



Greenhills Primary School

January 2024



Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome back everyone and on behalf of Team GPS we wish everyone health and happiness in 2024. This week we will also be sharing a review of the last 5 months of what has happened in our busy school, so I hope you enjoy reading this too.

Looking ahead we have a busy month with our Burns Competition from Nursey to Primary 7. Primary 7 will be having their Burns Supper on the afternoon of 25th January to which their parents will receive an invite this week too and our mainstream Primary 7 pupils will be attending Lockerbie Manor.

Primary One Enrolment

Primary one registration for children beginning school in August 2024 is taking place week, beginning 8th January 2024, please ensure you complete the online form available on South Lanarkshire Council website (Search enrolling your child). Mrs Walker, DHT, will contact parents/carers week beginning 15th January 2024 to share more information with you.

Inclement Weather

The weather has turned colder and should we have inclement weather Mr Hendry, Janitor, will clear and salt both paths from the front gate to the office and nursery entrance. A path will also be cleared to the annexe and round to infant entrance and Rm 16 entrance. Those in Rm 20, 21, 22 & 23 may have to enter by the front door. Signs will be up at the front gate if this is the case.

It is a rare event for schools to close due to weather conditions. In the unlikely event this does happen, we will notify you as soon as possible by our Parent Portal, X formerly known as Twitter and on our School Website. South Lanarkshire Council would also put out a notice on media channels such as the radio, X (formerly known as Twitter) and Facebook.

We have children who are coming to school without winter clothing, and ask if you would ensure that all children have hats, gloves, winter jackets, etc. Children need to get outside to run around and play, so unless inclement weather, children will be outside for both break and lunch time. As you may or may not know we love to **Reduce, Reuse, Recycle** and on that note, we have winter jackets in the school that we can happily lend or give to anyone who needs one.

Clubs

Our current extra-curricular clubs, e.g. STEM Leader. Boys Football, P4-7 Glee Club, Drama Club will all start back, week beginning 15th January 2024 and will continue until the end of May with the exception of Monday, 12th – Wednesday 14th February inclusive which is the February school break. All clubs can be found on the school website. Mr Heidinger will be updating the clubs this week and forwarding information out to pupils. Any questions please contact the school office and Mr Heidinger, Acting PT, will get back to you.

Right of the Month

In January, the children will be learning about Article 6: I should be supported to live and grow.

Lateness & Attendance

As you know we have been working hard to ensure all pupils attain their best at Greenhills Primary School and in doing so we also focus on lateness and attendance. We want to work together with you, our families, to make sure your child is happy and achieving. One area where you can make the biggest impact is by making sure your child attends school



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regularly and that they arrive on time. Please do not underestimate how disruptive it can be for a child who does not attend or is late (even if only 5 minutes) as this can impact their relationships with friends and confidence. This has an effect on them emotionally and with their confidence, which then impacts on their learning. We want to work with you to help overcome any difficulties you or your child are facing, so please contact either myself or Mrs Walker if you have any concerns.

Football

We ask that children do not bring in balls to school. Currently we have too many balls and it can be dangerous. Rest assured each class have a ball to play with in the playground.

As you know Mrs Murray, Mrs Walker and I can be found at the front of the school each morning and afternoon, If you have any concerns, please speak to one of us there or contact the office to make an appointment should you have any concerns.

Statutory Consultation Proposal: to alter the qualifying distance for free secondary school mainstream transport to those living over 3 miles from their catchment secondary school. (current entitlement is more than 2 miles).

The Council will be conducting a statutory consultation on the proposal to alter the qualifying distance for free secondary school mainstream transport to those living over 3 miles from their catchment secondary school. (current entitlement is more than 2 miles).

The proposal will be open to statutory public consultation from Monday 15 January to Friday 1 March 2024. Public meetings will take place during the week of the 29 January 2024.

Details on this proposal will be contained in a Consultation Proposal Document, including how to feedback any comments and how to book a place at a public meeting.

The proposal document will be available via the following link from 15 January 2024.
<https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/downloads/download/302/>

Warmest Regards

Elaine Johnston
Head Teacher

Diary Dates – January 2024

8th School returns
Online New P1 registration opens.



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17th P7 Lockerbie Manor
18th Rm 15 Library Visit
25th P7 Burn's Supper
29th Parent Council Meeting 7pm – all parents' welcome

February

1st GPS v Southpark Netball, details to follow.
2nd Kirsty, Greenhill's Librarian to talk with children.
6th Burns Cottage Trip Rm 18, 21 and 23
7th P3 Class Assembly 9.30 am.
12th & 13th February Holiday
14th INSET DAY school closed to pupils.
19th Youth Family Cookery with P5
28th GPS v Auldhouse Football, details to follow.

March

7th GPS v Auldhouse, details to follow.
8th World Book Day
20th P5-7 Football – Ballerup, 12.30-2.30pm
26th & 27th School show

All dates and events can be found on the school website.