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Dear Parent/Carer,

During a period of unusual and exceptionally high temperatures, I am pleased that the new term is now underway. The children are settling well into their new routines and classes.

I hope that you find the information in the monthly Primary Newsletter useful. I have tried to share with you a flavour of what has been happening and what is planned. The school bulletin is issued at the end of each month and is also relevant for Primary parents.

Please do get in touch if you have any questions or wish to speak with us.

Yours sincerely,

Richard Buchan
Head Teacher of Primary

JORDANHILL PARENT CONFERENCE

Primary Workshops, Tuesday 19th September 6.00pm

I am looking forward to meeting you at our Primary parent workshops on Tuesday evening. If you haven't already signed-up to one of our workshops, please do so using this [form](#) to confirm attendance.

- Mrs Benjamin and Miss McIntyre are running a workshop for P1 parents: introduction to reading and phonics. They will explain the Primary 1 literacy curriculum, sharing our approaches to teaching reading and the phonic skills programme that we follow. Attending this workshop will also highlight how you can best support your child at home with learning to read.
- I will run a workshop on Support for Learning in Jordanhill Primary. I will give an overview of our approach to identifying additional support needs and the interventions we put in place to help pupils with additional needs and to support pupils who are experiencing challenges with learning.

Full details of the parent workshops and AGM can be found on the school's website [here](#).



You are warmly invited to stay for the AGM which parents new to the school have always found interesting and informative. I hope to see you next week.

PTA FAMILY FUN NIGHT

As you know, our industrious PTA have organised an incredible evening of fun events for children and families in school this Friday evening from 6.00-9.00pm. I hope that you are able to attend with your children and I look forward to seeing you there.

SCHOOL PLAYGROUND AT 2.30PM

I wonder if I can get your help? Our pupils in P3-P7 have their afternoon interval from 2.30-2.45pm. They have raised concerns that they cannot access their full playground space, as the younger children who have been collected by P1-P2 parents are still in the playground and are climbing on the equipment. The children are concerned that the younger children and some even younger pre-school siblings may get hurt on this equipment. Currently, access to the equipment is given to P5-P7 pupils only during this interval.

Can I ask that you vacate the main playground area, as soon as you collect your child.

This will mean that our P5-P7 pupils can have the freedom and space to enjoy their full playground area during the afternoon interval. Thank you for your assistance.

SCHOOL VALUES

I am impressed by the children's commitment to demonstrate the school's values in action in school, at home and in the wider community.

The school value of **Integrity** has been launched at weekly Assembly presentations through a blend of stories, scenarios and discussion and this will be the focus of our attention this term. So far, the children have agreed that showing Integrity means -

- doing the right thing
- and
- being honest

Two qualities we always want to encourage! I hope that your children are regularly showcasing all our school values at home too!

HOUSE POINTS

We are introducing a new House points system for the children and points will be awarded when staff notice children are demonstrating our school values. At the end of each term, the House with the highest number of points will receive a treat. The children will be consulted and involved in the House system.



PUPIL LEADERSHIP AT JORDANHILL PRIMARY

HOUSE CAPTAINS

Primary 7 children interested in applying for the position of House Captain were required to produce a short video presentation highlighting their skills, qualities and personal attributes that made them suitable for this leadership role. P4-P7 pupils watched the videos and voted for their preferred applicant.

The results were announced last Friday at Assembly and it was a pleasure to appoint eight Primary 7 pupils to the position of House Captains.

- **CRAWFURD** Lola Campton, Reuben Tinkler
- **MONTGOMERIE** Alicia Idessane, Alastair McLennan
- **SMITH** Isla Black, Colin Bennett
- **ST. JOHN** Kaitlyn Allan, Charlie Mackenzie

This is a very important leadership role for the children, and in carrying out this role, I am sure they will do their best to be model pupils who exemplify our school values.

JUNIOR ROAD SAFETY OFFICERS

We have two new Primary 6 Junior Road Safety Officers. I am delighted that Tristan Malek and Kirsty McLean were very keen to take on this leadership responsibility to promote road safety throughout the school session.

We are committed to ensuring that road safety retains a high prominence in our improvement work. Kirsty and Tristan enjoyed the induction training session they attended in the City Chambers last week and have returned to school with lots of ideas and tasks to progress.

READING CHAMPIONS

Miss Hargreaves has worked with a newly selected group of children who are the school's Reading Champions. Working in partnership with our school librarian, Mrs Bice, the children are tasked with the job of promoting a strong culture of reading throughout the school session. Already, the Reading Champions promoted a list of Authors of the Week, selected by the children.

