



KELVINDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2015



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WELCOME

*We hope you had a great summer holiday and welcome you to a new school session.
A special welcome to all our new pupils, parents/ carers and staff.*

Staff News

Welcome

Welcome to permanent teaching staff **Mrs Mills and Mrs Jack** and also to supply teachers **Mr Montgomery, Miss Roe** and **Ms Jarrett**.



Classes & Staff 2015-2016

Head Teacher: Mrs Darroch

Depute Head Teacher(P1-P3): Mrs Matheson

Depute Head Teacher(P4-P7): Mrs Taylor

Infant Building

P1a Miss MacLean

P1b Miss Prentice

P1c Mrs Thompson

P2a Mr Montgomery

P2b Mrs Mills

P3b Mrs Roulston (Principal Teacher)

P3c Mrs Cowan/ Mrs Jack

Main Building

P3a Mrs Millar

P4a Mrs McKenzie

P4b Mrs Wynn (nee Dickson)

P5a Miss Roe

P5b Ms Wilson

P7a Miss Cockburn

P7b Miss McMahon

P7c Miss O'Donnell

Chalet

P6a Mrs Milne(Acting Principal Teacher)

P6b Mr Lynas

EAL Support: Mrs Dade 3 days per week

ASL Support: Mrs Salt 2 days per week

Curriculum Teacher (PE): Mr Rodger

Curriculum Teacher (RME): Ms Jarrett

Maternity Leave: Mrs Gamble & Mrs Wyburn

School Uniform

We are very proud of our high standard in uniform. The children looked wonderful in their Kelvindale uniform today. Thank you for your support in keeping our school identity strong.



Home Lunch 13th Aug- 4th Sept

The tunnel and gates will *open daily 12.05pm-12.20pm* for our P1 parents/ carers to collect P1 children from the circles. During this time all pupils for home lunch should be collected from the playground via the gate or tunnel.

From *Monday 7th September* we will revert back to adults meeting children for home lunch at the main entrance and side gate. The tunnel and gates will remain locked.



☺ Welcome Primary 1 ☺

Welcome to all our P1 pupils who looked fabulous in their Kelvindale school uniform.

P1 day: Mon 17th Aug - Fri 4th Sept

9am-12.15pm

P1 day: From Monday 7th Sept

9am-3.15pm



Evening Times P1 Photograph

The Evening Times usually visits Glasgow primary schools to photograph P1 classes to print in Evening Times issues in September. More information will be issued to P1 parents if this is confirmed for this term.



Diary Dates

AUGUST 2015

Wed 26th School Photographs

Wed 26th 7pm Literacy Wkshop P1 Parents

Thur 27th 9.30am Literacy Wkshop P1 Parents (repeated)

Thur 27th School Photographs

Fri 28th School Photographs

SEPTEMBER 2015

Mon 7th P1 All day 9am-3.15pm

Mon 7th Home lunch main entrance (see above)

Tue 15th 7-8pm Meet The Teacher

7.30-9pm PTA Cheese & Wine

Thur 24th Inset Day - pupil holiday

Fri 25th School Closed – Sept Weekend

Mon 28th School Closed – Sept Weekend

Tue 29th School open for pupils and staff



Health Promoting School

We are proud to be a Health Promoting School we kindly request your support in the following:

Birthday Cake/ Home Baking is not handed in for distribution by staff. Class teachers will always acknowledge and celebrate your child's birthday. Thank you.

Snacks & Juice

If you provide your child with a snack and/ or drink for interval please consider healthy snacks and juice. **Cans and glass bottles are not allowed for health & safety reasons.**

Nut Allergies

As we have several pupils in school who are allergic to nuts (both to eat and even just being beside someone who has them) we kindly request that you do not give your child nut products for snacks or lunch.

Water Bottles

Pupils are encouraged to drink water throughout the day. Please provide your child with a plastic bottle, preferably with a 'sports' pull-out lid and their name on it. Please wash and refill the bottle at home daily.

Head Lice

Please inform the school if you discover your child has head lice. Checking your child's hair regularly will help and advice is always available from your local pharmacist.

We appreciate your support in all of the above, thank you.

Playground

Unlike many schools we still enjoy the arrangement of parents/ carers being allowed into the playground at the start and end of our school day. Please help us maintain pupil safety and security by following our **Playground Users' Guide** (available from the school office and our website). Parents/ carers (P2 to P7) please use our **Adult Zone** when in the playground. Our P1 parents/ carers use the **Adult Zone** after the **September Weekend**. Our aim is to ensure the safety and security of your children and at the same time encourage their independence and confidence. Thank you for your support in making this work.

Physical Education

health & safety of pupils

1. Wear PE kit.
 2. All pupils (boys & girls) with long hair must tie it back for PE lessons. Please ensure your child brings a bobble (or has their hair tied back) on PE days.
 3. All jewellery must be removed. It is advisable not to wear jewellery to school.
- Thank you for your support in this matter.



Pupil's Prescribed Medication

Parents/ carers are responsible for ensuring provision of 'in-date' prescribed medication if their child needs to take any medication in school. The School Nurse has advised that schools can only accept medication from parents/ carers that has been prescribed by doctor (including medication that can be bought over the counter e.g. calpol, paracetamol) and can only administer the dosage prescribed by the doctor and stated on the medication. Parents/ carers of children with on-going medication needs (e.g. inhaler) should provide a copy of their child's 'Health Plan' containing details of medication & dosage .



School Photographs

Letter to be issued Monday 17th August.

Reporting To Parents 2015-2016

Meet The Teacher Tue 15th September

7-8pm informal evening for you to meet your child's class teacher. The PTA will host a cheese and wine for parents/carers 7.30-9pm.

