

# November 2021 Newsletter

Dear parents and friends,

We are now well into the busy second school term. We were delighted to welcome Mrs Nicola Carter back to school last month. She is working with classes across the school to deliver NCCT. Thank you for your kind messages following the news that I will be leaving MVP. I do not yet have confirmed details of a date or information regarding the Acting HT position in our school. I will be in touch as soon as I can.

Procedures in place to mitigate risks around Covid-19 will remain in place. Recent Scottish Government reviews have stated that restrictions in school should remain in place at present. The 12-16year old immunisation programme is underway and restrictions will be reviewed in the new year when the impact of this can be fully assessed.

There are some afterschool clubs on offer this term. This is the first time we have been able to offer these since March 2020. It is so good to see some normality returning. Letters will be sent home—rather than through the school app. If you are interested in a place for your child, please return the slip to the school office. We are hopeful we can offer more clubs in the third term.

There is always a lot happening in school so please make sure you are able to receive my weekly update email as well as messages from the main office. Due to costs we will only send an SMS message if absolutely necessary. We urge you to download Xpressions to ensure messages reach you right away. This way we can keep you as up-to-date as possible with school news. If you change your email address or mobile phone number, please contact the office to ensure your details are up to date.

Huge thanks to our wonderful Parent Council. The Hallowe'en fundraiser was a huge success. The children participated with enthusiasm and we had 11 very happy winners going home with cauldrons full of spooky treats!

We would like to thank the MVP Family for their continued support throughout our return to school, during Term 1 and in advance of what will be a very busy second term.

If you have any questions or concerns please call the school office on 0141 778 9616 or contact me by email on: [headteacher@mountvernon-pri.glasgow.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@mountvernon-pri.glasgow.sch.uk) We endeavour to get back to you as soon as possible. Due to the enhanced procedures around reducing risks from Covid-19 we will aim to get back in touch within 24 hours although this is not always possible. If you need to urgently get in touch it is best to do this by telephone.

Thank you MVP Family.

Kindest regards,  
Gayle Clarkson  
Head Teacher



## Interim Reports

Interim reports will be sent home to families on Friday 12th November. Please complete the feedback slip which will be enclosed with your child's report, and return to the school.

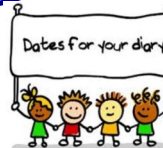
This also acts as an acknowledgement that you have received the report.

Unfortunately parents' evening will not be taking place in November due to the current restrictions. Instead, like last session, we will offer a telephone appointment if you have a particular matter you would like to discuss with your child's class teacher.

If you wish a telephone appointment with your child's class teacher, please indicate what you wish to discuss on the feedback form and we will be in touch with you to arrange.

Thank you!

## NOVEMBER DIARY



- 1st - Parent Council Meeting @ 7pm
- 2nd - P7/6 Dragon's Den Workshop
- 3rd - P7 Swimming Programme begins
- 5th - COP26 Youth Day of Action
- 8th - P7/6 Sense Over Sectarianism workshop
- 12th - INTERIM REPORTS OUT TODAY
- 19th - Children in Need - Non-Uniform Day

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## Parent Pay

Glasgow City Council are introducing an online payment solution called ParentPay into all primary and secondary schools across the city. ParentPay will be used to pay for all school trips, concert tickets, uniforms, meals etc and will enable us to remove all cash and cheques from schools. This also includes a new cashless catering solution although the option to pay for meals online will not be available immediately. Further details on the catering solution will be issued at a later date.

### How do I get started?

You should have received an activation letter containing your activation details to enable you to set up your ParentPay account.

If you have more than one child at a ParentPay school/s you can add them to a single account, providing one login for all children at ParentPay schools. **Please activate your account as soon as possible.**

### What does ParentPay do?

- enables you to pay for trips and other items such as tickets, uniforms, clubs etc
- offers a highly secure payment site
- gives you a history of all the payments you have made
- allows you to create a single account login across all your children that attend a ParentPay school
- shows you all items available for payment relevant to each of your children
- emails a receipt of your payment to the email address you register
- offers you the ability to set automated payment reminders

### How does ParentPay help you?

- gives you the freedom to make payments to school whenever and wherever you like
- stops you having to search for cash to send to school
- allows you to set up an alert when your balance is low
- gives you peace of mind that your payment has been made safely and securely
- helps with budgeting: payments are immediate, there is no waiting for cheques to clear
- payments for many of the larger trips can be made by instalments up to the due date
- you will never need miss a payment, or have insufficient credit, with automated email/SMS alerts
- ParentPay is quick and easy to use
- How does ParentPay help our school?
- reduces the administrative time spent on banking procedures
- keeps accurate records of payments made to every service for every student
- reduces paper 'waste'
- allows for easy and quick refunds to be made back to the payment card
- improves communication between the school and parents concerning payments
- offers a more efficient payment collection process, reducing the amount of money held on school premises

More information can be found on the ParentPay website at [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com).

