



SANDWOOD NEWS



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Sandwood Primary School 0141-883-8367
www.sandwood-pri.glasgow.sch.uk



Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you all had an opportunity to enjoy the summer holidays.

I am delighted to welcome our pupils and school community back to school for the 2023-2024 session and we look forward to another busy, exciting year at Sandwood Primary.

Welcome to our families of our new P1 pupils and to our new families with pupils starting across the school. We look forward to involving you in the life of Sandwood Primary School.

We have 12 mainstream and 4 LCR classes this session with a roll of 314 pupils in total.

I would like to welcome new staff to our school:

Mrs Smith, Class teacher for P3, Miss Lyttle, Class Teacher for P5, Miss McKay, Class Teacher for P4 and Mrs Linden who will work across classes. We are delighted to welcome back Mrs Hanif (Miss Azam) following her maternity leave. We have 3 new teaching staff in our LCR; welcome to Miss Chapman, Miss Smith and Miss Doull.



Miss Cooke got married over the summer holidays. We wish the new Mr and Mrs Gavan many congratulations. We also send our huge congratulations to Mr Strain, who also got married during the summer break.



As always, we welcome input from our families and if you require any further information please don't hesitate to contact me via telephone or email in the first instance. If required, appointments can be made, however please note, school staff are committed to meeting pupil need throughout the day, particularly at 9am and 3pm, so therefore are not always immediately available.

Kind Regards
Fiona Donnelly
Head Teacher



HEALTH & SAFETY

In order to ensure the safety of our pupils we remind parents that the **drop off area in front of the school is for school use only** and is to provide safe access for the transportation of our pupils who attend our Language and Communication Resource.

Gates to the school grounds will be locked at 9.15am until 2.45pm. This is to prevent unknown adults being in the school grounds during the school day.



PLAYGROUND ARRANGEMENTS

P1 - One adult is permitted for morning drop off and for pick up at 3pm (if escorting a P1 child in the mornings, adults should please remain in the P1 playground and not in the middle playground.) P1 parents please stand behind the yellow markings in the playground to allow safe and access for our LCR children to enter and walk to the LCR door.

P2, P2/3 and **P3** pupils should enter the playground independently (9am). One adult is permitted at dismissal time (3pm) for P2, P2/3 and P3 classes.

P4-P7 pupils should enter and leave the playground independently. Those families who have asked for special permission to accompany their child, please call at the school office to obtain a playground pass.

NO DOGS

As per GCC policy, no dogs are permitted in our playground at any time.



GYM KIT

Children may wear gym kit to school on PE days as part of our updated uniform policy. Our uniform supplier ASPIRE is selling jogging trousers, shorts and T Shirts. Please note, football/badged items are not permitted to be worn for PE. We ask that children wear appropriate colours such as black/white/purple on gym days. A change of shoes is required for indoor P.E.



SCHOOL UNIFORMS

Pupils are encouraged to wear school uniform every day. There may be occasions where pupils are encouraged to dress to support a charity fundraiser or for a sporting event. Families will be notified of this in advance.

A reminder that our uniform is as follows:

UNIFORM

- White Polo Shirt* (with/without school logo)
- Purple Sweatshirt/Cardigan * (with school logo)
- Black jumper/cardigan
- Black Trousers or Skirt
- White Shirt
- School Tie*
- Purple/pink summer dress

Ordering / Delivery

Please see ordering/purchase options below.

Online - delivery to home for £4.99 or free for orders over £50

- Online – click and collect - Orders are taken online at www.aspireacademyglasgow.com and can be collected from the store.
- Purchase from shop at 17 Kelvin Avenue, G52 4CT

Website link:

<https://aspireacademyglasgow.com/school/sandwood-primary/>

DINNER SCHOOL

For those not in receipt of Free Meals families should use Parent Pay to pay for their child's meals. Parents can order meals in advance through Parent Pay. Alternatively, pupils select choices on a daily basis at registration. All children in P1-P5 do not pay for school meals.



BREAKFAST CLUB 8-8:45AM

The charge for breakfast is £2 but additional children in the family pay £1 per day. Money will be collected through Parent Pay. Pupils entitled to a free school meal will receive breakfast for free.



