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## Thornwood Primary School

### Newsletter August 2019



I am delighted to welcome the children back to the new session. A particular

welcome to all our new primary one children and other new children who are new to our school. I am looking forward to a productive and collaborative school year with our children, staff, parents and other partners. Our primary one children have attended school full time from their first day. We are impressed with how well they have settled into school life.

#### Our Staff



I would like to extend a warm welcome to the new and returning staff who have joined us this session.

Teaching Staff	
Head Teacher	Mrs Dunleavy
Depute Head Teacher	Miss MacKenzie
Acting PT	Ms Randall
PEF Acting Principal Teacher	Mrs Houston
P.1	Miss Bannerman
P.2/1	Ms Wilson
P.2	Ms Dickie( Mon-Wed am)/Mrs Cree Wed pm-Fri)
P.3	Ms Randall (Mon-Wed and Friday) / Miss Hunter (Thur)
P.4/3	Miss Lewis
P.5/4	Miss Taylor
P.5	Miss Watters (Mon, Wed pm, Thursday and Friday) / Mrs Donnachie (Tue and Wed am)
P.6	Mr Graham (Mon-Wed) / Mrs Taylor (Thursday and Friday)
P.7	Miss Ferguson
Treehouse	Mrs Granger (Mon-Thur) / Mrs Hunter (Fri)
EAL	Mrs Sharp (Tue - Thur)
Support for Learning	Mrs Hunter (Wed)

#### Support for Learning Workers

Mrs Brown ( Tue-Thu)
Mrs Haq (Wed-Fri)
Mr McKinnon
Mrs McNair

#### Clerical Staff

Mrs Glenn
Mrs Thomson (Mon, Tue & Fri)
Mrs Chisholm

**Parent Council** We are fortunate to have an active and supportive parent council. The next meeting of the parent council is on Monday 2nd September at 7.00pm. All parents are invited to attend. The parent council warmly welcomes new members.

**The School Day** The school day starts at 9.00am, **with the playground supervised from 8.45am**. If children are dropped off before 8.45am they should attend breakfast club which operates from 8.00am to 8.45am. Breakfast club costs £2.00 per day or is free for children who have applied for and are entitled to free school meals.

I would like to remind parents/carers that children should be dropped off at the school gates and parents should not enter the playground in the morning. The exception to this is primary one children while they are settling into the routine of lining up. P.1 parents/carers should gradually begin to step back and encourage their children to line up independently, with parents/carers dropping their children at the school gate by the September break.

The school day ends at 3.00pm. P.1 and P.2 parents/carers can continue to collect their children at 3.00pm from the infant playground.

**School Entrance/Exits** The large gate on Thornwood Terrace is in use for P.3-7 children. This gate should be used for entry and exit. To avoid congestion on the pavements parent/carers of P.3-7 children may wait on the pathway inside the school gate but **should not enter the playground** and should avoid obstructing children's exit. The smaller gate on Thornwood Terrace is for P.1 and P.2 children only.

The side gate on Thornwood Avenue is in use from 8.00am to 8.45am for access to the breakfast club.

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#### Appointments during the School Day

If your child has an appointment during the school day please give plenty of notice to enable us to get them ready and to the school office on time.

**Latecoming** If your child is late please ensure you bring them into school and directly hand them over to a member of staff. This is very important for fire safety to ensure we know who is in the building. Please try to make sure your child is on time as late coming has an impact on your child's school day.

**Pupil Absence Reporting** Pupil absence should be reported before 9.30am. This should be reported online at <https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/pupilabsence> or by phoning 0141 471 3710 or 0141 287 0039.

**Home Learning** Please check your child's bag each night for their home learning, encourage and support your child to complete their homework and sign it daily to indicate that you have seen it.

**Uniform** It's great to see so many children in uniform. The children are looking very smart. I appreciate your support in maintaining school uniform for all children throughout the session. If you require to purchase uniform items they can be ordered from the school office.



We also have a uniform bank which will operate throughout the session. Feel free to drop in if you require any uniform items. All items in the uniform bank are free. Donations of clean uniform items in good condition are welcome.

**Gym Kit** Please ensure your child has indoor shoes, shorts and a tee shirt for gym. All **clothing items should be clearly labelled**. Please note that **jewellery cannot be worn in gym** for safety reasons. It is easiest for your child if they avoid wearing jewellery on gym days.

**Mobile Phones** If your child requires to bring a mobile phone to school they should hand it in to the office first thing in the morning and collect it at 3.00pm. Children attending clubs will collect their phone after the club.

**Health Promotion** We are a health promoting school and would appreciate your support in encouraging your child to bring healthy snacks.

Your child should bring fresh water to school each day which can be topped up. **Please provide your child with a water bottle**. No fizzy drinks should be brought to school. **Please avoid any foods containing nuts and sesame as we have some children with a nut allergy**.



**Beat the Street** Children and staff from Thornwood are participating in a launch of Beat the Street which is a health initiative to encourage children and adults to be more active. You should have received information about this initiative and have hopefully signed up to take part. The school is very keen for children and families to participate.

**Fuelzone** All children in P.1-4 receive a free school lunch. Lunches for P.5-7 cost £1.90 unless children have applied for and are entitled to a free school lunch. Fuelzone menus can be found on the school website with vegetarian and halal options available each day.

There have been changes to the menu to comply with imminent legislation. This includes the removal of additional sales (to include snacks, fruit based drinks and home baking) in the Fuel Zone. From this session there will **be no mid-morning or lunchtime items sold**.

**Activities and Outings** During the session the children will have an opportunity to participate in a range of activities and outings which support their learning and build their confidence. P.7 will shortly be starting a block of rugby coaching.

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#### Best Start Grant

For parents/carers of children starting P.1 please follow the link below to see further information on eligibility for the Best Start Grant for P.1 children.  
<https://www.mygov.scot/best-start-grant/>

**House Captains** Our house captains this session are:

Apsley	Kyle Lamont
Exeter	Zahraa Naser
Kennoway	Gracie Fletcher
Rosevale	Ryan Ahmed

We will shortly be holding whole school elections for vice captains from our P,6 children.



**Parking** Please park responsibly avoiding the zig zags. This helps to keep our children safe.

**Communication** Our school website is regularly updated with useful information for parents/carers. We will shortly be adding the holidays for the school year. Please also follow us on twitter to keep up to the minute with what's happening in Thornwood.

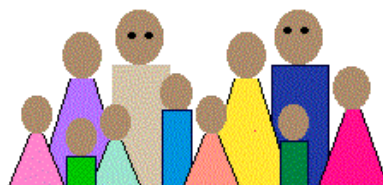
Our school office is open from 8.15am -4.15pm Monday to Friday during term time.

Parents/carers can attend a drop in with the management team on Thursday afternoons or arrange an appointment if they wish to speak to their child's teacher or member of management.

I look forward to working in partnership with you.

Caroline E. Dunleavy,

Head Teacher



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