## School Uniform

We are now well into autumn, dark nights and cold days. When the temperature drops we ask you to ensure your child brings a sweatshirt, jumper or cardigan to school. Whilst the heating is on in school, to avoid aerosol transmission of the virus, all areas of the school are well ventilated.

The children are allowed to play on the grass. We ask children to ensure they come to school in suitable waterproof, outdoor footwear. Ballet pumps are not suitable for the grass.

A waterproof jacket is essential every day as all classes have daily outdoor learning.

All children must also have a pair of indoor shoes to change into when entering the school building. Indoor shoes are also required for PE lessons.

A reminder that hooded jumpers should not be worn in school.



Thank you for your support.

## Children in Need 2021

**Friday 19th November**

Dress-as-you-please day  
to raise money for BBC  
Children in Need.



## Parentsportal



Education Services are introducing Parentsportal to our school. This online programme will enhance your communication experience with the school. Parentsportal is being launched in schools on a phased basis, across the city. Mount Vernon Primary will start using Parentsportal on **Monday 1st November 2021**.

Parentsportal will enable schools and parents/carers to manage many of the administration processes more efficiently online. It is available 7 days a week and 24 hours per day.

Parents and carers who wish to use Parentsportal must have a MyGov account. You can open a MyGov account online. Parents and carers should use the same login and password details for your MyGov account to log into parentsportal.scot

The first time you access Parentsportal, you are required to make a digital link to your child. This is an essential step to allow you to use Parentsportal.

Please login and link to your child's account now. It is essential that we have all your current contact details. If your contact details have changed recently, please advise the school as soon as possible.



## Parking Around Our School

This remains an area of great concern for staff, pupils and parents at the school.

There have been a number of incidents of aggression and arguments between drivers, as well as aggressive and impatient driving. Cars have been spotted parked with 4 wheels on the pavements, dangerously parked on corners and on the zig-zag lines. Cars have also been blocking the driveways of local residents.

Please remember, Penryn Gardens and Toiverton Avenue are 'Car Free' zones. This means no vehicle should be driven in these streets from 8am and from 2.30pm each day. This is enforceable and anyone driving in these streets could be fined by enforcement officers.

Police Scotland have been contacted to ensure that there will be an increased police presence around the school at drop off and collection times. School staff handle several complaints each week in relation to dangerous parking and aggressive behaviour. We want all our children to arrive and leave school safely without witnessing verbally aggressive incidents between adults or worse, being involved in a collision.

Please allow yourself the extra few minutes it may take to park safely and work with us to ensure everyone can travel to and leave from our school safely.

**It is your duty to park safely and sensibly around the school perimeter.**

**Please protect the safety of the children in our school.**



This is an area of great priority for our school and Parent Council and we are working closely with Police Scotland, Local Councillors and the Road Safety Department to deal with this issue.

Parents and carers are requested to contact Police Scotland directly to report any dangerous parking.

## Enrolment for Session 2022-2023

If your child will be 5 years of age between 1st March 2022 and 28th February 2023 you can register them to attend school.

To register you should now complete an "Online" application between Monday 1st November 2021 - Friday 5th November 2021.

For "Online" applications please visit Glasgow City Council website - Schools and learning - Enrolment

<https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/article/18007/Starting-Primary-School>

If you are considering deferring your child's entry to Primary 1 in August 2022, you should still proceed to register them online for their catchment school until your deferral application is confirmed.

Primary Enrolment for Session 2022-2023

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Paper applications can be requested by contacting Glasgow City Council - 0141 287 8000

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**Mount Vernon Primary School**  
We look forward to welcoming you.

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Please contact Mrs Collins DHT if you require any further information.

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