



## GLENCORSE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER - AUGUST 2019

Welcome back. Only a week into term and we are already busy with all the children settling well after the Summer break.

### A few reminders

- **Skiing**

Children in P4-P7 have the opportunity of receiving skiing lessons at Midlothian Snowsports Centre. This is a six-week course and will take place every Wednesday from 28<sup>th</sup> August - 2<sup>nd</sup> October.

Mrs Hutton will accompany the children.

- **Photographs**

Coldwell Photography will be in school on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September to take individual photographs and family groups.

We would be grateful if you could support us by ensuring that children wear school uniform on that day.

Thank you.

- **'Friends of Glencorse'**

On Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September, there will be a 'Friends of Glencorse' meeting in the dininghall at 2.45pm.

All parents are welcome.

### Returns

Please ensure that all forms are returned to school, together with any payments, as soon as possible.

### SeeSaw

As you are aware, we are once again using Seesaw this session. We hope you enjoy sharing your child's learning. Thanks to those who have already signed up.

### Healthy Tuck Shop

Our Healthy Tuck Shop is up and running again. If you wish your child to have a healthy snack, children should bring £1.50 on a **Monday morning** for a healthy snack for the week.

As tuck is bought on a Monday for the coming week, it is important that we know the correct number of children having tuck. Your co-operation in ensuring that children bring their £1.50 on a Monday would be greatly appreciated.

Tuck can also be paid in advance. Please contact the office if you wish to do so.

### School Meals

A reminder that menus will, once again, normally be issued on a Monday and

should be returned by **Wednesday** together with payment, made payable to **Midlothian Council**, for the following week.

Please note that if your child does not have their packed lunch from home or you haven't completed a menu for that week, and we are unable to contact you, we may not be able to provide them with a school lunch. As lunches are ordered in advance, the amount of lunches sent from the kitchen are the exact number ordered for the day. There is normally no extra.

### **Water**

Please remember that your child is welcome to bring a water bottle to school. As part of Health and Wellbeing directive, only water should be drunk in class. Children can have juice for break/lunch time.

### **Learning Council**

This session we will only have one pupil group, which will be the Learning Council.

Every child will participate in the group that will include Social Media, Health and Safety issues.

The children will meet fortnightly on a Friday morning.

Look on our web site **[glencorse.mgfl.net](http://glencorse.mgfl.net)** for further updates!

### **School Clothing**

All children are encouraged to wear school uniform every day to promote a sense of pride in their school and

parents are asked to support this request.

Our school colours are navy and white and our uniform consists of navy sweatshirt and navy/white polo shirt. For PE children should wear a white T-shirt and blue shorts and have a change of shoes.

We ask parents to ensure that **all** garments are **named or marked** in a way that can be identified.

We request that jewellery is not worn in school, as Midlothian Council does not compensate for jewellery lost or damaged. For safety reasons, looped/dangle earrings must not be worn in school.

### **Wizard of the Week**

As there are now only 12 children in school, the children have decided that they will not have 'houses' and house points but instead earn individual points. The child with the most points at the end of each week will be our 'Wizard of the Week'.

At the end of the session, there will be a prize for two pupils who have achieved the most points over the year.

### **SUMDOG - Maths**

Once again, we will be using Sumdog in school. Sumdog is an online resource with games and activities to improve maths and numeracy skills. Children have a password, which they can use at school and home.

Sumdog can be found at **[www.sumdog.com](http://www.sumdog.com)**

### **Parking**

**Please do not park directly in front of the school gate, on the zig-zags or in the 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.

### **Coffee and Chat**

Once again, the dining hall will be open once a month on a Thursday afternoon from 2.45pm until 3.15pm so that parents can pop in for a coffee and a chat with other parents. Please look out for the notice on the front door indicating when the dininghall is open.

We look forward to seeing you.

### **Facebook and Twitter**

You can follow us on

#### **Twitter:**

[www.twitter.com/glencorse\\_ps](http://www.twitter.com/glencorse_ps)  
and

#### **Facebook:**

[www.facebook.com/pages/glencorse-Primary-School/864729993644931](http://www.facebook.com/pages/glencorse-Primary-School/864729993644931).

### **Sweatshirts**

There are a number of sweatshirts/cardigans unclaimed by the children in school. If you think that they may belong to your child, please come into school and check.

Thank you.

### **Parent Helpers**

Any parental help in school would be greatly appreciated this session. If you have any free time and would be interested in helping during the day or with Homework Club, please let us know. If any parent is interested in running an after-school club, please also let us know.

### **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.

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

## **Holiday Dates**

School will be closed on the following dates:-

### **September**

School closes on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September at 12.25pm and resumes on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September for pupils, at 8.50am.

### **October**

School closes on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October at 12.25pm and resumes on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, for pupils, at 8.50am.

We hope you enjoy the break!

