



Glengowan Primary School Newsletter - January 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

Please register for ParentPay

On Monday 28th January we will move to online payments for school activities. This will include lunches and class trips. It is really important that you follow the instructions sent home about activating your account as soon as possible. Please contact the school office if you have any questions. At present we only have 40% of our accounts activated. Your support with this is appreciated.

Special visitors to Room 4

The children in Room 4 had some special visitors recently. A group from 'Hootenanny Owls' came to the school and the children had the opportunity to learn about these interesting creatures.



Primary 7 Lochgoilhead Trip

An information evening for parents will take place in the school on Tuesday 19th March at 7pm.

Punctuality—Into school by 9am challenge

The challenge to all pupils to be in school on time last week was a great success. Three classes were awarded an additional slot in the playground/MUGA as a reward. The competition among classes to have the fewest instances of late-coming will continue. Thank you for support with this important initiative.



Expensive items and toys

If you allow your child to bring toys to school, please be aware that staff can take no responsibility for these. Furthermore, I would ask you to consider whether or not it is necessary for children to have high-value electronic devices in school. Any damage to these devices will not be covered. The use of mobile phones is not permitted during the school day. Please speak to your child about appropriate use of devices such as apple watches (or any other manufacturer) that could cause distraction in the classroom. As a school, we are keen that we limit the use of anything that may cause learning to be disrupted.

Attendance

Following our success in improving punctuality, there will be a focus on improving attendance. Due to illness and factors beyond our control, it would be unrealistic to have all of our pupils with an attendance rate of 100%. However, rather than waiting until the end of June, I will be contacting parents of pupils who have an attendance rate of below 80%. The main reason for this is to keep you up to date. We are able to provide a summary showing the reasons for your child's absences as recorded on our system.

Playground Improvements

Our Pupil Council made a request that more basketball stands be added to our playground. Through the support of the Glengowan Parent Group we have now taken delivery of the first two of these. The children in Primary 4-7 have already started making use of them. A similar, but lower, piece of equipment will be ordered for the younger pupils. A huge thank you to our Parent Group for acting on the request of our Pupil Council.

Dates for your diary

Friday 25th January—Dress Down for £1

*Monday 28th January—**Move to ParentPay***

Wednesday 6th February—Glengowan Parent Group Meeting at 7pm

Friday 8th February—Clothes Recycling

Monday 11th February—HOLIDAY

Tuesday 12th February—HOLIDAY

Wednesday 13th February—School Closed to pupils (In-Service)

Thursday 14th February—School Disco

Friday 22nd February—Dress Down for £1

Yours faithfully

G Murray

Head Teacher