



Scotstoun Newsletter 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 2023/24 session.

We are very pleased to welcome 67 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 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

As you may remember from a communication before the summer holiday, I will be acting executive headteacher for both Scotstoun Primary and Whiteinch Primary to cover the maternity leave of the headteacher at Whiteinch. Initially I have been in each school every day to get to know the Whiteinch community while still seeing the children and staff at Scotstoun. Moving forward I will move between the schools dependent upon the school diary and commitments of other staff. Mrs Coats has taken on the role of Head of School when I am not in the building and is supported by Mr Gallagher.

Congratulations to Miss MacDonald who became Mrs Williams over the summer. We wish her and her husband all the best.

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 Worker Miss Gillooly who has joined us and our teaching staff Miss Miller (P3b Wed – Fri), Mrs Nolan (P2b), Miss McInnes (P3/2), Miss Dobbie (P2a) and Miss Duff (P7b).

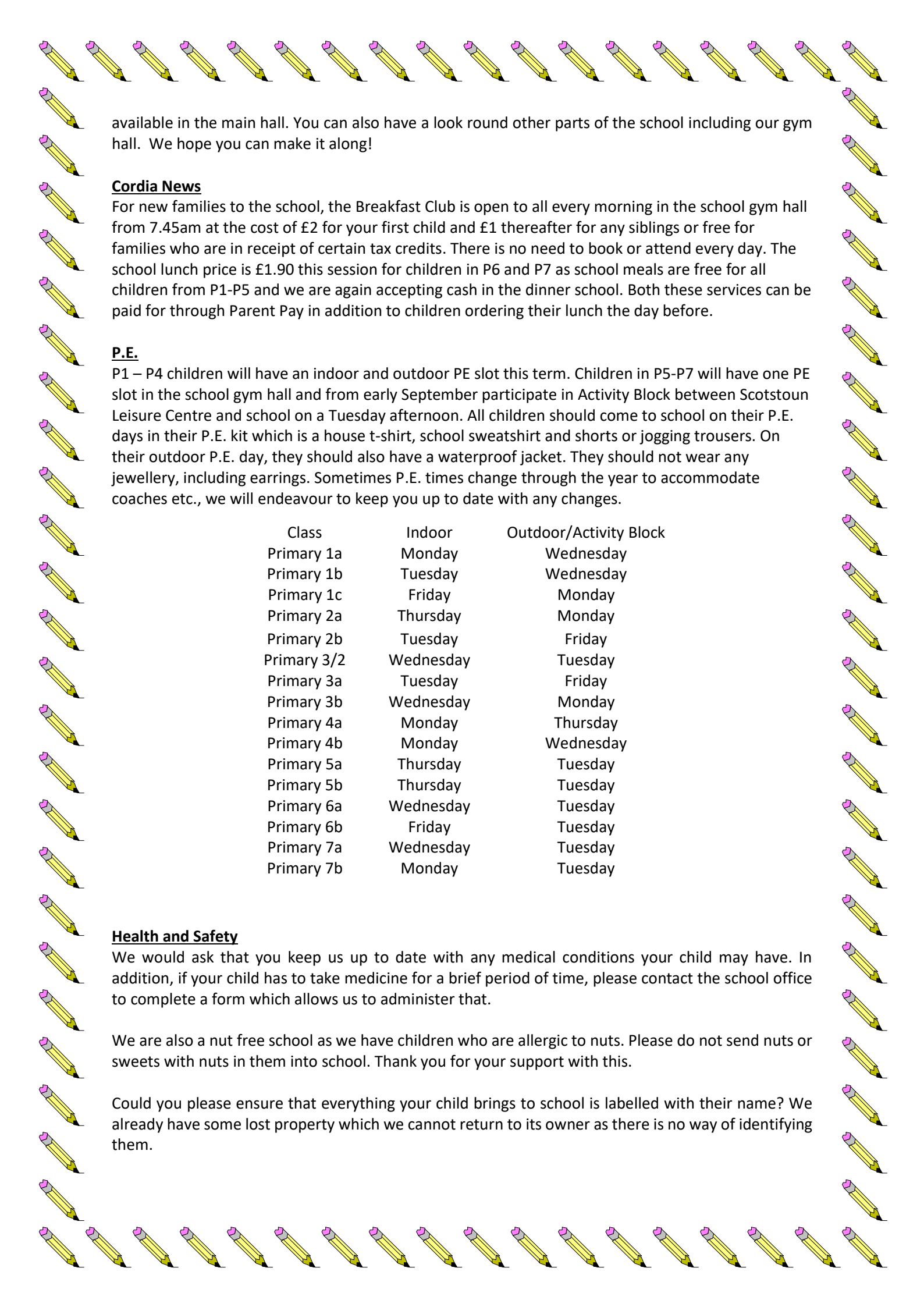
Primary 2a are being taught this year by Miss Dobbie and Mrs Preston. Mrs Preston will have responsibility for the class all day on a Tuesday and a Monday afternoon.

