

# Douglas Primary School & ELC

NEWSLETTER 1 - August 2024

## 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 Mrs Thomson & Mrs Hill

P5/6 Mrs Taylor & Miss Stokes

P6/7 Mrs Charnley & Miss Graham

### PARENTSPORTAL

A reminder that all Annual Data Checks and Permission Forms will be issued via the online platform of ParentsPortal.

New P1 parent/carers will be provided with details on how to create an account on ParentsPortal.

If you require any support signing up or accessing your accounts please call the school office on 851224 and they can guide you through the process.

The app (Parentsportal.scot) can be found within your app store and looks like the graphic below.



### 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 below or contact the school office on 01555 851224 or [gw14douglaspsoffice@glow.sch.uk](mailto: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

### 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.

### SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

The new lunch menu for this session will start on Monday 26th August. A paper copy will be sent home and the choices can be found daily on the school app or via the SLC website.

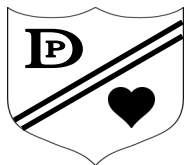
### MOBILE PHONES

Due to a number of incidents last session where pupils used mobile phones without permission during school hours we have decided to collect all phones in from pupils and store them securely within the school office between 9am-3pm.

We understand that some pupils have their phones for walking to and from school or for use after school but there is no requirement for them to be with the pupils between 9am and 3pm.

If your child is bringing a mobile phone to school please explain to them that they must be placed within the classroom box, if your child is not willing to do this then they will not be permitted to have their phone in school.

Can we please also ask that any smart watches are turned onto school/silent mode between 9am and 3pm.



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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 - Wednesday & Thursday  
P5/6 - Monday & Thursday  
P6/7 - Thursday & Friday

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

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 16th 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 [gw14douglasspsoffice@glow.sch.uk](mailto:gw14douglasspsoffice@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.

### FALSE NAILS

Could we please ask that all children refrain from coming to school with false nails or nail extensions. We had a number of incidents last session which lead to injury especially during P.E. session with those children that have nail extensions.

Nail extensions are not recommended for children under 16 due to the damage that they can cause to the nail bed.

### INDOOR SHOES

A reminder that all children are asked to have a pair of clean shoes/trainers/plimsoles to wear indoors during school time.

Indoor shoes provide comfort to the children and ensure that they can take part in a range of gym based activities as well as adding to the cleanliness of the school carpets and open areas.

Indoor shoes do not need to be branded a simple pair of black plimsoles would be suitable. In order to keep the cost of the school day reduced we do have a stock of indoor shoes that can be provided if required.

### CALENDAR

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

[Calendar Link](#)

We will 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 for home use. Please take a moment to highlight the dates that are relevant to you and your child's class.