**Glassford Primary School**

**Newsletter**

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 Welcome to our March Newsletter. This has been a very busy term with lots of activities for the children and many opportunities for them to participate in before we go on our Spring Break.

Some of our older children have very recently taken part in the East Kilbride and Strathaven Cross Country which took place in Strathaven Park. The cross country team did very well, everyone finishing their race with a smile on their face. Well done to all of you for taking part.

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**New School Update**

The new school build is coming well, the external build work is underway and the roof is going on. The pupil Council have been very busy and are surveying all pupils, parents and other members of the local community about names for the classes in the new school. Hopefully we will get a good response and have lots of good suggestions to choose from.

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**Fairtrade Fortnight**

As part of the Strathaven Fairtrade Fortnight some of our older pupils took part in the ‘Design a T-Shirt’ competition. The winning entries from Glassford were;

**India Bookham** and **Eilidh Urquhart**

Our winners have been invited along to the Strathaven Fairtrade Coffee Morning on Saturday 12 March to receive their prizes. Well done India and Eilidh.

**Realigning Children’s Services**

It is the ambition of the Scottish Goverment that ‘Scotland has the right services for children – geared towards prevention and early engagement, tailored to local need, joined up and holistic – through collaborative and evidence based planning and delivery’. Before they can begin improving children’s services they need to let children and young people tell them themselves.

**Survey of pupils in P5 – P7**

This is an entirely new survey, designed specifically to meet the needs of RCS. It will involve a carefully designed and tested online survey tool. The questionnaire will be carefully tailored to – and limited by – the needs and abilities of younger children, but will allow rich data to be collected across a range of domains relevant to child wellbeing. The surveys will take place January – April 2016.

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**Sports Relief**

On Thursday 17 March the whole school will be taking part in some Sports Relief events, such as potted sports, a dress down day (included in the £1) and a sponsored play in the park (at least £1). Please see leaflets that have been handed out by the Pupil Council.

**Easter Service**

The Easter Assembly will take place on Wednesday 23 March in Wester Overton Gym Hall at 9.45am. Family and friends are very welcome to join us.

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 **Egg Decorating Competition**

Pupils should bring one or two hard boiled eggs to decorate in school on Wednesday 23 March. Pupils may wish to bring in boxes and other bits and pieces to decorate their eggs.

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 **School Uniform**

School uniform is available to order through ParentPay and can be ordered online using the following link;

<https://www.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Uniform/Default.aspx?shopid=251>

Alternatively order forms are available from the school office. The closing date for school uniform orders either online or paper form is Thursday 24 March.

Thank you for your assistance with this.

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**Digital Education Strategy Launch**

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 **Netball**

Emma Strachan our Active Schools Coordinator has organised netball festivals for P4-7 pupils with the Learning Community. The next date has been changed to Thursday 24 March from 3.30pm to 5pm in Wester Overton gym hall.

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**Drinking in Class**

Please can you ensure your child(ren) have a water bottle to school every day. We are

finding an increasing amount of children coming to the office looking for water. We try to oblige as much as possible but we only have a limited supply of disposable plastic cups to give the children

**P7 Parents Information – Strathaven Academy**

In readiness for P7 pupils moving up to Strathaven Academy there are a few important events and activities coming up in the near future.

**11 May P7 Information evening/ School uniform purchase, Time to be confirmed**

**31 May P7 Open evening, time to be confirmed**

**8/9 June Transition Days**

Further information will be issued by Strathaven Academy on all of these activities nearer the time.

**Notification of Absence**

If your child is going to be absent from school, please notify the office before 9.30am. Your help with this is much appreciated as it helps us to ensure the safety of our pupils. On returning to school a note should be provided explaining the absence.

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If there is a change to your child’s after-school routine (if they are not going on the village bus or rural bus, for example) please inform the school as early as possible on the day. This helps us to ensure that all children are safely home at the end of the day. Your continued co-operation with this matter is greatly appreciated.

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**Administration**

We very much appreciate your help and support with returning all forms and slips promptly. If any contact details change through the year, please contact the school office. It is important that this information is kept up-to-date in the event that we have to contact you regarding your child. Thank you.

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**Milk**

As you are aware we are able to provide pupils a carton of milk for 20p each. It is possible to pay this milk weekly which may help those children who have milk on a daily basis.

**Head lice**

We have some instances of head lice in the school recently. Please can I ask you to be vigilant and check your child’s hair regularly.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

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**Parent Council News**

**Rag Bag Collection**

A Rag Bag collection has been arranged for Tuesday 22 March. An empty bag will be delivered to every door in the village and all school children will also be given one in their school bag. Please fill with clothes, shoes, boots, bags and belts and leave on your kerb for collection on Monday 21 March or before 8am on Tuesday 22 March. You can also use normal bin bags if you need more than one.

**Easter Hampers**

Donations are now been taken for our Easter Hampers. These will be raffled at the Easter Assembly. Children will have the chance to buy raffle tickets in the next few weeks at school.

Thank you for your continued support with these fundraisers raising valuable funds for your school.

**Parent Council**

We will have some places available on the Parent Council after the AGM in June as parents leave as their children move up to Strathaven Academy. The Parent Council holds meetings every 6 weeks where discussions on school issues, development and fundraising take place. If you feel that this is something you would like to get involved with then please come along. We would like to have a range of parents with children from all stages of the school. As the saying goes, “Many hands make light work”.

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**Glassford Gala 2016**

**Glassford Gala has been going now for 75 years. Over that time little has changed in the activities of the week and the day itself. We are looking for your views on how we can improve Gala, bring it up to date and reflect the changes that have taken place in the village, and financially, since its inception.**

**We feel that it is vital to keep the event going, but also feel that we need to make changes to ensure that more of the money spent and raised stays in the village and helps improve our community. A lot of money each year goes out of the village on things that we feel may no longer be required, e.g. pipe band, horse and carriage, etc. We feel that money needs to stay in the community and help support the fantastic work being done by the Glassford Community Group.**

**We are open to your ideas and suggestions of what Gala should look like. We are determined to continue with an event, but for financial and gala support reasons, it needs to change in order for it to be sustainable.**

**Please contact any one of us if you have any suggestions, would like to get involved or have strong views on the need for change. Our group consists of Les Hoggan, Gail Clark, Mary Clark, Liz Rodie, Christine Hall and Morag Walker.**

**You can email to** **glassfordgala@gmail.com** **, telephone 07557 234124 or on our Facebook page Glassford Gala 2016.**

**Dates for Your Diary**

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**March**

**17** Swimming P5-7

**17** Sports Relief Day

**18** P6/7 visit to Edinburgh War Museum

**23** Easter Service in Wester Overton gym hall from 9.45am

**24** Swimming P5-7

**24** School Closes

**25 Holiday**

**28 Holiday**

**29 School re-opens, 9.15am**

**29**  P4/5 class visit to Burrell Collection

**29** P6/7 going to Digital Technology Launch in Neilsland Primary school

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**31** Swimming P5-7

**April**

 **1 School closes 2.30pm**

**18 School re-opens 9.15am**

**21** Swimming P5-7

**28** Swimming P5-7

**29** P6/7 Activity Week starts

29 **School closes 3.15pm**

**May**

 **2** **Holiday**

 **3** P6/7 Activity Week

 **4** P6/7 Activity Week

 **5 In Service Day school closed to pupils**

 **6** P6/7 Activity Week

**12** Swimming P5-7

**19** Swimming P5-7

**25** Parents night

**26** Swimming P5-7

**26** **School closes 3.15pm**

**27** **Holiday**

**30** **Holiday**

**31 School reopens 9.15am**