

May Newsletter

Welcome to our May newsletter.

The children have settled in well after the Spring holiday and a busy Term 4 is well underway. Things feel more normal with restrictions easing and our dates for your diary section at the end of the newsletter gives you an idea of some of our upcoming events. We have two new families who have joined us recently with children in P2b and P3a- welcome to Scotstoun Primary School.

Best wishes,

E. McGill

Emma McGill

Headteacher

Staff news

Congratulations to Mrs MacKenzie and her family who welcomed Scott during the Spring holiday. Mum and baby are doing well as are a very proud big brother and dad. We are looking forward to meeting him soon. We are delighted to welcome Mrs Saleem and Mrs Farooq to Scotstoun Primary. They have joined us as Support for Learning Workers and will be supporting children in P4 and P7. Mrs Gough has let us know that she plans to retire from Scotstoun in June after many years teaching here. We wish her a happy and healthy retirement and she leaves with our thanks for her commitment to the school community and her passion for making sure everyone achieves their potential.

Congratulations to Mrs Kissack who was successful at interview for the post of Acting Principal Teacher here at Scotstoun Primary. This role is PEF funded for the next year and will focus on raising attainment and pastoral support for P4-P7 along with Mr Gallagher.

COVID-19 Update

There have been changes to the guidance following our return to school:

- The guidance on symptoms of a respiratory infection, including COVID-19, has changed in Scotland. If you have symptoms of a respiratory infection, such as COVID-19, and you have a high temperature or are too unwell to carry out normal activities, stay at home and avoid contact with other people, until you no longer have a high temperature (if you had one) or until you no longer feel unwell.
- Children and young people aged 18 and under with mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat or a slight cough, who are otherwise well, do not need to stay at home and can continue to attend education settings.
- Children and young people should only stay at home if they are unwell and have a high temperature. They can go back to school and resume normal activities when they no longer have a fever and they feel well enough to attend.
- We no longer send the low-risk contact letters out to families. However, if there is a cluster of cases in a class we will alert the parents. We will continue to let staff in those classes know of any cases.
- Mask wearing in the workplace is no longer mandatory but is recommended.
- Good hand hygiene is still important so we will carry on with the handwashing/sanitising regimes.
- Regulations around visitors in the buildings have relaxed.

Road Safety Reminder:

Several members of our community have raised ongoing concerns about road safety around the school. 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 into 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.

A subgroup of the Parent Council met with two local community police officers to discuss the issues with the car free zone and how we may address these in a long term and short-term timeframe. This information will be fed back to the Parent Council and agreed actions shared.

Parental Events

We are delighted to be able to invite families back into school and be a part of school life. We will be having our Summer Fair on Saturday 11th June which will be a great community event. We would also like you to join us for Sports Day on Wednesday 15th June (pm) in Victoria Park. Primary 7 families will be able to join us for their Leavers' Assembly on Monday 20th June at 13.30 where we will celebrate their time at Scotstoun Primary.

Food Pantry

As the Salvation Army foodbank has closed, we will be offering some non-perishable and perishable goods for families who are missing out due to the closure. There will be bakery goods from Sainsbury's and non-perishable food from Flemington House. Families can access the pantry on Tuesday afternoon or Wednesday morning in the Family Room which is located in the bottom of the school. Please bring a bag with you to take the food away or if you can donate any bags for this, please send them in to the school office. Any questions, catch Pauline McFadden our Family Wellbeing Worker in the playground in the morning.

Pre-loved uniform/lost property

In the Ormiston Avenue school entrance, we have pre-loved uniform which can access by families from 9am or 2.30pm each day. Lost property is also located there and it can be accessed during those times as well.

Library Visits

All our classes now have a visit arranged to Whiteinch Library this term. Primary 6s have two visits planned as part of their book chain project. These are teacher led sessions however, the librarian will process any application forms to enable the children to borrow books during that session. Thank you to the parent volunteers who have accompanied the classes which have visited already. Mrs McKinnon will be in touch with you regarding the date of your child's class visit and an opportunity to accompany them. Bookbug sessions for children under 5 is back in Whiteinch Library Mondays 1.30-2.30pm. Click here to follow the link to register.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/savewhiteinchlibrary/permalink/2879013135732412/>

New Primary 1 intake

We have started our transition work with our new primary one families with Mrs Coats and the Primary 6 buddies visiting all our link nurseries. We will be welcoming our new P1 children during the weeks of 16th May and 6th June. We look forward to seeing you all then.

Jubilee Picnic

Our Pupil Council are busy planning a whole school event to mark the Queen's Jubilee celebrations on Wednesday 1st June. It will include a picnic but as they are still at the early stages of their planning, we will hear more about it from them in the next few weeks.