Please note if your child is attending our Breakfast Club, they **must** be registered by **8:15am** for health and safety reasons. Children should enter via the front door. Again, we cannot permit parents to accompany their child into the school building. Children should **NOT** arrive before 8am as there is no catering staff to supervise before then. Children will be supervised in the playground from 8:45am onwards.

SANDWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL
P.E. Timetable
Term 1

Day		9-10:45	11:00-12:15	1:15 - 2:00	2 - 3
Mon	MUGA				P5
	Gym Hall	P6c	Lomond	P3	P4/5
Tues	MUGA	P1b			
	Gym Hall	P6b	P4	P2	P2/3
Wed	MUGA			P6a	LCR Nevis
	Gym Hall	Soccer 4 Coaches P4 & P4/5*	P7a	P7b	
Thu	MUGA		P3	P2	P2/3
	Gym Hall	LCR Nevis	P5	P1a	P1b
Fri	MUGA	P7b	P7a	P1a	
	Gym Hall	Clyde	Thistle	Assembly	

*Soccer Four coaches- P4- 9-9:50, P4/5 9:50-10:45. (30th Aug- 4th Oct)

TOYS

Pupils must **not** bring toys to school, as if lost or broken it is not the school's responsibility to replace.

CLOTHING GRANTS/FREE MEAL ENTITLEMENT

Please note the forms are available on the Glasgow website

www.glasgow.gov.uk if eligible.

(* Please note, filling the forms on line is the quickest method)

The forms should be returned to **Glasgow City Council, Grants Section, PO Box 26816, Glasgow G2 9AF.**

Forms can also be handed in to the Service Desk at 45 John Street, however no forms should be posted to John Street.

All existing applicants have already been sent a declaration form – if there have been no changes in your circumstances from last year, the declaration form should be completed and returned to the address above. If your circumstances have changed (i.e. change of name/address/employment status), you should complete a new application form. Likewise, if you have misplaced your declaration or not received one in the post, a new application form should be completed.



LABELS

Please ensure all your child's belongings are labelled. We always have a huge collection of lost property that we cannot return to owners.

Although as a school we endeavour to assist the children with looking after their belongings, please note it is not the school's responsibility if items go missing.



ABSENCES FROM SCHOOL

A reminder of procedures regarding reporting of absence. Families do not contact the school to inform of absence. **Families are to use the absence reporting line on 0141 287 0039.** Parents will be contacted by text or phone call if their child is absent and no information has been received. If you do not wish to be contacted via text message, please inform the school office. Text messaging is also very useful when keeping parents informed and up-to-date with school events and activities.



RAINY DAYS AND OUTDOOR LEARNING

Please ensure your child has warm outdoor clothing i.e. gloves, scarf, hat, waterproof jacket. This will enable Outdoor Learning to take place for our pupils.



HOLIDAYS/ATTENDANCE

A list of this year's holidays and in-service days is included for your information.

Parents are reminded that children should not be removed from school for family holidays outwith the school year, unless there are exceptional circumstances. Please notify the school office if you are going on holiday. Please note that this will be marked as an unauthorised absence.



NUT AWARE SCHOOL

We strive to provide a safe learning environment for all our pupils.

We have a growing number of pupils who have allergies to specific foods and due to this we are a **NUT AWARE SCHOOL.** We are asking all members of the school community for their help in minimising the risk to these children by:

- Avoiding giving children nuts or nut products in their packed lunches (Please note that some chocolate spread contains nuts).
- Avoiding giving nuts or nut products or snacks/bars containing nuts for break time snacks.
- Avoiding supplying the school with cakes or food items containing nuts for sales or events.
- Avoiding sending containers such as cereal boxes for Design & Technology / Art lessons into school which may have contained produce made with nuts.



HEALTH PROMOTING SCHOOL

I would be grateful if parents could support us by not sending fizzy juice or sweets/sugary snacks for break or lunch; this is in line with Glasgow City Council's policy on 'Better Eating, Better Learning Policy'.

Pupils are permitted to drink water as required throughout the day. They should **bring a water bottle** filled each morning.



SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

School photographs - Further information will be issued in the near future.



