

Newsletter May 2020

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Copies of all school newsletters and minutes of parent council meetings, can be found at the school website and blogs. You can find these at the address above. You can also find us on Twitter (@hallsideprimary) where we will keep you up to date with regular tweets.

Head Teacher's Message

I hope you and your loved ones are all safe and well. Hallside Primary School building temporarily closed on Friday 20/03/20 due to the Covid-19 pandemic. However, our school is much more than a building. We are so proud of the resilience demonstrated by our children, the support of our school community and the dedication shown by all members of the staff team. We may be physically apart but we are still very much together. I am acutely aware of the many challenges that our children and families may be facing during this difficult time. Since the outbreak of Covid-19 there has been lots of quickly evolving information issued to families and I hope in this newsletter to communicate this in a cohesive way for your reference. Please do not hesitate to contact me via the school office, at gw14hallsidepsoffice@glow.sch.uk, if I can be of assistance. Thank you for your continued support. *S. Sandilands*

Home Based Learning Opportunities:

The school message is clear. **Do what you can, when you can, if you can. No pressure, no stress.** Google Classrooms was established for all classes on 19th March and home learning journals and suggested daily timetable were issued to children at school and made available for collection from the school office. Feedback from our Pupil Council on using Google Classroom has been very positive, "I am enjoying it because it is helping us to stay connected" P5 pupil. "I like showing my teachers what I have been doing in pictures that my mummy can send." P1 pupil. Staff are working very hard to ensure continuity of learning and support their children via Google Classroom. If you require any technical help to support you in accessing this please contact Mr Bamford directly at gw07bamfordrobert@glow.sch.uk. Google Classroom can be accessed via a range of technical devices including smart phones and games consoles. If access to technology is preventing your child from engaging with Google Classroom please contact Mrs O'Neill directly at gw08oneilliz@glow.sch.uk. Resources to support children with Additional Support Needs is attached to this email. Please contact Mrs Sandilands directly on gw15sandilandssusann@glow.sch.uk. (Please note this is a temporary email address, it will only be used for this purpose, all other enquiries should be sent via the school office address where they will be directed to the relevant member of the team.) YOUR VIEWS MATTER. We would be grateful if you could complete the following survey <https://forms.gle/iTgEHvLxYnAHyBx8> Thank you in advance.

Transition Information:

The school community are developing creative ways to support our new P1 children to have a wonderful start to school and also to celebrate the many successes of our P7 young people. Latest information can be found on the school's website at <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/sl/hallsideprimary/> and on Twitter by following @hallsideprimary.

Return to School:

We are all keen to know when we will all be together again in our school building and how this will be managed so that everyone remains safe. The Scottish Government has established an Education Recovery Group to inform the logistics of this. The First Minister will decide when schools can reopen, based on scientific advice. Further information here. <https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-framework-decision-making-further-information/> The National Parent Forum of Scotland is represented on this group and is seeking parent/carer views. They can be contacted on Twitter @parentforumscot or by email, office@npfs.org.uk

South Lanarkshire Council Information and Local Supports Available:

For families wishing to find out local information on a range of topics including **school hubs, placing requests, nursery admissions** the latest information can be found at https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/info/200228/health_and_medical_information/1863/coronavirus_covid-19_advice/10
A fortnightly £30 PayPoint Voucher is issued centrally to parents/carers of children entitled to **Free School Meals**. For further information on this click on the link below. https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/info/200228/health_and_medical_information/1863/coronavirus_covid-19_advice/21
SLC Psychological Services have established a **Covid-19 Advice and Support Line**. Information attached to the newsletter.
Residents of Cambuslang and Rutherglen have established a co-ordinated response to the Covid-19 crisis. Further information can be accessed by clicking on the following link. <https://camglencovid.gaapdigital.co.uk/>