



Term 3 Newsletter



Attendance

The attendance rate for each class from August – Jan '22 is as follows:

P1A	94.8%	P4	93.0%	P7	90.0%
P1B	94.1%	P5/4	91.0%		
P2	92.2%	P5	89.0%		
P3/2	92.0%	P6	93.0%		
P3	94.0%	P7/6	92.0%		

Regular attendance at school ensures your child reaches their potential.

Please remember to contact the Pupil Absence Reporting Line (287 0039) if your child is going to be absent. This should be done before 9.30am on the first day of absence.

You can also record absences using a new online facility at <https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/pupilabsence>

February Break

School will close for the Mid Term Break at **3pm on Friday 11th**

February and re-open on **Thursday 17th February** from **8.50am**.

Nut Free Zone

Just a wee reminder please do not bring nuts or products containing nut traces into school as all Glasgow City Council Schools are nut free zones.



Head Lice – Once a Week, Take a Peek!



We do sometimes have unwelcome visitors in our school! Please be vigilant and check your child's hair regularly. I would advise all pupils with long hair to tie it back in a neat pony or pleat.

If head lice are found, consult your pharmacist or health visitor for advice.

Ordering New School Uniform

If parents wish to order new school uniform please use the link below.

www.border-embroideries.co.uk or alternatively you can pop into BE Schoolwear Glasgow, 35 Argyle Street, G2 8AH. (Behind the St Enoch Centre)

Early warning! Please ensure all items are clearly labelled.

Mobile Numbers / Email addresses



Please ensure that we have your most current mobile telephone number and email address to allow you to receive updates. Also, please remember that if you wish your child to bring a mobile phone to school then a consent form is available at the school office, and phones **must** be given to Class Teachers first thing in the morning. This allows them to be stored safely but at the owners own risk. We would prefer they were not brought at all. Thank you for your support.

P7 Trip to Dalguise

Primary 7 will be going to Dalguise on **Wednesday 18th May to Friday 20th May**

This is an exciting opportunity for Primary 7 to take part in a residential outdoor learning experience. Primary 7 have started their preparations for the trip and look forward to the adventure.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Now that Term 3 is well underway we are working hard to ensure learning and teaching is back in full swing and our learners are settled and happy with school routines and Eastbank Values and Expectations. A wee reminder of some key diary dates.....

February

Whole School	Friday 11 th	Appreciation Day / Non-Uniform!
Whole School	Monday 14 th – Tue 15 th	February Mid-term break
Whole school	Wednesday 16 th	In-Service Day (4)
Whole School	Mon 21 st – Fri 18 th Mar	Shared Home Learning - 4 weeks – Writing Focus – thank you for your support!

March

Whole School	Mon 28 th Feb- Fri 4 th Mar	World Book Week
Whole School	Thursday 3 rd	Adult Learning Course – FUSE 9.15am – All welcome
Whole School	Thursday 3 rd	World Book Day – Dress as your favourite Word Day!
Whole School	Thursday 10 th	Adult Learning Course – FUSE 9.15am – All welcome
Whole School	Monday 28 th	Parents Evening 3.30-6.30pm (TBC)
Whole School	Wednesday 30 th	Parents Evening 5.30-8.30pm (TBC)

April

Whole School	Friday 1 st	School closes at 2.30pm for Easter Spring Break
Whole School	Mon 4 th – Mon 18 th	School closed Easter Spring Break
Whole School	Tuesday 19 th	School re-opens – 8.50am
Whole School	Monday 25 th	£1 Class Business Challenge begins!

May

Whole school	Monday 2 nd	School closed for May Holiday
Whole school	Thursday 5 th	In-Service Day (5)
Primary 7	Wed 18 th – Fri 20 th	Dalguise Trip
Whole School	Friday 27 th	May Weekend Holiday

June

Whole School	Thursday 2 nd	Queen's Platinum Jubilee - Holiday
Whole School	Friday 3 rd	Queen's Platinum Jubilee - Holiday
Whole School	Wednesday 1 st	Future Me Day – Dress as future self!
Whole School	Mon 7 th – Fri 11 th	Health Week - full programme of Health & Wellbeing learning
Whole School	Fri 10 th	School Report Cards issued to parents
Primary 1-3	Thursday 16 th	P1-3 Sports Day 9.30pm. Parents welcome (TBC)
Primary 4-7	Friday 17 th	P4-7 Sports Day 9.30pm. Parents welcome (TBC)
Whole School	Monday 20 th	End of Year Church Service - Sandyhills Church - at 10.00am
		P7 Parents invited (TBC)
Primary 7	Tuesday 21 st	P7 Prom 7.00-8.30pm
Winning House	Monday 20 th	House Treat (pm)
Whole School	Wednesday 22 nd	Eastbank STARS Talent Show – 10.00am
Whole school	Friday 24 th	School closes 1pm

School Uniform

Please continue to support our uniform policy fully. It really makes a huge difference to ensuring children are ready to learn. Also, please be aware that learning activities do take place outdoors throughout the school day and if possible we would advise that a warm winters jacket is worn each day.

