting attendance and late-coming in Glencoats. Please take a look at our Attendance Matters information at the main entrance. We will be sending out monthly reminders about the importance of attendance and the impact it has on children's learning and well-being.

## SCHOOL UNIFORM



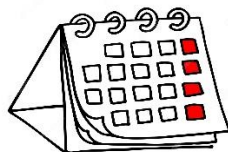
Uniform is an important part of school in helping us to create a shared identity that we can all be proud of. We would like to encourage and support all of our children to wear school uniform and to represent our school positively. If you need any support with uniform, please don't hesitate to contact us and we will do all we can to help. Please remember to put names on all items of school clothing!





## SUPER SKILLS AT GLENCOATS









We have developed a progressive skills programme in our school to teach our children all about skills for learning, life and work. If you have a talent or skills and would be interested in volunteering to lead/support a club, please contact the school!

## GLENCOATS CALENDAR SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER








DATE	EVENT
<p>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> September 2PM - 3PM <b>PRIMARY 1 FAMILY LEARNING AFTERNOONS</b></p> 	<p>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.</p> <p>Please come to the main entrance where you will be taken to the hall.</p>
<p>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> &amp; Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September <b>SEPTEMBER WEEKEND HOLIDAY</b></p> 	<p>School will be closed for the September weekend holiday on the Friday &amp; Monday - school will re-open on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October.</p>
<p>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October <b>P7 PARENTS' MEETING WITH CASTLEHEAD HIGH SCHOOL STAFF</b></p> 	<p>Primary 7 parents/carers are invited to meet with the Head Teacher and other staff of Castlehead High School as part of our transition programme.</p> <p><b>Please come along to Glencoats Primary 2 - 3pm.</b></p>
<p>23<sup>rd</sup> September - 29<sup>th</sup> September <b>MATHS WEEK SCOTLAND</b></p> 	<p>Classes across the school will be taking part in activities to celebrate numeracy and maths. This year's theme is <b>MATHS TALES</b>, looking at how maths is used to tell stories.</p> <p>Check out the Maths Week Scotland website for ideas on getting involved! <a href="https://www.mathsweek.scot/families/activities">https://www.mathsweek.scot/families/activities</a></p>

<p>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October <b>INTERGENERATIONAL PROJECT BEGINS</b></p> 	<p>Our P5/6 class will be taking part in an Intergenerational Project this year. They will be working with some elderly friends across Paisley to learn new and old songs together as well as working with children from Fordbank Primary in Johnstone. We look forward to the grand performance at the end of the year - more info for parents to come!</p>
<p>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October <b>PARENTS' MEETINGS</b></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>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October <b>IN-SERVICE DAY</b></p> 	<p>The school will be closed for pupils today.</p>
<p>14<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> October <b>OCTOBER WEEK SCHOOL HOLIDAY</b></p> 	<p>Schools will be closed for the October holiday. Schools will re-open on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October.</p>
<p>21<sup>st</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> October <b>EQUALITY FOCUS WEEK</b></p> 	<p>Our Equality Leaders will be organising different activities from P1 - 7 all about equality.</p> <p>This will include learning about and celebrating different cultures as well as anti-racist education as part of Black History Month.</p>
<p>Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October <b>PUMPKIN COMPETITION</b></p> 	<p>Our House Captains and Vice Captains are running a Pumpkin Competition!</p> <p>How creative can you be??</p> <p>All pumpkins should come to school on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> for judging!!</p>

<p>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November <b>HALLOWEEN DISCO</b></p> 	<p>Children can dress up in Halloween costume today. We will be organising a Halloween Disco for all children in the afternoon, supported by our Parent Council.</p>
<p>11<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> November <b>WELLBEING FOCUS WEEK</b></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 <b>CHOOSE RESPECT</b>.</p> <p><b>12<sup>th</sup> November - ODD SOCKS DAY</b></p>
<p>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2pm - 3pm <b>PRIMARY 2 &amp; 3 FAMILY LEARNING AFTERNOON</b></p> 	<p>Primary 2 &amp; 3 parents/carers are invited in to take part in some Read, Write &amp; Count activities. We look forward to seeing you!</p> <p>Children will be issued with their Read, Write &amp; 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>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December <b>ST ANDREW'S DAY SCHOOL HOLIDAY</b></p> 	<p>The school will be closed for St Andrew's Day and will re-open on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December.</p>
<p>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> - Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December <b>FINANCE &amp; ENTERPRISE FOCUS FORTNIGHT</b></p> 	<p>Our House Captains will be leading different activities for all of our children to take part in on the theme of Finance &amp; Enterprise.</p> <p>The whole school will be having a focus on aspects of maths related to Money and budgeting.</p>



<p>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 1pm - 3pm</p> <p><b>CHRISTMAS FAYRE</b></p> 	<p>Come along to our Christmas Fayre where there will be lots of stalls and goodies on offer!</p> <p>Proceeds from the Fayre will go towards Parent Council and School Funds, both of which are used throughout the year to enhance the experiences for all children.</p> <p>Your support will be greatly appreciated as always!</p> <p>Parents/carers to enter hall via playground where entry tickets will be on sale (included in entry is cup of tea/coffee and a mince pie/biscuit!). <u>Under 5s</u> are free!</p>
<p>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December</p> <p><b>PRIMARY 1 &amp; 2 CHRISTMAS PARTY</b></p> 	<p>Children in P1 &amp; 2 can wear party clothes today for their Christmas Party!</p>
<p>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December</p> <p><b>PRIMARY 3 &amp; 4 CHRISTMAS PARTY</b></p> 	<p>Children in P3 &amp; 4 can wear party clothes today for their Christmas Party!</p>
<p>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December</p> <p><b>PRIMARY 5 -7 CHRISTMAS DISCO</b></p> 	<p>Children in P5 - 7 can wear party clothes today for their Christmas Party!</p>
<p>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December</p> <p><b>STOP FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY</b></p> 	<p><b>School will close today at 2.30pm.</b></p> <p>Schools re-open on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January.</p> <p>We wish everyone a happy and healthy Christmas holiday.</p>