Primary 7b are being taught by Miss Duff and Mrs Boardley. Mrs C McDonald will have responsibility for the class all day on a Thursday and a Monday afternoon.

Mrs Boardley will be working in P7a 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 5th September from 3.15pm until 5.30pm. 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. Lost property (there is quite a mountain already!) and teas and coffees will be



available in the main hall. You can also have a look round other parts of the school including our gym hall. 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 gym 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 and we are again accepting cash in the dinner school. 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. 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 P.E. 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.

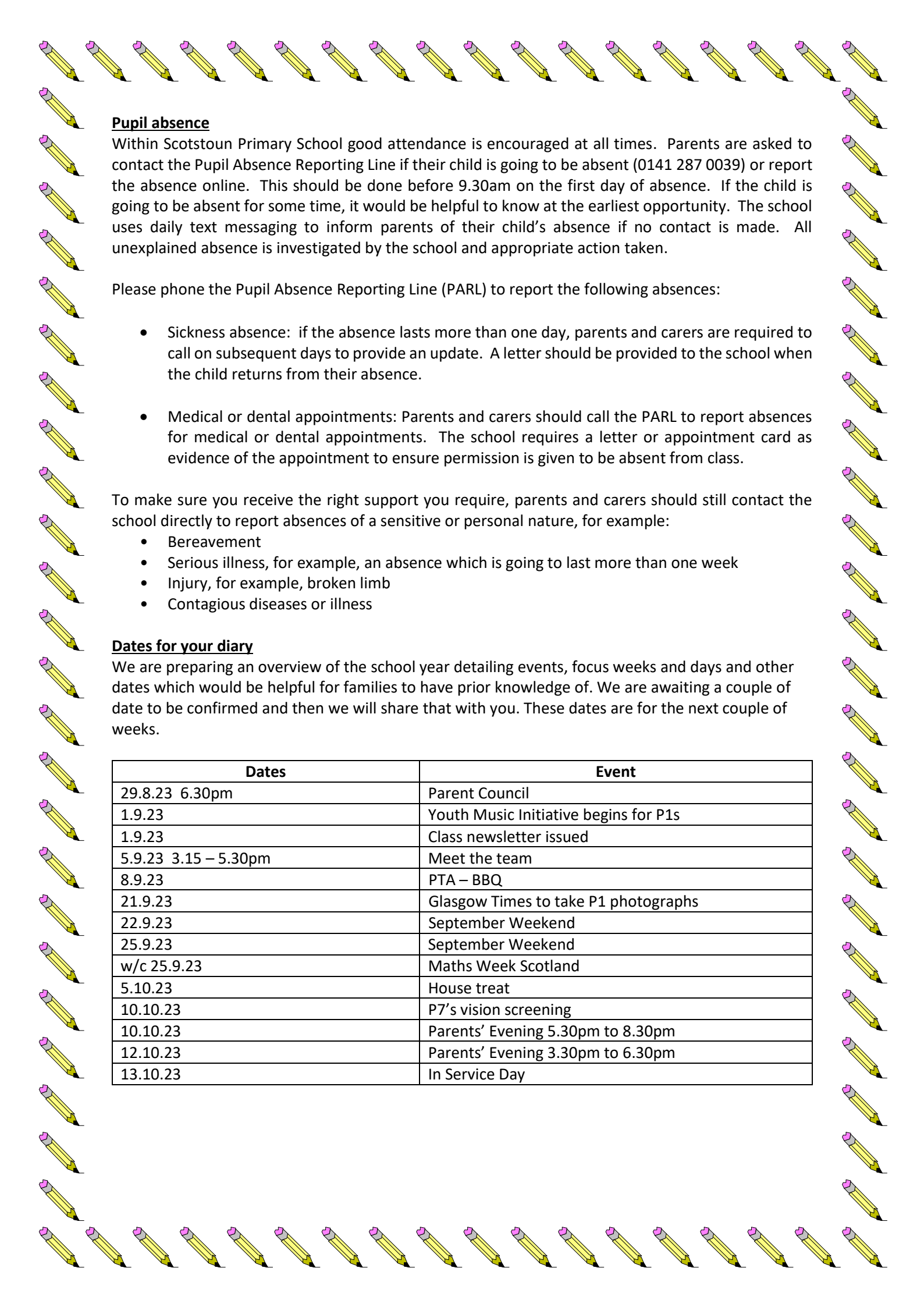
Class	Indoor	Outdoor/Activity Block
Primary 1a	Monday	Wednesday
Primary 1b	Tuesday	Wednesday
Primary 1c	Friday	Monday
Primary 2a	Thursday	Monday
Primary 2b	Tuesday	Friday
Primary 3/2	Wednesday	Tuesday
Primary 3a	Tuesday	Friday
Primary 3b	Wednesday	Monday
Primary 4a	Monday	Thursday
Primary 4b	Monday	Wednesday
Primary 5a	Thursday	Tuesday
Primary 5b	Thursday	Tuesday
Primary 6a	Wednesday	Tuesday
Primary 6b	Friday	Tuesday
Primary 7a	Wednesday	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 brings to school is labelled 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 Scotstoun 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 the absence online. This should be done before 9.30am 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 (PARL) 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.