*** Please visit our Uniform Bank located in the School Entrance Hall – all uniforms are in good condition and are freshly laundered. We also have a stock of new / pre-loved winter coats.**

Can I remind you that **LEGGINGS** and **JOGGING** trousers are **NOT** school uniform and ask that you ensure **ALL** clothing, shoes and lunchboxes are labelled with childrens' names.

Our lost property bundle continues to grow!
We do not have the facility to continue to store lost property items.

We would also greatly appreciate if you could ensure that children bring their PE Kit on gym days. Thank you.



Covid 19 Advice

Face coverings should be worn by adults at drop-off and pick-up. Parents are still not yet permitted in to our school building unless a prior appointment has been arranged and social distancing still applies.

Remember if you or someone in your household is displaying symptoms of Covid then you need to self-isolate until you get a PCR test. If you test positive on a lateral flow device and have no symptoms then you don't need to get a test but you do need to isolate for at least 7 days. If you test negative on Day 6 and 7 then you can return to normal life on the 8th day. Children will also need to isolate if they test positive. If your child is a close contact then they do not have to isolate – they can remain in school as long as you are testing them daily on a lateral flow device. This is extremely important for the safety of our staff and pupils.

Self-isolating ensures everyone's safety. As a reminder, the key coronavirus symptoms are:

- A new and persistent cough
- A high temperature
- A change or loss of smell/taste

We will send a Warn and Inform letter when there has been a positive case of Covid-19 in your child's class. This is for you to read and to keep an eye for any symptoms with your child.

Further advice/information is available on the NHS Coronavirus website.



Research has proven that the maths age of children has improved after regular usage of this program.

Please continue to encourage your child to log on and get playing as often as possible. Don't forget to practice those 'learn-it's' and tables too!

<https://www.sumdog.com/>

Homework

Please try to take part in homework activities that are available weekly on Seesaw. If you need support with this please contact the school office and we will be back in touch to make sure you have everything you need. If you have access to Seesaw then Homework is accessed via Class Teachers. As always we encourage you to read to your child daily and utilise the SumDog Programme as often as possible. Homework is an excellent 'over learning' technique and good life skill to develop.

Parent Council

Our Parent Council meet every 6 weeks to look at ways in which to support the school community. We are very lucky to have a proactive Parent Council. If you would like to join us please contact the school office to allow us to add you to the call. Parent Council Meetings are being held via Zoom at present.

Our next Parent Council Meeting is on Tuesday 8th February at 6pm.

Parent Pay

Huge thanks to the families who have signed up to our new online payment system. All Glasgow schools will be using this from now on. Please try to activate your account soon. If you need any support with this please get in touch with the school office who will be more than happy to help.

Following the Easter break meal choices will be made on Parent Pay. We will write to you soon with more information on this.

Free School Meals

As per Scottish Government guidelines all P5 children are now entitled to Free School Meals.



School Councils Term Update

Sports Council

- ❖ Organised and planned our first ever Santa Dash at Budhill Park on the 17th December which was enjoyed by all and raised over £200 for school funds.
- ❖ Created a bank of warm up games and made video's to share with classes.
- ❖ Tried lots of new fruit and vegetables, created recipes and made smoothies.
- ❖ Learned some new skills in American Football.
- ❖ Worked together to create displays to make the drama room into a Health and Wellbeing room e.g our Kindness display and values characters with healthy props,
- ❖ Recipe of the week shared and tried.
- ❖ Designed an inter-team penalty shoot out competition – maybe for Spring Term. Considered rules for fairness for different ages so all can compete.
- ❖ Created a Super Green Smoothie as a healthy & refreshing snack.

Art Council

Re-freshed displays around the school with new COP26/Mindfulness art works. Beautiful!

Inclusive Innovators

Created 'mystery boxes' for each class to have a responsive Planning Lesson at end of Term 2 / start of term 3!

Mindfulness Moments

- ❖ Learned new techniques to calm our bodies & minds! And breathe!
- ❖ Worked with the art council to create mindfulness moments at school displays.

Rebecca Responsibility

- ❖ Tidied the reading books and other areas of our school.
- ❖ Created learning games for all classes to enjoy.

Eco Council

- ❖ Learned about COP26 and what they can do at Eastbank to be more eco friendly.
- ❖ Took part in the Climate-Chatter Challenge on twitter with many other Glasgow schools.
- ❖ Tidied and organised our new garden area.
- ❖ Gathered sticks for our boundary wall, took part in litter picking and collected leaves to use in the beds for our new vegetable planters.

RSHP

We are continuing with our Relationship and Sexual Health Programme this term. To help your child understand the more sensitive topics please have a look at the website and its resources on www.rshp.scot. Here you will find all of the lessons being covered in classes.

Frosty Fridays

Primary 7 are organising Frosty Fridays as an enterprise to help raise money for their trip to Dalguise. We would be delighted if you would support this enterprise by sending in 50p with your child on Fridays to buy an ice pole. Thank you for your support.

And finally.....

I hope you all enjoy the February Break. Don't forget to follow us on twitter @EastbankPri for the latest updates and good news stories / or just google Eastbank Primary Twitter to have a look at our twitter page. We have 1,867 followers. Likewise be sure to continue to use Seesaw for all class communications. I am sure you agree this is an excellent tool for keeping you up to date.

Stay safe everyone.

Kind regards

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Head Teacher

