



Greenhills Primary School

August/ September 2023



Dear Parent/Carer,

We are delighted to be back in school and hope you have had a wonderful summer break. All the children are looking well and are settling into school. Should you have any concerns about your child(ren) please do not hesitate to contact the school to discuss: Mrs Walker (DHT) – Nursery & P1-3, Mrs Johnston (HT) – P4-7 or Mrs Murray (Supported Classes).

Staffing

This session we would like to welcome two new permanent members of staff, Mrs Riddick and Mrs Bruce. We wish them every success in their positions.

Our PE timetable can be found on the website, and we ask that your child has shorts and indoor shoes to wear on PE days. These indoor shoes can also be worn inside the school on a daily basis, inexpensive plimsols are the best option for all pupils.

Uniforms

Please ensure your child's uniform is all labelled with their name. Should you have any difficulty accessing a uniform please contact Anne-Marie Keane, Chair of PTA, or the school directly.

Vision, values and aims.

We are delighted with our new vision, values and aims which the Pupil Council produced following their consultation with pupils, parents and staff. Congratulations to Holly McSorley for the winning design of our new logo. Please see attached sheet.

Every year we write a Standard and Quality Report and a School Improvement Plan (SIP). A copy of our SIP and Standard and Quality can be accessed on the school website or by contacting the school office. Below I have briefly bullet pointed our SIP 2023-2024.

- Literacy – gross/fine motor skills, spelling and writing.
- Maths Recovery
- Pupil Voice
- Equality/Equity/Cost of the school day

Diary Dates

Our proposed diary dates will be shared on the school website, please remember that these may be subject to change, however you will be notified if this happens. Please check out the website for the events happening in school.

Covid 19

Whilst Covid 19 is on the decline we wish to do everything to ensure our pupils and staff are well. Public health messages for schools Public Health Scotland and the Scottish Government want to take the opportunity to reiterate the core public health messages for schools in Scotland:

- Washing hands thoroughly using soap and water will help prevent the spread of common infections such as colds, flu, COVID-19, threadworms, and stomach bugs. Hands should be washed throughout the day, e.g., before and after eating; after using the toilet; after coughing or sneezing; and when returning from breaks.
- Adults including staff, volunteers and parents visiting settings, should stay at home and avoid contact with other people if they have symptoms of a respiratory infection

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such as coronavirus and they: have a high temperature or do not feel well enough to go to work or carry out normal activities.

- They should do this until they no longer have a high temperature (if they had one) or until they feel better.
- Children who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people, where they can. They can go back to school, college, or childcare, and resume normal activities when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend.

Please check out the NHS inform website for further information about Coronavirus.

Homework

Mrs Walker is in the process of completing the new homework policy based on pupil, parent and staff consultation and information will be with you shortly. Any concerns please contact the class teacher.

Parent Council

We held our AGM last night at our first Parent Council of the session. We were delighted to welcome new members along to the meeting. The following members were elected.

Chairperson - Anne-Marie Kean

Vice Chair - Carol Gallacher

Treasurer - Lynne Hendry

Our next Parent Council meeting will take place on Monday, 18th September 2023 at 7pm within the school. If you are a parent who has never attended before but would like to attend, you will be made very welcome.

Warmest Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Elaine Johnston'.

Elaine Johnston
Head Teacher