



August Newsletter



Welcome Back!

What a whirlwind of a first fortnight back! It is so wonderful to have all of our pupils back again after a happy and fun-filled summer break. We are delighted to welcome new pupils who have joined us from P2-P7. The new Primary 1 pupils have settled in beautifully and look wonderful in their new uniforms.

Primary 1 Lunch Taster Session

We are looking forward to meeting our Primary 1 Parents and Carers at our Primary 1 Lunch Taster session on Friday 1st September. Parents/Carers shall have an opportunity to see what kind of meals are on offer for Primary 1-3 who eat for free in our lunch hall. There is a P1 workshop from

Attendance is extremely important

EVERY SECOND COUNTS!

Glasgow Schools' Target is 96%+ Attendance to maximise **children's right to an education**. We have increased to 93.8% from 92% and hope to further increase this trend with the support of our parents. Perfect attendance certificates are issued at our end of year Achievement Assembly and are much sought after. Children who attend every day learn every day and do better in school.

Dunard Nursery Spaces

We currently have some morning and afternoon spaces in Dunard Nursery Class for pre-schoolers (those children who will attend school in August 2018) and ante pre-schoolers (children who are 3 years old). Our nursery sessions have been extended to:

Morning Sessions: 8 30 - 11 45am

Afternoon Sessions: 12:30 - 3 40pm

We also have some 800 hour spaces available for working parents with a joint household income of less than £25,000. Please contact Wilma our CDO Team Leader on 0141 946 1417

Tesco Bags of Help

A huge thank you to our Parents/Carers, children and staff and friends of Dunard. We are delighted to announce that our nursery has received the most votes in the Tesco Bags of Help. We have been awarded £4000 which shall be used for our nursery play area, planting area, outdoor nursery storage and will involve our families in planting, growing and cooking together. Further information to follow.

Dunard Values

I have enclosed a copy of the newly agreed Dunard Values which received the highest number of votes from our children, our staff, our parents/carers and our partners.

Dunard Golden Rules

As a school, we follow the 'better behavior through Golden Time' model. Please find enclosed a copy of how this works. This session, any child who keeps all their Golden Time each term will receive a Golden Certificate for great behavior. We use restorative approaches and PATHS to encourage great behavior. Workshops will be on offer throughout the session to explain these approaches which are fully in line with Children's Rights. This session we hope to receive our 'Recognition of Commitment as we undertake our 'Rights Respecting Schools' journey.

Donations required please.

As an Eco friendly school, we are really keen on promoting recycling. We have audited the children to ensure the Golden Time clubs we offer are what they want. This year we have been asked for a dressing up club for our infants and board games in addition to lego, art, sports etc. We are requesting donations of any of these items from our school community to help make Golden Time great.



Dunard Primary School and Nursery Class



August-June 2018 School Holidays and Dates to Note

Types of holiday listed by month	Holiday dates
August 2017	
Teachers return on Friday 11 August 2017	
In-service day 1 - all schools	Friday 11 and Monday 14 August 2017
Pupils return	Tuesday 15 August 2017
September 2017	
Primary 1 Pupils in school 9.00 - 3.00pm Monday 4 th September 2017	
September weekend	Friday 22 and Monday 25 September 2017 Pupils return on Tuesday 26 September 2017
October 2017	
In-service day - all schools	Friday 13 October 2017
October break (mid-term)	Monday 16 to Friday 20 October 2017 (inclusive) Pupils return on Monday 23 October 2017
December 2017 and January 2018	
Christmas/New Year	Schools closes at 2.30pm on Wednesday 20 December 2017 Schools re-open on Thursday 4 January 2018
February 2018	
February break (mid-term)	Monday 12 and Tuesday 13 February 2018
In-service day - all schools	Wednesday 14 February 2018
March/April 2018	
Spring Holiday/Easter	Schools close at 2.30pm on Thursday 29 March 2018* Schools re-open on Monday 16 April 2018
May 2018	
May Day	Monday 7 May 2018
In-service day - all schools	Tuesday 8 May 2018
May Weekend	Friday 25 and Monday 28 May 2018
June 2017	
Summer break	Schools close at 1pm on Tuesday 26 June 2018

* Good Friday falls on Friday 30 March 2018

Pupils attend school for 190 days and teachers attend for 195 days.