Dear Parent/Carer

**WELCOME** to our first newsletter of the new session. I hope you all managed to find the time to enjoy some family time and your children have come back to school refreshed for another busy year at Greenhills Primary School and Nursery Class. We look forward to an exciting year, full of learning and working in partnerships with Barnardos. The children are looking smart in their school uniforms and have settled quickly, beginning to learn the new routines of their class. Welcome to all our new pupils.

**Staffing**
This session we welcome the following new staff to the school:

- Mrs Patricia Orr P2/3
- Mrs Thomson, Support Assistant

Mrs Nimmo, P2 teacher will be absent from school and Mrs Parrett will cover Monday, Tuesday and alternative Wednesday and Miss McAllister will cover the alternative Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

**Indoor Shoes**
All pupils must have a pair of indoor shoes to change into when they come into the building in the morning, after break and after lunch. This is to ensure that the carpets in the building are kept in good condition. Teachers will send shoes home every term so that parents/carers are able to check whether they still fit.

**Breakfast Club**
We thank you for your responses to the Breakfast Club letter and advise you that we have passed on this information and are awaiting a start date.

**Hot Chocolate with Mrs Johnston**
Once a month we will have Hot Chocolate with Mrs Johnston. One child from each class will be nominated by their teacher due to their hard work, kindness etc. to share a hot chocolate; this is one way in which we will promote pupils achievement and attainment.

**Nut Allergies**
A reminder that Greenhills Primary School is a NUT FREE ZONE due to children with severe allergies. Please check that there are no nuts in snacks and packed lunches, including sandwich fillings. Keep all our children safe.

**Sanitary Products**
Sanitary products are available free to all pupils within the school. Teachers in the senior school will share with girls how to access these products.

**Homework**
All children will be involved with Homework. This will include Reading, Spelling word practice, Numeracy and all other areas of the curriculum. Please check your child’s homework jotter to where they will have identified their next target.
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Wet Weather
Children should come to school dressed appropriately for inclement weather. If the weather is wet, children are be allowed inside the building from 8.45am. During inclement weather, children remain inside; however, if we can let them out for fresh air we will and request that children are wearing appropriate clothing. During wet intervals and lunch, all classes have monitors and staff supervise the children. We have some Wet Weather games; however, these always need updated. If you have any games/books, which are in good condition but you no longer require, please hand them in to the school office.

Swimming Lessons
We are hoping that our swimming lessons will begin in October. Letters will follow shortly. I am glad to say that the closure of the pool due to vandalism will not affect the number of lessons children will have.

Parent Council
Our Parent Council will meet on Monday, 23 September 2019 at 7pm. All parents and legal guardians are welcome to attend the meetings that take place on the last Monday of each month, or Monday before as in this instance due to a holiday. We look forward to welcoming new members.

Remember, jackets, jumpers, etc. can go missing very easily, therefore please put children’s names on their belongings including both indoor shoes, coats, jackets, sweatshirts, polo-shirts, ties, etc.

Volunteers
We are looking for any parent/carer who would like to volunteer in the school, this will enable us to support children in class, operate the Credit Union, Library, playground, etc. We are holding a meeting for all parents/carers who would like to give their time on Monday, 23rd September at 2.30pm in the Meeting Room.

After School Clubs
Already we have our netball, football clubs up and running. Look out for more after school clubs.

Twitter@GreenhillsPrimary
Welcome to Greenhills Primary School Twitter Page, which will show many achievements, events and learning opportunities within the school. If you would like to become a Greenhills Primary School and Nursery Class follower please search for the page on Twitter, request to follow and we will accept your request to follow.

Understanding Children’s Behaviour Course
This FREE course aims to help mums, dads and other adults carers understand more about child development and behaviour. The course is both informal and relaxed. We will cover the following topics:
- Building confidence/self-esteem in your child.
- Recognising the skills/experiences of parents.
- Positive parenting; consistency/boundaries and consequences/incentives/praise/positive behaviour.
This 6-week course will take place in Castlefield Primary School in East Kilbride and commences on Thursday 3rd October-Thursday 14th November 2019 (Every Thursday
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except October week for 6 weeks) between 1-2.30pm at Castlefield Primary School, Lickprivick Road, East Kilbride, G75 9HD
If you would like to come along or would like more information please call/ text Caroline Stewart (Home School Partnership) on 01355 221 829 alternatively, e-mail gw14stewartcaroline@glow.sch.uk Places are limited and need to be booked in advance.

