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Dear Parent/Carer

We would like to take this opportunity to invite you to attend our Primary 1 Induction programme.

Starting school is an exciting time for our youngsters, but it can be quite daunting for the adults! The Induction programme is designed to ensure that we share life at Giffnock Primary School and answer any questions you may have about the school and your child's learning. It is also an important part of the starting school process for your child, as they can come along and visit the school and meet their teacher.

This year our Induction programme will consist of four meetings. Two of these are planned before your child starts school and two afterwards and details can be found below:

- 1. Welcome to Giffnock Primary: Thursday 31st May at 1.45 p.m. – 2.45 p.m.**
This first session will focus on general information regarding the school. Children should also attend. The children will find out their Primary 1 class and meet their teacher, while parents will participate in the information workshop. We have lots of information to share on school times, uniform, etc, however sometimes you may have something specific you wish to learn more about. Parents and pupils are asked to enter the school via the ramp entrance and make their way towards the gym hall.
- 2. Let's do lunch: Tuesday 5th June at 10.55 a.m. – 12.15 p.m.**
Stalls will be set up to view sizes in ordering school uniform from Gilmours, Parent Council, Active Schools, Tooth Brushing, Primary Playcare, and the School Nurse.
You are also invited to sample school lunches from **11.30 a.m.** (one adult only please and no younger siblings). This is an opportunity for you and your child to visit our dining hall and sample the food on offer. On this occasion our Parent Council have kindly agreed to host (and pay). Parents and pupils are asked to sign in at our main office on arrival and return the completed enrolment packs. If you are unable to come please ensure that the enrolment pack is posted or handed in to the school office on or before this date.
- 3. Learning to Read & Write at Giffnock: Thursday 6th September at 1.45 p.m.**
Once your child has started school the formal teaching of Literacy Skills will be evident. Skills developed in pre-school will be built upon, focusing on your child independently reading and writing. You play an important role in supporting your child's literacy. The approaches, techniques, resources and homework practice will be further discussed in this one hour session.
- 4. Numbers, Numbers, Number: Tuesday 18th September at 1.45 p.m.**
Like Literacy, Numeracy skills are formally taught. The experiences and opportunities you can provide to support this skill development will be explained in this session, along with an insight into school approaches, resources, etc. Homework will also be explained.

Like you we are excited to begin welcoming our new Primary 1's and are very much looking forward to meeting you and your child on the above dates.

Yours Sincerely



Rob Lawson
Head Teacher



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