** Scotstoun Primary**

**August Newsletter**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our first newsletter of the school session. All the children and staff are delighted to be back at school to begin our new 2024/25 session. Mrs McGill is sorry that she was not able to start the term with you all and wishes everyone a good start to the year.

We are very pleased to welcome 68 new Primary 1 children, their families, and new staff into our school community. Over the past week our Primary 1 children have settled well. The adults working with them have commented on well they have adjusted to life at school, and we hope this continues. We have also welcomed new children and their families in P2, P4, P5 and P6. We are delighted to have you all with us!

It was great to see everyone arriving on the first day looking ready for action and extremely smart in their uniforms. We would like to thank all our families for your continuing support. We have a wide range of preloved uniforms and jackets which are you are more than welcome to have. Please visit the Ormiston Road side of the school after 8.45am and before 3pm to see what we have. Thank you to those who families who have kindly donated items to this.

We look forward to a very productive, successful and happy school session and encourage all members of the school community to take a full and active part in the life of our school. If you would like further information regarding any item in this newsletter, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards,

Mrs Coats and Mr Gallagher

**Staff Update**

We have some new staff this session and we would like to extend the warmest welcome to them. Welcome to Miss Martin (P7a), Miss Kaur (support in P7) and Miss Fraser (absence cover for Mrs McGill/support in P1).

**Meet the Teacher**

We would like to invite you and your family to the school on **Tuesday 3rd September between 3.30pm** **until 5.30pm.** We are having an open afternoon to allow you to visit your child’s/children’s class and to meet the staff working with them. Preloved uniforms, lost property ( there is quite a mountain already) and teas and coffees will be available in the main hall. You can also visit the gym hall where we will have our glow gallery art featuring a piece of work from every child in the school.You can also have a look round other parts of the school and visit the Idea Station on the top floor of the old building. We hope you can make it along!

**Cordia News**

For new families to the school, the Breakfast Club is open to all every morning in the school hall from 7.45am at the cost of £2 for your first child and £1 thereafter for any siblings or free for families who are in receipt of certain tax credits. There is no need to book or attend every day. The school lunch price is **£**1.90this session for children from P6 and P7 as school meals are free for all children from P1-P5. Both these services can be paid for through Parent Pay in addition to children ordering their lunch the day before.

**P.E.**

P1 – P4 children will have an indoor and outdoor P.E. slot this year. Children in P5-P7 will have one P.E. slot in the school gym hall and from early September participate in Activity Block between Scotstoun Leisure Centre and school on a Tuesday afternoon. All children should come to school on their P.E. days in their P.E. kit which is a house t-shirt, school sweatshirt and shorts or jogging trousers. On their outdoor PE day, they should also have a waterproof jacket. They should not wear any jewellery, including earrings. Sometimes P.E. times change through the year to accommodate coaches etc., we will endeavour to keep you up to date with any changes.

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| Class | Indoor | Outdoor/Activity Block |
| Primary 1a | Monday | Wednesday |
| Primary 1b | Monday | Thursday |
| Primary 1c | Monday | Friday |
| Primary 2a | Tuesday | Monday |
| Primary 2b | Monday | Tuesday |
| Primary 3/2 | Wednesday | Tuesday |
| Primary 3 | Tuesday | Wednesday |
| Primary 4/3 | Tuesday | Friday |
| Primary 4a | Thursday | Monday |
| Primary 4b | Wednesday | Thursday |
| Primary 5a | Thursday | Tuesday |
| Primary 5b | Thursday | Tuesday |
| Primary 6a | Friday | Tuesday |
| Primary 6b | Friday | Tuesday |
| Primary 7a | Friday | Tuesday |
| Primary 7b | Friday | Tuesday |

**Health and Safety**

We would ask that you keep us up to date with any medical conditions your child may have. In addition, if your child has to take medicine for a brief period of time, please contact the school office to complete a form which allows us to administer that.

We are also a nut free school as we have children who are allergic to nuts. Please do not send nuts or sweets with nuts in them into school. Thank you for your support with this.

Could you please ensure that everything your child bring to school is label with their name? We already have some lost property which we cannot return to its owner as there is no way of identifying them.

