

# Glassford Primary School



## Newsletter

February 2023



Welcome to our first newsletter of 2023. I hope this finds you well and looking forward to the year ahead.

On behalf of the staff can I thank you for all your cards, gifts and kind thoughts that we received at the end of last term. We very much appreciate these especially in these difficult times. I would also like to thank you all for our fantastic foodbank collection. It was an extraordinary example of your kindness and generosity towards others less fortunate.

Please check the 'Dates for Your Diary' section for any up-and-coming events and please also continue to check school bags and emails for letters and updates.

Thank you for your support with this.

### Holiday Dates



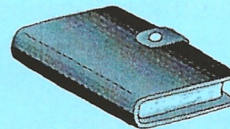
To mark the coronation of King Charles there will be an additional school and public holiday on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May.

### P7 Transition



Our transition programme for our P7 pupils has started this term with visits and workshops for our P7 pupils from the Maths department. An introduction to Algebra and the opportunity to work with Mrs Ferguson, one of the maths teachers has been an excellent opportunity. Our school-based transition programme will start in March.

## Dates for your Diary



### February

- 9 P6/7 Cross country lunchtime club
- 13-15 **Holiday**
- 16 **School reopens at 9am**
- 16 P6/7 Cross Country lunchtime club
- 20 P4-7 After School Sports Club, 3-4pm
- 21 P4-7 After School Burns Club, 3-4pm
- 23 P6/7 Cross Country lunchtime club
- 27 P4-7 After School Burns Club, 3-4pm

### March

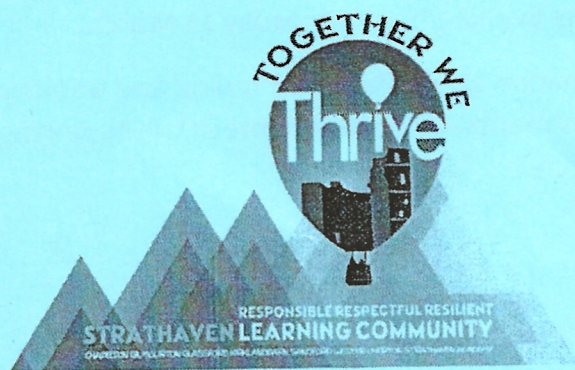
- 2 P6/7 Cross Country lunchtime club
- 6 P4-7 After School Burns Club, 3-4pm
- 9 Whole school visit, Glasgow Science Centre
- 9 Larkhall Burns Assoc competition
- 13 P7 Transition Sports Club, Strathaven Academy, 4-5pm
- 15 P5-7 Football training, Strathaven Academy
- 16 P6/7 Cross country lunchtime club
- 21 East Kilbride Cross Country event, Strathaven Park
- 22 P5-7 Football training, Strathaven Academy
- 22 Parents Evening, 3.30-5pm and 6-8.30pm
- 27 P7 Transition Sports Club, Strathaven Academy, 4-5pm
- 30 **Easter service, Glassford Parish Church**
- 31 **School finishes at 2.30pm**

### April

- 17 **School reopens at 9am**

### May

- 1 **Holiday**
- 2 **In service day – school closed to pupils**
- 8 **Holiday for King Charles' Coronation**
- 26-29 **Holiday**
- 30 **School reopens at 9am**



## Road Safety

### Classroom Calendar Competition

We have had another excellent year of awards from the annual calendar competition:



**P5/6 - 3<sup>rd</sup> place**

**Olivia Hazlett**

**P5/6 - Highly recommended**

Edlyn Richardson

Miley Rogers

Rudi Toner

Eloisa Williamson



**P7 - Highly Recommended**

Sophie Anderson

Caroline Hall

Kym Hamilton

Elana Redgwell

A big well done to all our award winners and to all the children who took part in this activity.

### Glasgow Science Centre Visit

**Thursday 9 March**



We have arranged a whole school visit to Glasgow Science Centre on Thursday 9 March. This visit was agreed by the Participatory Budget group back in October.

This visit will be financed wholly by the Participatory Budget to allow everyone the equal opportunity to visit and enjoy this centre.

Further information will follow the February holiday.

### P5-7 Football training, Strathaven Academy

Strathaven Academy are organising after school football training sessions on the 15 and 22 March from 3.30pm-4.30pm.

More information on this will follow.



### Cross Country



We have started a lunchtime Cross Country Club in preparation for the East Kilbride and Strathaven Primary Schools Cross Country event at Strathaven Park. Mrs Simpson has kindly agreed to take the Cross Country training on a Thursday before lunch.

### Lanarkshire Burns Association School Competition

For the very first time we have agreed to take part in the Lanarkshire Burns Association School Burns competition. Ms Waring is working with a group of P4-7 pupils who are learning the 'Address to the Haggis'. Hopefully a few of them will take part in the Primary Schools Competition.