Mindful Mondays Group
This free group supports mums, dads and other adult carers who have children with additional support needs. Come along to The Key, Universal Connections, Brouster Hill, East Kilbride (besides the Dollan Baths) every Monday until 16th December (except for school holidays). If you would like further information contact Caroline Stewart on 01355 221829

Each month our newsletter will be on the school website (www.greenhills-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk) I hope you find this information helpful. If at any time, you need more details, or have a concern or a great idea, please contact the school.

Kind Regards

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2019-2020
Greenhills Primary School Annual Calendar Events

August
Thursday 15th
Friday 23rd
Tuesday 27th
School returns
Family and pupil photographs
P1 Literacy and Numeracy Workshop

September
Tuesday 3rd
Tuesday 10th
Friday 13th
Tuesday 17th
Thursday 19th
Friday 20th
Monday 23rd
Tuesday 24th
Wednesday 25
Thursday 26th
Friday 27th & 30th
P1 Family Learning
P1 Family Learning
Ariana Grande (6.30pm)
P1 Family Learning
Nursery Parents Committee Meeting
Sports Hall Athletics
Parent Council Meeting (7pm)
P1 Family Learning
Football Festival
Netball Festival
Hot Chocolate with Mrs Johnston
HOLIDAY
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October
Thursday 3rd
Friday 4th
Tuesday 8th
Monday 14th – Friday 18th
Tuesday 22nd
Wednesday 23rd
Friday 25th
Monday 28th
Tuesday 29th
Wednesday 30th
How we teach numeracy pointers for teachers (P2-7)
Sharing the Learning – Numeracy (pm)
P1 Family Learning
HOLIDAY
P1 Family Learning
Flu Vaccinations
Coffee Morning in aid of Kilbryde Hospice
Parent Council Meeting
P1 Family Learning
Halloween Disco

November
Tuesday 5th
Tuesday 12th
Friday 15th
Monday 18th
Tuesday 19th
Monday 25th
Tuesday 26th
P1 Family Learning
P1 Family Learning
Children in Need Day
In-service Day
In-service Day
Parent Council Meeting
P1 Family Learning

December
Tuesday 3rd
Tuesday 10th
Thursday 12th
Tuesday 17th
Wednesday 18th
Friday 20th
Monday 23rd – Friday 3rd
P1 Family Learning
P1 Family Learning
Nursery Nativity (pm)
P1 Family Learning
P1 Nativity
School finishes 2.30pm
HOLIDAY

January
Monday 6th
Tuesday 7th
Tuesday 14th
Tuesday 21st
Thursday 23rd
Monday 27th
Tuesday 28th
School returns
P1 Family Learning
P1 Family Learning
P1 Family Learning
P7 Burns’ Supper
Parent Council Meeting
P1 Family Learning

February
Tuesday 4th
Thursday 6th
Friday 7th
Monday 10th
Tuesday 11th
Wednesday 12th
Tuesday 18th
Monday 24th
Tuesday 25th
P1 Family Learning
Dress Down Day
In Service Day
HOLIDAY
HOLIDAY
In Service
P1 Family Learning
Parent Council Meeting
P1 Family Learning

March
Tuesday 3rd
Thursday 5th
P1 Family Learning
World Book Day

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Tuesday 10th
Tuesday 17th
Friday 20th
Tuesday 24th
Tuesday 31st

P1 Family Learning
P1 Family Learning
Comic Relief Dress Down Day
P1 Family Learning
P1 Family Learning

School Show

April
Friday 3rd
Monday 6th – Friday 17th
Monday 20th
Tuesday 21st
Tuesday 28th

School finishes 2.30pm
HOLIDAY
School returns
P1 Family Learning
P1 Family Learning

May
Tuesday 5th
Thursday 7th
Friday 8th
Tuesday 12th
Monday 18th
Tuesday 19th
Wednesday 20th
Thursday 21st
Friday 22nd
Monday 25th
Tuesday 26th
Wednesday 27th
Thursday 28th

Sports Day
In Service Day
HOLIDAY
P1 Family Learning
Parent Council Meeting
P1 Family Learning
Pre Entrant Program
P7 transition Day
Dress Down Day
P7 Transition Day
HOLIDAY
HOLIDAY
P1 Family Learning
P7 Duncanrig Induction
(Pupils make their own way to
Duncanrig)

June
Tuesday 2nd
Wednesday 3rd
Tuesday 9th
Thursday 11th
Tuesday 16th
Friday 19th
Monday 22nd
Tuesday 23rd
Wednesday 24th

P1 Family Learning
Pre Entrant Program
P1 Family Learning
Parents Evening
P1 Family Learning
Celebration of Achievement Assembly
Awards Ceremony
P7 Leavers Assembly
Parents v. Pupils football
School finishes 1pm

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