CLASSES/STAFF FOR THIS SESSION

Senior Leadership Team

Mrs Donnelly - Head Teacher
Mrs Wallis - Depute Head Teacher

Mrs Blair - Principal Teacher (LCR)

Mr Wilson - Principal Teacher
Mrs McDade - Principal Teacher
Mr Strain - Principal Teacher

Teaching Staff & Classes

P1a Mrs Flanagan
P1b Mrs Devine
P2 Mrs Scott
P2/3 Mrs Brydon
P3 Mrs Smith
P4 Miss McKay
P4/5 Mrs Cameron/Mrs Beck
P5 Miss Lyttle
P6a Mrs Scott
P6b Mrs Brierley
P7a Mrs Gavan
P7b Mrs McKean
NCT Miss Gillan
NCT Mrs Hanif
NCT Mrs Linden
Clyde Miss Smith
Lomond Ms Howarth
Nevis Miss Chapman
Thistle Miss Connell



PARENTS' NIGHTS / WORKSHOPS

Throughout the school year parents are afforded the opportunity to meet with staff and their child to discuss learning. The dates are 4/10/23, 11/10/23, 21/02/24 and 28/02/24. Appointment times will be organised nearer the time.



Additionally, we are holding a 'Meet the Teacher' workshop for each class. Please see dates below:

Day	Class	Time
Mon 11/9	P1a P1b	3:15pm - 4pm
Tues 12/9	P6a P5	3:15pm - 4pm
Wed 13/9	P6b P5/4	3:15pm - 4pm
Thurs 14/9	P4 P3	3:15pm - 4pm
Mon 18/9	P2 P2/3	3:15pm - 4pm
Tues 19/9	P7a P7b	3:15pm - 4pm

MOBILE PHONES

Pupil mobile phones must be switched off during the school day. Mobile phones that are not switched off will be kept in the school office. These will be returned at the end of the day. Please note, the school cannot be held responsible for the loss or damage of mobile phones. In addition, pupils must not use their mobile phones to record or take photographs while on school grounds.



Pupil Support LCR – Mrs MacDonald, Miss Hislop, Miss Stark, Miss Doull
Mrs Shennan/Miss Anderson – Literacy Support
Miss Young and Mr Wilson - Nurture Support.
Child Development Officer – Mrs Webb

Support Staff

Mrs Begg
Miss Duncan
Mrs Hunter
Ms Kuper (LCR)
Ms McGrath (LCR)
Miss McLellan (LCR)
Mrs McKnight (LCR)
Miss Nicol (LCR)
Ms Paterson (LCR)
Miss Pitt (LCR)
Miss Robertson
Mr Samuelson (LCR)
Ms Stewart
Ms Storey
Mrs Thomson (Clerical)
Miss Ozair (Clerical)
Mr Sorby (Janitor)

Dates for your Diary

School Term Dates 2023-2024

August

- Monday, 14 August 2023 (Return date for Teachers & In-Service Day)
- Tuesday, 15 August 2023 (In-Service Day)
- Wednesday, 16 August 2023 (Return date for Pupils)

September

- Friday, 22 September and Monday, 25 September 2023 (September weekend holiday)

October

- Friday, 13 October 2023 (In-Service Day)
- Monday, 16 to Friday, 20 October 2023 (October Week)

December - Christmas and New Year

- Schools close at 2.30 pm on Friday, 22 December 2023
- Monday, 25 December 2023 - Friday, 5 January 2024 (Christmas holidays)

January

- Schools return on Monday, 8 January 2024

February mid term break

- Monday, 12 February 2024
- Tuesday, 13 February 2024
- Wednesday, 14 February 2024 (In-service day)

April - Spring Holiday (Easter)

- Schools close at 2.30 pm on Thursday, 28 March 2024
- Good Friday 29 March 2024
- Easter Monday 1 April 2024
- Monday, 1 April - Friday, 12 April 2024 (Spring Break)
- Schools return on Monday, 15 April 2024

May

- Thursday, 2 May 2024 (In-service day to coincide with UK Parliamentary elections, but may be subject to change)
- Monday, 6 May 2024 (May Holiday)
- Friday, 24 May 2024 and Monday, 27 May 2024 (May Weekend)

June

- Schools Close at 1.00 pm on Wednesday 26 June 2024

August - Monday 12 August 2024 (Teachers return) Wednesday, 14 August 2024 (Return date for Pupils)