



Douglas Primary School & ELC

NEWSLETTER 1 - August 2023

SCHOOL NEWS



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WELCOME BACK

It has been wonderful to welcome all our pupils back this week. They have all settled into their new



classes with ease.

STAFFING

Please see a list below of the staffing within the school.

P1/2 Mrs Kerr

P2/3 Miss Donaldson

P3/4 Miss Dodds & Miss Graham

P5/6 Mrs Taylor (Mon– Thurs & Mrs Thomson (Fri)

P6/7 Mrs Charnley

Mrs Pitt and Mrs Thomson will be working with targeted intervention groups across the school and will also be providing CCC cover within some classes.

Mrs Hill is due to return from her maternity leave in October and updated staffing list will be issued then.

MEET THE TEACHER

We are holding a 'Meet the Teacher' event on Wednesday 30th August at 2pm.

If you are able to attend then please make your way to the hall for 2pm where a short presentation will take place and then you will be given the opportunity to meet your child's teacher, visit the class, and the surrounding class areas including our fabulous new poly tunnel and flower beds.

COMMUNICATION WITH PARENTS

We would like to remind you that we have a wide variety of methods to communicate with you these include:

- School App
- School Website
- Learning Journals
- Twitter/Facebook Group
- Newsletters
- Email

If you are unsure of any of the above methods of communication please see the details listed or contact the school office on 01555 851224 or gw14douglaspsoffice@glow.sch.uk

We would like to continue to operate as a paperless school and provide communication through the online channels listed above.



Our Facebook group is called 'Douglas Primary & ELC' Simply log into your account and then search for the group using the search tool. Once you have found it select the request to join button. We will process any requests sent ASAP.

Our Twitter page is called 'Douglas Primary & ELC' Our tag is @DouglasPrimary The page is open to all followers

Please search for the app in your Apple or Google Play Stores. Once downloaded enter the following details to access our school and ELC

Username: DouglasPS
PIN: 8512

PARENTSPORTAL

Thank you to all the parent/carers who have already registered for the new ParentsPortal system that we informed you about last session. New P1 parents please see the attached letter in the email.

Moving forward we will no longer be issuing Annual Data Checks and Permission forms in paper copy they will all be issued via the Parent Portal system. If you have still to sign up can you please do so within the next week. If you require any support signing up please call the school office on 851224 and they can guide you through the process.

A new app (Parentsportal.scot) has now been launched in order to make accessing your Parents Portal easier.

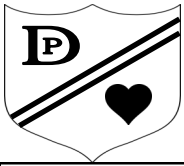


BREAKFAST CLUB

Our Breakfast Club has reopened and is available everyday.

If your child would like to attend then there is no need to pre-register, they can simply turn up on the morning. Please note the club will run from 8.15am - 8.45am (**please try to ensure that your child is in before 8.30am**)

Children should enter through the main entrance to go to breakfast club. Thank you to our parent/ carer volunteers who are continuing to supervise the Breakfast Club, without their daily commitment the club would not be able to run.



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P.E. DAYS

Please see below for the days that your child's class will have P.E.

P1/2 - Tuesday & Friday
P2/3 - Monday & Friday
P3/4 - Tuesday & Thursday
P5/6 - Wednesday & Friday
P6/7 - Monday & Thursday

Please note that there is now access to the changing rooms so children can bring a change of clothing with them or alternatively they can come to school with their school t-shirt/polo shirt and comfortable plain black bottoms such as leggings or tracksuit bottoms.

We respectfully remind you that only school colours should be worn at all times and that we discourage the wearing of clothing with 'large logos' or sportswear that does not meet the uniform requirements.

OUTDOOR LEARNING

Outdoor Learning Days

P1/2 - Thursday
P2/3 - Friday
P3/4 - Monday
P5/6 - Tuesday
P6/7 - Wednesday

In school we have waterproof clothing and wellingtons for all the children but should your child wish to bring their own then they may do so on their designated day.

Please take note of the weather forecast for your child's day and send them with sun hats and suntan lotion when warm and gloves and hats when cold.



HOMEWORK

At present we will not be issuing homework. We will start formal homework on Monday 11th September and details will be issued from each class regarding access to Google Classroom over the coming weeks.

LEARNING JOURNALS

We will be continuing to use Learning Journals in all classes within the school. The journals provide you with updates on your child's learning and allows you to share achievements from home and comment on your child's work.

The learning journals are set up using your personal email and each time an observation is recorded in school you should receive an email notification.

If you are not already signed up to Learning Journals or are having issues accessing your child's journal please contact the school office on 01555 851224 or gw14douglaspsoffice@glow.sch.uk



BIKES & SCOOTERS

It is wonderful to see so many of our pupils being active and either cycling or scooting to school.

Could I please ask that children walk their bike or scooter from the entrance gate down into the playground and vice versa at home time as the playground can be very busy at these points in the day and we have had a couple of near misses that could have lead to injury.

The playground is spilt into zones at playtime and lunchtime to allow safe use of the bikes and scooters.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Please find a link below to a calendar for all the term 1 holidays and events that we have planned so far. There will be additional dates such as trips that will be added as the term progresses.

[Calendar Link](#)

We aim to send out a calendar at the start of each term in order to give you as much notice as possible of events that will be taking place.

A paper copy will also be issued so that you have it to reference easily at home. Please take a moment to highlight the dates that are relevant to you and your child's class.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

As you can see from the attached calendar we plan to start our first block of after school clubs the week beginning the 18th September.

We are currently finalising details with Active School and staff in relation to clubs that will be running in term 1. If any of our parents/carers would be interested in running or supporting an after school club please contact Mrs Hughes.

FLOWER SHOW—SUNFLOWER COMPETITION REMINDER

If you wish to enter the Sunflower Competition for tallest flower and/ or biggest flower head please email muirbon@aol.com with your name, address and where the sunflower is in your garden by Monday 21st August.

Judging will take place on Wednesday 23rd August and the winners will be announced at the show on Saturday 2nd September in St.Bride's centre (doors open at 1.30pm and everyone its welcome).