Parents' Evening Appointments

Individual appointments with class teacher
18th and 19th November 2015
30th and 31st March 2016

Non Uniform Days

Our first non uniform day this session will take place in October 2015 as we have school photographs at the end of August and our annual school fundraiser in September 2015

Pupil Data Checks

Annual data checks will be issued soon. It is very important that we have the correct contact information for your child. Please check, amend as required, sign and return to class teacher *the next day*. All data checks must be signed and returned even if no changes required. Thank you.

Pupil Mobile Phones

Pupils are not allowed to use mobile phones in school, If your child carries a mobile phone to school please ensure they follow our procedure:
1. Hand mobile phone in to main office 8.55am
2. Collect mobile phone from main office 3.15pm

Cordia Lunch Price

Increase Reminder

June 2015 Newsletter confirmed P4-P7 pupil lunch cost increase to £1.70 per day from 13.8.15. P1-P3 pupils entitled to free lunch.

Class PE Days

Issued Friday 14th August.

Please do not hesitate to contact me, I am always happy to help.

Kind regards,
Caroline Darroch
Head Teacher



School Security & Safety

Your child's safety is paramount to us and with this in mind we remind you of the following:

1. **Adult Zone** must be used by all parents (see above).
2. **Playground Supervision** starts at 8.45am. Please ensure your child does not arrive before 8.45am unless they attend Breakfast Club, which opens at 8am.
3. **Entering school** All parents and visitors, at all times of day, must report to main office for assistance, sign in and receive visitor badge. Anyone wishing to use toilet facility must inform main office beforehand.
4. **Latecomers** must enter building by main entrance and report to school office to ensure child is not marked absent.
5. **Lost Property** Please sign in at office if you need to check the lost property box.
6. **School Traffic Management** An essential part of our ***school traffic management procedures*** the only vehicles authorised on school grounds are: ***staff vehicles, delivery vehicles, authorised council vehicles and visitors with disability badge***. No other vehicles are allowed onto school grounds ***at any time of day*** unless you have prior consent from head teacher. Your support in this matter is appreciated as we work together to ensure the health & safety of all.
7. **Road Safety** Please be vigilant when standing at the school gates to ensure no child has to step off the kerb to pass you as you await your child. Please follow the parking restrictions which are there for pupil safety.
8. **Our Local Community** Sadly parking concerns outside our school at the start and end of the school day mean that the police will carry out spot checks and issue fines for ***'inconsiderate parking'*** and/ or ***'causing unnecessary obstruction'***. Kelvindale has always been regarded very highly in our local community and we enjoy excellent relationships with our local residents association. Please help us ensure we continue to maintain our good name and relationships in our local community by parking with consideration.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING US ENSURE SCHOOL SECURITY & SAFETY

Pupil Absence Reporting Line Service

Please telephone the reporting team on **0141 287 0039** to report your child's absence from school. You can call the line every school day from 8:00am. Please call the absence reporting line on the first day of your child's absence.

The pupil absence reporting team:

The pupil absence service is provided by a dedicated team of experienced Education support staff. The information you provide to the team is updated in the school's system when you call, so the school is immediately aware of all absence information. The pupil absence reporting line has been created to provide an efficient flexible way for parents/carers to report absence. It is recognised that in some circumstances, for example, to report or discuss a sensitive issue, you may still require to speak directly with the school. The following guidance should be applied:

Please phone the dedicated absence team to report the following absences:

- **Sickness absence:** if the absence lasts more than one day, parents and carers are required to call on subsequent days to provide an update. A letter should be provided to the school when the child returns from their absence.
- **Medical or dental appointments:** Parents and carers should call the team to report absences for medical or dental appointments. The school requires a letter or appointment card as evidence of the appointment to ensure permission is given to be absent from class.

Please phone the school directly to report the following absences:

To make sure you receive the right support you require, parents and carers should still contact the school directly to report absences of a sensitive or personal nature, for example:

- Bereavement
- Serious illness, for example, an absence which is going to last more than one week
- Injury, for example, broken limb
- Contagious diseases or illness

School Holidays 2015-2016

(Downloaded from GCC website 11.8.15)

Return Date for Teachers	Tuesday 11 August 2015
Return Date for Pupils	Thursday 13 August 2015
September Weekend	Friday 25 and Monday 28 September 2015
First Mid-Term	Monday 12 to Friday 16 October 2015 (inclusive)
Christmas/New Year	Wednesday 23 December 2015 to Tuesday 5 January 2016 (inclusive) * Please note that schools will close at 2.30pm on the last school day before the holiday
	2016
2016 Return to School	Wednesday 6 January 2016
Second Mid-Term	Monday 15 and Tuesday 16 February 2016
Good Friday Spring Holiday (Easter)	Good Friday 25 March 2016 and Easter Monday 28 March 2016 Monday 4 to Friday 15 April 2016 (inclusive) * Please note that schools will close at 2.30pm on the last school day before the holiday
May Day	Monday 2 May 2016
May Weekend	Friday 27 and Monday 30 May 2016
School Close	Friday 24 June 2016 * Please note that schools will close at 1pm on the last school day before the holiday

In-Service Days

Day 1	Tuesday 11 August 2015	All Schools
Day 2	Wednesday 12 August 2015	All Schools
Day 3	Thursday 24 September 2015	North West Area
	Tuesday 29 September 2015	North East Area
	Monday 19 October 2015	South Area
Day 4	Wednesday 17 February 2016	All Schools
Day 5	Thursday 5 May 2016 (To coincide with Election)	All Schools

Area Information for Education Services
 North West Area – Kelvindale Primary in this area
 North East Area
 South Area