



# GLENCORSE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## JANUARY 2019

*'A small school building big dreams'*

Welcome back and Happy New Year. We wish you and your family a very happy, healthy and prosperous 2019!

### **Homework Club**

Thank you to Mrs Yvonne Moffat, Mr Will McCulloch and Mrs Kirsty MacKenzie for continuing to help with the Homework Club. This will continue to be held on Tuesday lunchtimes, starting again on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January.

### **Infectious Grooves - Drumming**

Once again the children have the opportunity to participate in a series of Drumming for Excellence workshops. The first session is on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January. The theme of the workshops is Diversity, Unity and Synergy. Parents will be invited to a drumming performance at the end of the workshops. Date and time to follow.

We hope the children enjoy the workshops.

### **Visit from other schools**

On Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January our P5 school ambassadors will be hosting a visit to Glencorse of children from other local schools.

### **Beeslack High School Pupils**

On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January, the Beeslack High School Young Sports Ambassadors & Sports Council pupils will be in school to deliver a talk to P2-7 pupils about being healthy and active.

We look forward to their presentation.

### **Scottish Celebration**

We are planning a small Scottish Celebration for parents on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January. Coffee and shortbread, made by the children, will be served from 11.00am in the dininghall. Children in P5-7 then retell fairy tales written in Scots and children in P2-4 will share the work they have been doing on the Scottish version of 'The Gruffalo'.

We look forward to seeing you then.

### **Penicuik Rotary Quiz**

This year we are participating in the above event. This will be held at Penicuik High School on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February from 6.30pm. Our team will be Alfie, Eliza, Isaac and Peter with Lee kindly volunteering to be our reserve.

We wish them luck!

### **Class Photographs**

On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February, Coldwells Photographers will be in school to take class photographs. We would be grateful if you could support us by ensuring that children wear school uniform on that day. Thank you.

### **Athletics Programme**

From Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February to Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March P2-4 will have the opportunity to participate in a curricular Athletics

programme based on the 3 disciplines of Run, Jump and Throw.

We hope the children enjoy these sessions.

### **Healthy Tuck Shop**

A reminder that if you wish your child to have a healthy snack, children should bring £1.50 on a **Monday morning** for the week.

Tuck can also be paid monthly in advance. Please contact the office for details.

### **Parking**

**Please remember that parents should not park directly in front of the school gate or in the designated bus stop.** If you are collecting your children by car, please park on one side of Graham's Road only and walk to the school gate to collect your child. This will then avoid congestion at the gate and help us keep all the children safe by ensuring that they have a clear view when crossing Graham's Road.

Thanking you for your support in this vital matter of keeping all the children safe.

### **Absence from School**

Please remember that if your child is absent from school, please ensure that school is notified before 8.45am. If we do not hear from you by 9.15am, school will try to contact you. Thank you.

### **Important information**

#### **Contacting the school**

Parents are reminded that if they are unable to collect their child/children, on time at the end of the day they should arrange for a friend or family member to pick them up as there may be times when staff have to leave promptly at the end of the day. Please then contact the school on **0131 271 4590** to advise us of the arrangement. Please do not use 01968 674313 as this is the fax number and may not be answered.

#### **Letters and Notices**

Please ensure that you check your child's school bag or ask them to check if they have any letters for your information. Sometimes letters are not being removed from schoolbags and parents therefore are not receiving important information.

Please note that reminder notices may also be posted on the front door and in the sheds for your information.

#### **Up-to-date Contact Details**

As we approach winter, it is important that school has up-to-date contact details, especially mobile phone numbers, in order that we can contact you if the school has to be closed unexpectedly. Please inform the office if any of your contact numbers/details have changed.

Thank you for your co-operation in regard to the above requests.

#### **February Holidays**

School closes at 12.25pm on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February, and resumes for all on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February at 8.50am.

#### **Easter Holidays**

School closes at 12.25pm on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April, and resumes for all on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April at 8.50am.