### School Uniform

Any old but in good condition school uniform is always welcome – please hand into the school office. We have a reasonable stock of polo shirts, sweatshirts, skirts, trousers and summer dresses available to anyone needing some additional uniforms.

On **Tuesday 21 February** we will have a Rake and Take afternoon from 2 – 3pm for anyone that needs school uniform.

### Wider Community Awards



At Glassford Primary we like to recognise the achievements of pupils out with school so if your child has been awarded for any activity that they do in the evenings or weekends then please share this with us so we can acknowledge this at our school assemblies.

### Pupil Progress

Our progress updates this term will be the pupils Snapshot Jotter coming home in early March and Parents Evening on **Wednesday 22 March**.

Information about Parents Evening and booking appointments will be sent home at the beginning of March.

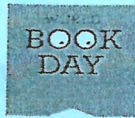
Fairtrade



Our P6/7 pupils are taking part in the Strathaven Fairtrade Poster competition, The competition is to mark 20 years of Strathaven being a Fairtrade town.

Competition entries will be on display at the Fairtrade Coffee Morning

## World Book Day, 2 March 2023



Look out for the World Book Day tokens that will be in your child's school bag soon. These can be swapped for a World book Day book for free which are available in local booksellers and local supermarkets.

These tokens are worth £1.00 and can also be used towards other children's books costing £2.99 or more. The tokens are valid from 16 February -26 March.

For more information and participating retailers go to [worldbookday.com](http://worldbookday.com).

## Easter Service and Activities



Our Easter Service will be held in Glassford Village Church on **Thursday 30 March** for all family and friends and will be followed by a Daffodil Tea where all are welcome stay for this. More information to follow.

We will organise many of the usual Easter themed activities during the last week of this term giving the children a chance to take part in Easter crafts and other fun activities.



## Procedures if your Child is Unwell

***If your child is unwell with sickness/diarrhoea, please note that the recommendation is 48 hours clear before returning to school. Please contact the school office as soon as possible to inform of your child's absence.***

*If your child exhibits signs of COVID 19, please do not send them to school.*

*If your child has tested positive for coronavirus they should stay at home for 3 days after the day they took the test or from the day their symptoms started (whichever was earliest), if*

*they can. Please inform the school by telephone or email.*

## Hand Hygiene

We are still actively encouraging all pupils to regularly hand wash to combat the transmission of germs and illnesses such as thread worms, covid, colds, flu and norovirus.

## Head Lice



I would like to remind parents that it is recommended that parents should routinely check their child's hair. Guidance suggests that parents/carers should aim to check their child's hair once a week. You can access useful information advice from

<http://www.healthscotland.com/documents/25.aspx>

Please do not hesitate to contact us for additional advice.

## Parent Council News



**The next Parent Council meeting will be on Wednesday 1 March at 7pm in Glassford Primary School.**

## Rag Bag Bin and Doorstep Collection

The Rag Bag bin in our school is well used in the community and fills up quickly. Can we ask that if you find that the bin is nearly full that you either contact the school office or a member of the Parent Council to get this emptied.

If it is already full and you have bags for the Rag Bag bin, please again contact the school office or the Parent Council who will find suitable storage for the bags until either the bin is emptied or for the next doorstep collection. Please do not leave bags outside the bin as if the clothes get wet they cannot be recycled.

The next doorstep collection will be in May and more information on this will follow.

Thank you for your support with this matter.

The Parent Council.



### Notification of Absence

If your child is going to be absent from school, please notify the office before 9.30am by telephone. Your help with this is much appreciated as it helps us to ensure the safety of our pupils. On returning to school a note should be provided explaining the absence.



### Communication



If you have any concerns about your child at school please do not hesitate to contact the class teacher or myself by either writing in the diary which should be returned in school bags every day, a note in your child's bag or by telephone. We endeavour to deal with any concerns as soon as possible.



### School Transport

If there is a change to your child's after-school routine (if they are not going on the rural bus or after school taxi, for example) please inform the school as early as possible on the day. This helps us to ensure that all children are safely home at the end of the day. Your continued co-operation with this matter is greatly appreciated.



### Drinking in Class

Please can you ensure your child has a bottle of **water** to school every day. We are finding an increasing amount of children coming to school with a drink of juice in their bottles.

This is not permitted in class however, if a pupil wishes to have a juice drink with their lunch it must not be fizzy and can only be drunk in the lunch hall.



### Administration

We very much appreciate your help and support with returning all forms and slips promptly. If any contact details change through the year, please contact the school office. It is important that this information is kept up-to-date in the event that we have to contact you regarding your child.



### Lost Property

Please can you ensure that your child's name is on all items of school clothing so it can be easily returned to its rightful owner. This includes all shoes (indoor and outdoor).

Thank you for your assistance with this matter.



### Head Lice

Please continue to be vigilant and check your child's hair regularly. Advice is available from the Public Health Nurse on 01355 524349



You!

### Thank you

We appreciate your help and support with all of these matters, thank you