TENNIS AMBASSADORS

I was very pleased to have the assistance of five enthusiastic Tennis Ambassadors last Thursday, when a new lunchtime tennis club was launched for Primary 4 children. Anna McDonald, Callie Longhurst and James Mills in Primary 6, along with Hamish Meikle and Alastair McLennan in Primary 7 made a great first impression as they organised and led small group sessions with the children, taking them through skill



practices enthusiastically. There was a very high level of interest in this club and twenty-four Primary 4s enjoyed their first lesson with Mrs Beaton at Woodend Tennis Club.

This is a new, exciting venture to develop a strong partnership link with a Club that lies at heart of our community - Woodend Tennis Club. I am very grateful to Mrs Alix McDonald from the Woodend Tennis Club Committee for helping us initiate this partnership. We are ambitious about this partnership link and there is ample scope for it to grow and flourish!

PRIMARY BOOKSHOP VOLUNTEERS

Following a break over the Summer Holidays, we would like to restart our Primary Bookshop. The Primary Bookshop has been a cherished feature in our school for decades and it really is truly loved by the children.

However, we need your help. We need more volunteers to run the Bookshop and I hope you would like to help out.

Primary Bookshop is run by a group of parents and carers (of current and former Primary and Secondary pupils) who volunteer and run a bookshop at the school. They operate every Wednesday from 12.30 to 3.30 in Room B1.

If you would like to help on a Wednesday, please contact me through info@jordanhill.glasgow.sch.uk

You will be required to complete a PVG process, which the school submits and then you will be able to join the dedicated team on a Wednesday.

Volunteers are needed in order that the Bookshop can continue to operate. You can commit to as many or as few sessions as you wish per term, the more volunteers we have the easier it is to spread the dates.

The Primary Bookshop will be set up at the **Primary Open Evening on Thursday 28th September from 6.30pm**. You and your child will have an opportunity to browse the wide range of texts the Bookshop offers the children and you can also purchase a book. At the end of the Newsletter is a briefing with more details about how the Bookshop works.

DRESS DOWN DAY

Thursday 21st September will be our first fundraising activity of the year with our Dress Down day. All pupils are invited to participate by wearing their casual clothes



rather than their uniform on this day. All Primary participants are asked to make a donation of £1.00. The money raised will go towards our exciting Playground Project. Many thanks in advance for your support.

HARVEST APPEAL

Every year, we invite our children to participate in our Harvest Appeal by donating some food for the city's Lodging House Mission that provides a valuable support service to the city's homeless people. If Primary children wish to participate, it would be helpful if they brought in one item on Tuesday 10th October. Please see the attached list regarding the food items that would be most appreciated. Thank you for your support!

ENGAGING PARENTS EVENT - PRIMARY 5A and 5B

The first event on our annual calendar for engaging parents' events is listed below. All parents and families of Primary 5A and P5B are warmly invited to attend this presentation, where children will showcase their learning.

All events take place in the Main Hall and start at 1.30pm. The Refectory is open for tea/coffee afterwards and all parents are welcome. Additional events for other stages will be included in future newsletters.

Date	Showcase Event	Stage
Friday 6 th October	The Romans	Primary 5AB

Jordanhill School Primary Bookshop

How Bookshop works:

We have a range of books from Early Readers, non-fiction, through to those exciting first "chapter books" then on to fiction suitable for pre-teen - Harry Potter, Michael Morpurgo etc.

Books are sold at prices below those found in Waterstones and WHSmith etc ranging from £1.50 to around £4. This is a great bargain for the children and our pricing also enables a small margin, which we then plough back into new books to offer for sale. We also donate to the school. We try to support other reading related activities - classroom readers and books the teachers buy for their classrooms.

The children visit in their classes with their teacher every 2 or 3 weeks and browse the books on offer.

Each week they have the opportunity to save an amount to their saving card (we collect weekly) or buy a book if it is their time to visit.



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Once we start the Bookshop up again:

If you want your child to save for a book you can give them money on a Wednesday - an envelope with their name, class and amount in the envelope is ideal. We use cash as they see the direct benefit of exchanging money for a stamp on their saving card. As the stamps mount up, the children see how saving works towards the book they want to buy. If they don't have sufficient money, once £1 is saved, they can reserve their choice and we will keep it for them until they have saved enough.

Bookshop works best when the children bring a small amount of money every Wednesday and of course we rely on parent and career volunteers.

We hope to start bookshop again after the October holidays - it would be great if you can join us!

Best wishes,
The Primary Bookshop Volunteers.

If you are interested, please contact Mr Buchan via info@jordanhill.sch.uk

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PERSEVERANCE

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