



## 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 2022/23 session which feels much more normal than the previous two years!

We are very pleased to welcome 61 new Primary 1 children, their families, and new staff into our school community. Over the past few days 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, P3, P5 and P7. 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 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.

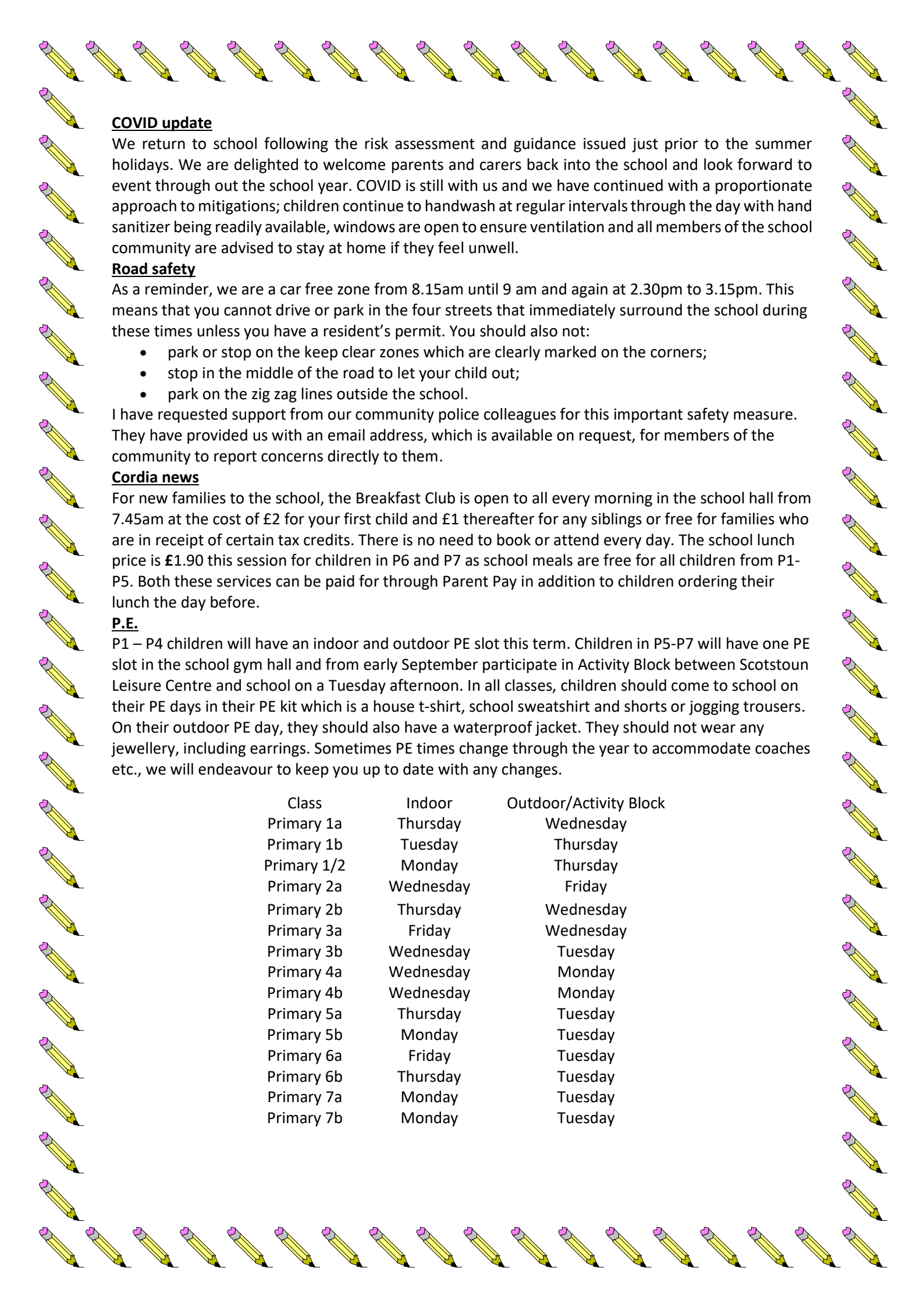
Kind regards,  
Mrs McGill

### **Staff Update**

We have several new staff this session and we would like to extend the warmest welcome to them. Welcome to our new Support for Learning Workers Ms Adamson and Ms Paterson who have joined us and our teaching staff Miss Sweeney (P3a Mon/Tues, P4b Wed – Fri), Mrs Preston (P2a Mon/Tues), Mrs Butler (Wed-Fri), Miss Madan P2b, Mrs Welch P5b and Miss Palmer P7a. Primary 2b are being taught this year by Miss Madan and Miss Waters. Miss Waters will have responsibility for the class all day on a Thursday and a Wednesday afternoon. Primary 5b are being taught by Mrs Welch and Mrs C McDonald. Mrs C McDonald will have responsibility for the class all day on a Tuesday and a Monday afternoon. Mrs Boardley is teaching Primary 5a on Thursdays to allow Mr Boyd time to support digital learning in the school and P1/2 on a Monday to release Mr Egan from class to develop our approaches to play. Mr Grijalba will be working in P7b for part of the week to allow Mrs Kissack time to fulfil her Principal Teacher remit.

### **Open afternoon**

We would like to invite you to the school on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September any time between 3.15pm and 5.15pm. We are having an open afternoon to allow you to visit your child's/children's classes 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 gym hall. You can also have a look round other parts of the school and visit our new Literacy Lounge on the top floor of the main building. We hope you can make it along!



### COVID update

We return to school following the risk assessment and guidance issued just prior to the summer holidays. We are delighted to welcome parents and carers back into the school and look forward to event through out the school year. COVID is still with us and we have continued with a proportionate approach to mitigations; children continue to handwash at regular intervals through the day with hand sanitizer being readily available, windows are open to ensure ventilation and all members of the school community are advised to stay at home if they feel unwell.

### Road safety

As a reminder, we are a car free zone from 8.15am until 9 am and again at 2.30pm to 3.15pm. This means that you cannot drive or park in the four streets that immediately surround the school during these times unless you have a resident's permit. You should also not:

- park or stop on the keep clear zones which are clearly marked on the corners;
- stop in the middle of the road to let your child out;
- park on the zig zag lines outside the school.

