



March Newsletter

Welcome to our March newsletter.

It has been another busy month in Scotstoun Primary School and it is looking like the same for the rest of term 3. It has been great to have all the children start and finish school at the same time and we have been able to start small assemblies with two year groups at a time. Some classes have begun to go out on trips and visits and we are hoping to give all the classes that experience soon. I hope you and your families have a refreshing and relaxing Spring holiday when it comes and we look forward to the new Summer term and all the fun and learning that comes with it.

Best wishes,

E. McGill

Emma McGill

Headteacher

Staffing Update

We are delighted to let you know Mrs MacKenzie, our P7a teacher, begins her maternity leave after the upcoming holiday. Ms Alexander who is in Primary 4a covering Miss MacDonald's secondment, will take over responsibility for Primary 7a as Miss MacDonald's secondment with The University of Glasgow has come to an end. I hope you will join the children, staff and myself in wishing Mrs MacKenzie and her family all the very best at this exciting time. We look forward to hearing all about the new addition to the Scotstoun family in due course.

Parents' meetings

I wrote to you in February's newsletter that we were due to report on your child's progress towards the end of this term. At the moment whole school face to face parents' meetings are not permitted under current Scottish Government guidance. Therefore, we have, following consultation with staff and the Parent Council, decided to move the planned parents' meeting until after the holiday and they will now take place w/c 18th and 25th April. If the guidance at the time permits us to, we will carry out face to face meetings with COVID mitigations in place. However, if the guidance has not changed we will undertake phone calls to families as we did in November. Calls would take place again in the 3.30 – 6 pm and 5.30 – 8.30 pm timeframe across the two weeks. We will be in touch in the next couple of weeks to confirm the model we are using.

Health and Wellbeing Survey

Before the end of April, schools in Glasgow are participating in the Scottish Government Health & Wellbeing Census which will include asking all pupils in P5 to S6 to take part in a survey about their health and wellbeing. The findings will help the Government to understand the needs, strengths and possible concerns of children and young people, which will help plan future improvements to local services. Please look out for a letter which you should shortly be receiving that will provide you with more information about the Census, and provides you with the opportunity to let us know if you don't wish your child to take part.



Parental Involvement and Engagement (PIE) census

The annual Parental Involvement and Engagement (PIE) census has been launched to gather the views of Glasgow's families to help shape and influence education policy and decision making. The Scottish Government wants to improve and increase the ways in which parents, carers and families can work with teachers and partners to support their children and young people. We also want to increase the voice of parents and carers in leading improvements within schools. This survey has not been completed since 2019, therefore it is a great opportunity to share your opinions and to give feedback. Here is the link to all the information and the survey on the council webpages <https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=17870> along with a QR code that will direct you to the questions. It will not take long to fill in and Kathryn Farrow, QIO for parent partnerships, has been able to secure extra funding to be given to the Parent Council in the three schools that achieve highest participation rates. The survey is open from 28th Feb for 4 weeks.

World Book Day

Well done to everyone who participated in our World Book Day with our Read and Relax theme. I was very impressed with the standard of the entries for our design a book cover competition. I'm glad that the staff at Whiteinch Library have the hard job of judging the winners! Their entries will take pride of place in our new Literacy Lounge. The book swap was a great success with children bringing lots of books in and we had extra books to allow us to add to our classroom libraries. Thank you.

Science Week

Thank you to the parents who are able to join us this week to talk about their science /STEM based jobs and careers. We are very much looking forward to hearing about that. Thanks to Mr Boyd and the staff who have planned activities around the theme of 'Grow'. I think the children will have a very enjoyable week.