**Pupil absence**

In Scotstoun Primary we know that a good education gives children the best opportunities for life and that a good education starts with good attendance. Being in school regularly and on time, gives children the best chance to learn and to get the most out of what school has to offer such as the chance to socialise and make good friendships and to be involved in a wide range of activities such as sport, music and art. Every parent and carer has a part to play. Parents are asked to contact the Pupil Absence Reporting Line if their child is going to be absent (0141 287 0039) or report online. This should be done before 9.30 on the first day of absence. If the child is going to be absent for some time, it would be helpful to know at the earliest opportunity. The school uses daily text messaging to inform parents of their child’s absence if no contact is made. All unexplained absence is investigated by the school and appropriate action taken.

Please phone the Pupil Absence Reporting Line to report the following absences:

* Sickness absence: if the absence lasts more than one day, parents and carers are required to call on subsequent days to provide an update. A letter should be provided to the school when the child returns from their absence.
* Medical or dental appointments: Parents and carers should call the PARL to report absences for medical or dental appointments. The school requires a letter or appointment card as evidence of the appointment to ensure permission is given to be absent from class.

To make sure you receive the right support you require, parents and carers should still contact the school directly to report absences of a sensitive or personal nature, for example:

* Bereavement
* Serious illness, for example, an absence which is going to last more than one week
* Injury, for example, broken limb
* Contagious diseases or illness

**Playground update**

You may have noticed that over the summer a number of games and activities have been painted onto the playground floor. We are extremely grateful to Gillian McGrath ( one of our parents ) who offered to come in during the holidays to provide the children with these exciting games to play during playtimes and lunchtimes.

**Dates for your diary**

We are preparing an overview of the school year detailing events, focus weeks and days and other dates which would be helpful for families to have prior knowledge of. We are awaiting a couple of date to be confirmed and then we will share that with you. These dates are for the next couple of weeks.

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| **Dates** | **Event** |
| Wednesday 28th August | ‘The Secret Garden’ play for P4-7 |
| Wednesday 28th August | Junior Road Safety Officers to City Chambers |
| Friday 30th August | Class newsletters issued on Seesaw |
| Tuesday 3rd September | Primary 1 – Evening Times photographer in school |
| Tuesday 3rd September | 3.30 – 5.30pm Meet the Teacher/Open Afternoon |
| Tuesday 3rd September | Primary 4 trip to Vikingar |
| Monday 9th September | Primary 1 Phonics and Reading workshop for parents – 6.30 pm – 7.30 pm in gym hall |
| Wednesday 11th of September | Tempest photographer in school |
| Tuesday 24th September | PTA Family Bingo night 6.30pm in the gym hall |
| Friday 27th September  Monday 28th September | September weekend holiday |
| Tuesday 8th October | Parents’ evenings – 5.30 pm to 8.30 pm |
| Thursday 10th October | Parents’ evening – 3.30 pm to 6.30 pm |
| Thursday 10th October | Flu Vaccination team in school |
| Friday 11th October | Inservice day (school closed to children) |
| Monday 14th – Friday 18th October | October week holiday |
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**Glasgow School Holidays**

**August**

Monday, 12 August 2024 (Return date for Teachers & In-Service Day)

Tuesday, 13 August 2024 (In-Service Day)

Wednesday, 14 August 2024 (Return date for Pupils)

**September**

Friday, 27 September and Monday, 30 September 2024 (September weekend holiday)

**October**

Friday, 11 October 2024 (In-Service Day)

Monday, 14 to Friday, 18 October 2024 (October Week)

**December - Christmas and New Year**

Schools close at 2.30 pm on Friday, 20 December 2024

Monday, 23 December 2024 - Friday, 3 January 2025 (Christmas holidays)

**January**

Schools return on Monday, 6 January 2025

**February mid term break**

Monday, 17 February 2025

Tuesday, 18 February 2025

Wednesday, 19 February 2025 (In-service day)

**April - Spring Holiday (Easter)**

Schools close at 2.30 pm on Friday, 4 April 2025

Monday, 7 April - Monday, 21 April 2025 (Spring Break)

Schools return on Tuesday, 22 April 2025

**May**

Monday, 5 May 2025 (May Holiday)

Thursday, 22 May 2025 (In-service day)

Friday, 23 May 2025 and Monday, 26 May 2025 (May Weekend)

**June**

Schools close at 1.00 pm on Wednesday, 25 June 2025