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Glassford Primary School



Newsletter



March/April 2023



Welcome to the Spring newsletter.

The end of term is only a few days away and I am sure that everyone is looking forward to the Spring break.

Our Parent's Evening was very well attended and extremely positive. We will continue to make our stock of school uniform available to anyone. We will have another uniform time in early May but if you need a piece of uniform before then please just pop in at any point.

Easter Service and Daffodil Tea



On Wednesday 29 March we will have our Easter Service in Glassford Church at 10am. This will be followed by a Daffodil Tea in the Church Hall at 10.30am. You are very welcome to join in for our Easter celebrations.

Easter Hamper Raffle



Raffle tickets are available from the school office for the Parent Council Easter Raffle. If you wish tickets, then please contact Mrs Gilfillan before Wednesday 29 March.

Thank you for your support with this.

World Book Day



If your child did not manage to get a book with their voucher, they can bring it into school this week and change it for one of the World Book Day books that we have in school.

Cross Country



Quite a few of our P6 and P7 pupils recently participated in the East Kilbride and Strathaven Primary Cross-Country event. The muddy conditions made it quite difficult, but everyone enjoyed taking part and did brilliantly. A big well done to all our Cross-Country runners.

Dates for Your Diary



March

- 28 Primary Football Festival at W3ST pitches, Strathaven 9.30am
- 29 Easter service, Glassford Church, 10am
- 29 Daffodil Tea, Church Hall. 10.30am
- 31 **SCHOOL CLOSSES 2.30pm**

April

- 17 **SCHOOL REOPENS 9am**
- 18 Parent Council, 7pm

May

- 01 **HOLIDAY**
- 02 **In service day – school closed to pupils**
- 08 **PUBLIC HOLIDAY (king's coronation)**
- 16 P7 – Strathaven Academy (literacy & PE)
- 16 P7 Information/ Uniform evening at Strathaven Academy
- 25 Induction Day 1 for new P1 intake, 1.30-2.30pm
- 26-29 **HOLIDAY WEEKEND**
- 31 P7 Transition Day 1

June

- 01 P7 Transition Day 2
- 01 Induction Day 1 for new P1 intake
- 12 P6/7 Residential visit to Wiston Lodge
- 14 P6/7 return from Wiston Lodge
- 27 **SCHOOL CLOSSES 1pm**

***** School Lunch and Milk Price Increase *****

From April the cost of the school lunch for P6 & P7 pupils will be £2.05 and a milk carton will be 29p



Larkhall Burns Association Schools Competition

We had a few P5, 6 and 7 pupils take part in the Larkhall Burns Competition on the 9 March. We had two musicians, **Caroline Hall** and **Ethan Troughton** who played Auld Lang Syne and a few pupils doing recitation of Address to a Haggis.

Excellent performances from each of the children with **Erin Caithness** getting 3rd place and **Edlyn Richardson** getting 1st place in the P6/7 competition.

Our P4/5 pupils were fantastic, **Bella Brown** and **Bozhena Minchuk** – special mention to Bozhena who only arrived in Glassford in November and took part in a Burns Competition less than five months later.

We also submitted six entries into the Burns Art Competition and our school winners were

3rd place – Edlyn Richardson, 2nd place – Olivia Hazlett 1st Place – Eloisa Williamson

Eloisa also won the Larkhall Burns Competition overall award and her picture has been forwarded to the National Finals

Well done to all our Burns Competition participants and many thanks to Ms Waring for all her hard work.

Fair Trade Competition



As part of the '20 years a Fairtrade Town', Strathaven Fairtrade held a poster competition.

The winners from Glassford were **Rudi Toner** and **Eloisa Williamson**.

Well done to Rudi, Eloisa and all the children that took part.

School Uniform



We have a stock of very good quality second hand uniform should you require any additional items. This can be accessed at any time, just contact the school office and we can organise this for you.

As the weather improves and gets warmer, we hope that everyone will get back to wearing their uniform. If you need anything, please get in touch.

P7 Transition



Some of our P6 and P7 have been going to Strathaven Academy to take part in football sessions. Our P7 pupils have also had another opportunity to take part in sport sessions as part of the wider transitions.

In school our P7 pupils have made a great start to their Transition Programme with Mrs Nicol. The class have also started their novel study 'Planet Omar'. This work is being read by all the P7 pupils across the Learning Community culminating in a day of follow up events in May.

Glassford PS Curriculum Rationale

We have been developing our Curriculum Rationale and we had a very successful consultation during Parent's Evening. We will have a draft copy of our Rationale ready for next term and we will send this out to all families for a final consultation. If you have any suggestions or missed having a contribution to this document, please get in touch and we will arrange for you to take part.

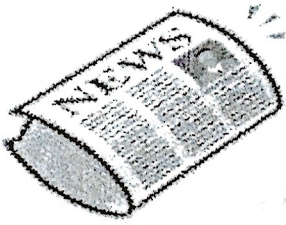
Thank you for your support with this.

P1 Induction Days, Thurs 25 May & 1 June

We will be welcoming our new intake of P1 children into the school for their induction days starting on **Thursday 25 May from 1.30 -2.30pm**. At this time the new pupils will be shown their classroom, staff and be given a tour around the school.

Parents will be invited to come at this time for an information session with Ms Donnelly and the class teachers.

The second induction day will be held on **Thursday 1 June from 11am – 1pm**. This will give the children a time in their class as well as a chance to have a school lunch in the dinner hall and a play outside (weather permitting) before being collected at 1pm.



Parent Council News



Thank you

The Parent Council would like to thank all families who have donated food items and have bought raffle tickets for our Easter Hamper. The draw will take place on Wednesday 29 March at the Daffodil Tea following the Easter Service.

We would also like to thank the families who have been home baking for the Daffodil Tea and we hope that many of you can attend and enjoy the tasty treats on offer.

Parent Council Meeting

The next Parent Council Meeting will be held in the school on **Tuesday 18 April at 7pm**. All are welcome to attend.

RagBag Street Collection

The next Rag Bag collection will take place on Sunday 14 May. Please leave your bags of clothes / shoes and bags on the kerb on Sunday evening. Please use normal bin bags as RagBag are trying to reduce plastic waste and no longer issue branded bags.

Out with these street collections, the RagBag bin in the school grounds is available during school opening hours to get rid of any items. This is well used in the community and fills quickly, if you see it filling up, please contact the school office or the Parent Council to arrange to have this emptied.

Thank you for your continued support with this fundraiser.

General School Information



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



Thank you

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