I have requested support from our community police colleagues for this important safety measure. They have provided us with an email address, which is available on request, for members of the community to report concerns directly to them.

### 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 £1.90 this session for children in 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 PE slot this term. Children in P5-P7 will have one PE slot in the school gym hall and from early September participate in Activity Block between Scotstoun Leisure Centre and school on a Tuesday afternoon. In all classes, children should come to school on their PE days in their PE 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 PE times change through the year to accommodate coaches etc., we will endeavour to keep you up to date with any changes.

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

Within Glasgow Primary School good attendance is encouraged at all times. 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

### **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.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
School closed for planned industrial action	6th/7th/8 <sup>th</sup> Sept
w/c Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	Travel Survey
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	Open Afternoon 3.15pm - 5.15pm
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> September 6.30pm	*Provisional date for PTA Welcome ceildh and BBQ. Details to follow*
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	Jeans for Genes Day – children wear their jeans to support this charity
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sept and Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	Holidays
w/c 26 <sup>th</sup> September	Maths Week Scotland
w/c 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Harvest appeal for local foodbanks
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Inservice Day (school closed for children)
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 21st October	October Week School Holiday



**School holiday dates**  
**Session 22-23**

**September**

Friday, 23 September and Monday, 26 September 2022 (September weekend holiday)

**October**

Friday, 14 October 2022 (In-Service Day)  
Monday, 17 to Friday, 21 October 2022 (October Week)

**December - Christmas and New Year**

Schools close at 2.30 pm on Thursday, 22 December 2022  
Friday, 23 December 2022 - Tuesday 3 January 2023 (Christmas holidays)

**January**

Schools return on Wednesday 4 January 2023

**February mid term break**

Monday, 13 February 2023  
Tuesday, 14 February 2023  
Wednesday, 15 February 2023 (In-service day)

**April - Spring Holiday (Easter)**

Schools close at 2.30 pm on Friday, 31 March 2023  
Monday, 3 April - Friday, 14 April 2023 (Spring Break)  
Schools return on Monday, 17 April 2023

**May**

Monday, 1 May 2023 (May Holiday)  
Thursday, 25 May 2023 (In-service day)  
Friday, 26 May 2023 and Monday, 29 May 2023 (May Weekend)

**June**

Schools close at 1.00 pm on Friday 23 June 2023