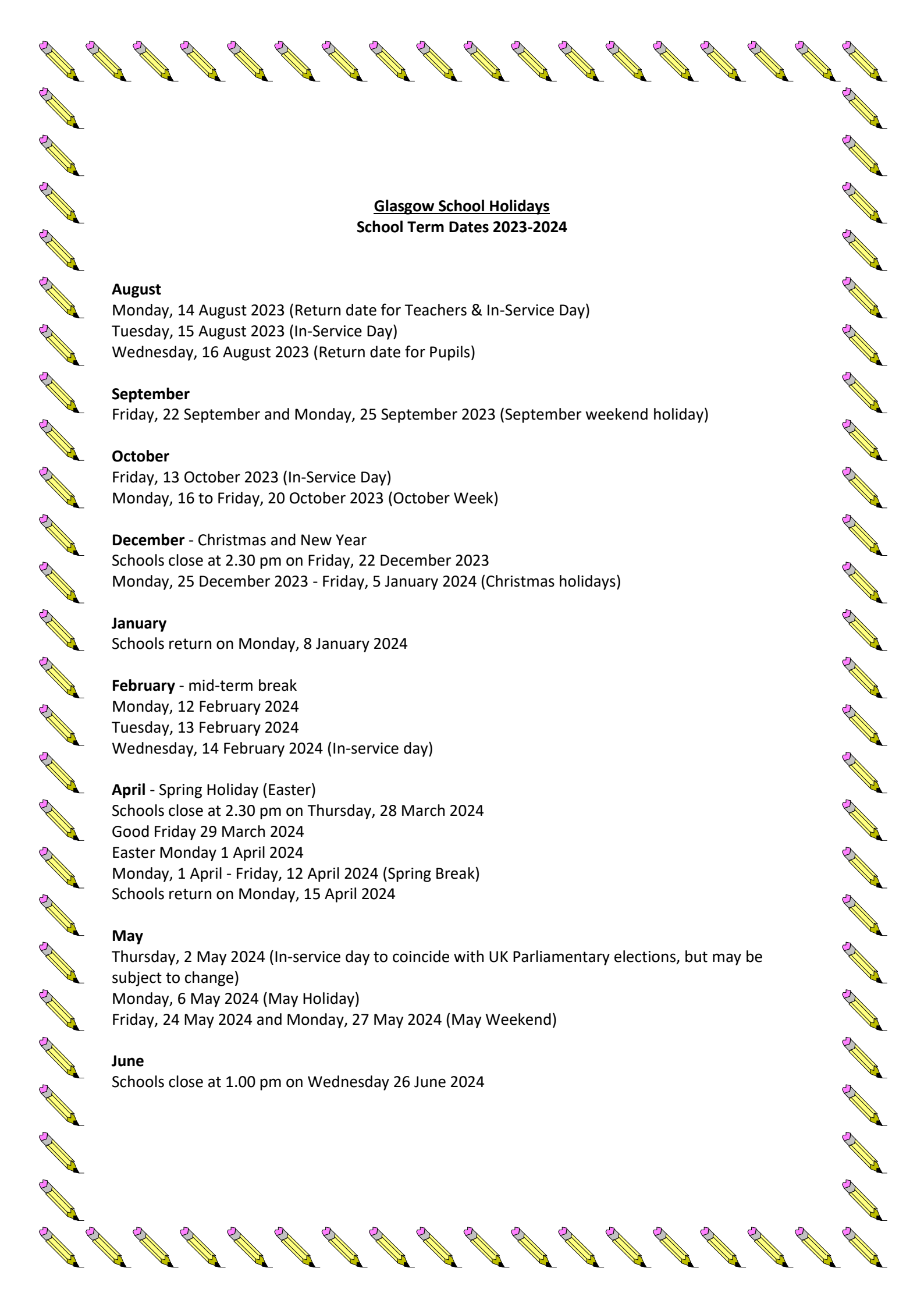
To make sure you receive the right support you require, parents and carers should still contact the school directly to report absences of a sensitive or personal nature, for example:

- 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.

Dates	Event
29.8.23 6.30pm	Parent Council
1.9.23	Youth Music Initiative begins for P1s
1.9.23	Class newsletter issued
5.9.23 3.15 – 5.30pm	Meet the team
8.9.23	PTA – BBQ
21.9.23	Glasgow Times to take P1 photographs
22.9.23	September Weekend
25.9.23	September Weekend
w/c 25.9.23	Maths Week Scotland
5.10.23	House treat
10.10.23	P7's vision screening
10.10.23	Parents' Evening 5.30pm to 8.30pm
12.10.23	Parents' Evening 3.30pm to 6.30pm
13.10.23	In Service Day



Glasgow School Holidays
School Term Dates 2023-2024

August

Monday, 14 August 2023 (Return date for Teachers & In-Service Day)

Tuesday, 15 August 2023 (In-Service Day)

Wednesday, 16 August 2023 (Return date for Pupils)

September

Friday, 22 September and Monday, 25 September 2023 (September weekend holiday)

October

Friday, 13 October 2023 (In-Service Day)

Monday, 16 to Friday, 20 October 2023 (October Week)

December - Christmas and New Year

Schools close at 2.30 pm on Friday, 22 December 2023

Monday, 25 December 2023 - Friday, 5 January 2024 (Christmas holidays)

January

Schools return on Monday, 8 January 2024

February - mid-term break

Monday, 12 February 2024

Tuesday, 13 February 2024

Wednesday, 14 February 2024 (In-service day)

April - Spring Holiday (Easter)

Schools close at 2.30 pm on Thursday, 28 March 2024

Good Friday 29 March 2024

Easter Monday 1 April 2024

Monday, 1 April - Friday, 12 April 2024 (Spring Break)

Schools return on Monday, 15 April 2024

May

Thursday, 2 May 2024 (In-service day to coincide with UK Parliamentary elections, but may be subject to change)

Monday, 6 May 2024 (May Holiday)

Friday, 24 May 2024 and Monday, 27 May 2024 (May Weekend)

June

Schools close at 1.00 pm on Wednesday 26 June 2024