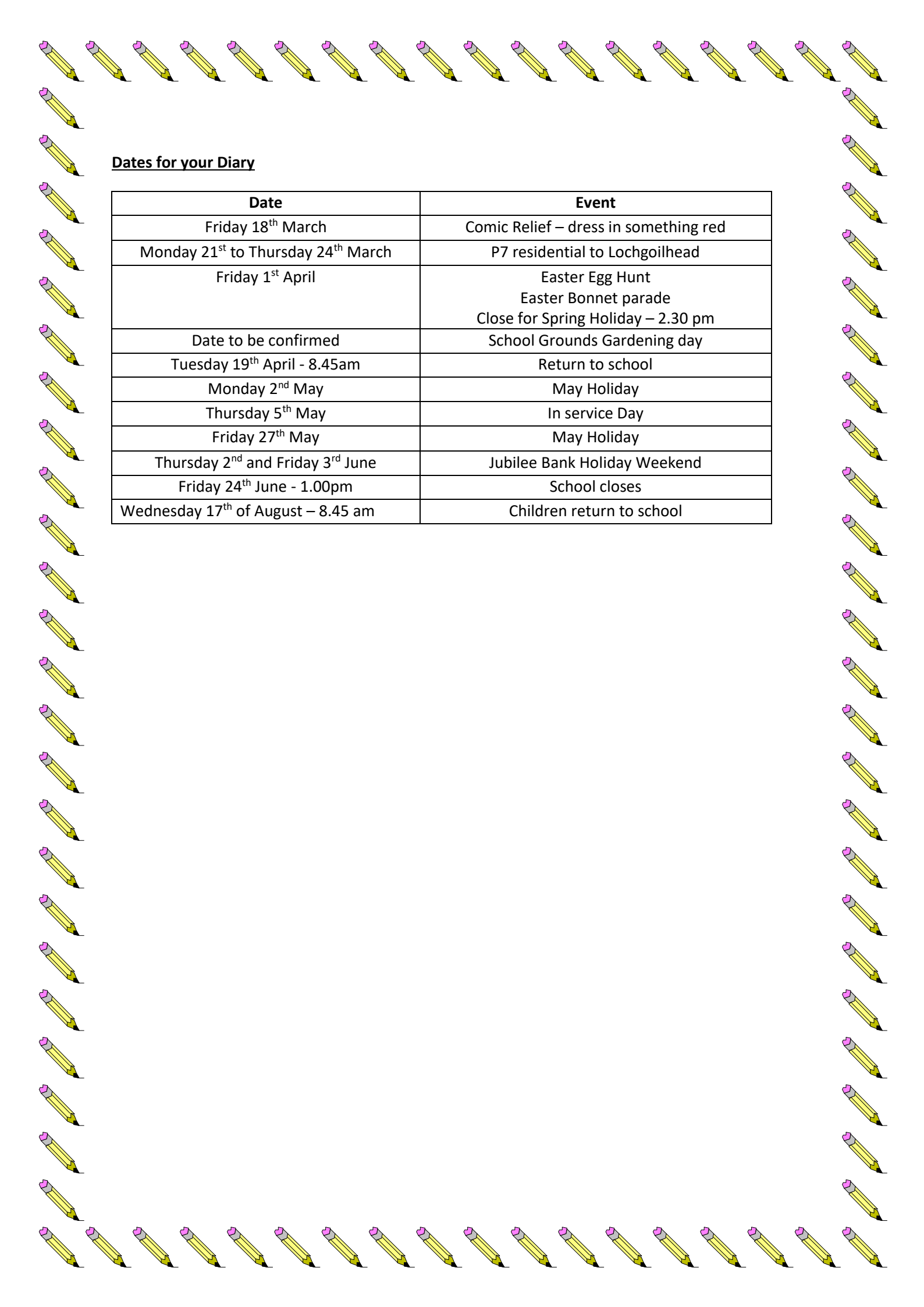
Keep an Eye Out For...

Comic Relief – Friday 18th March is Comic Relief day. The children should come to school wearing something red and any donations to the charity are most welcome.

School Grounds Gardening day – Mrs Coats and the Eco Committee are planning a family day to help us to get the school grounds in shape for planting and sowing. More details including a date will follow shortly.

Easter events –

- On Friday 1st April, we are planning a giant House themed Easter Egg hunt. Children will work in their house teams with P7 leaders to find Easter Eggs hidden all over the school grounds. Children should wear their house t-shirts on that day.
- Children from P1-P3 can make an Easter Bonnet at home to wear to school on Friday 1st April. They will take part in a parade around the MUGA to allow the rest of the school to see their creations. If you need help with materials for your bonnet please get in touch.
- We have linked with Friends of Victoria Park group again and are hoping to be involved in an Easter activity with them.



Dates for your Diary

Date	Event
Friday 18 th March	Comic Relief – dress in something red
Monday 21 st to Thursday 24 th March	P7 residential to Lochgoilhead
Friday 1 st April	Easter Egg Hunt Easter Bonnet parade Close for Spring Holiday – 2.30 pm
Date to be confirmed	School Grounds Gardening day
Tuesday 19 th April - 8.45am	Return to school
Monday 2 nd May	May Holiday
Thursday 5 th May	In service Day
Friday 27 th May	May Holiday
Thursday 2 nd and Friday 3 rd June	Jubilee Bank Holiday Weekend
Friday 24 th June - 1.00pm	School closes
Wednesday 17 th of August – 8.45 am	Children return to school