



Parental Information and Update

9th October 2020

Dear Parent/ Carer

As a tradition, we have always marked the last week of each school term with a whole school gathering, usually at Orchardhill Parish Church. These are occasions that everyone greatly enjoys, a time when the school community comes together to celebrate our children's learning and progress. Of course, this remains impossible at this time however I did want to at least share this short update with you this morning.

Thank-you:

Our whole school community has been wonderful during this first term of our school year. With so many challenges surrounding us all, our families, staff and children have nonetheless been able to create a period of sustained and progressive learning experiences. We have collectively managed to create a flow of school life that has actually felt very similar to 'normal' times for our children. This has been no mean feat so I want to take this opportunity to thank you, our children and all of my colleagues here in school.

Parents' Evening:

Sadly, there has become an acceptance over the last month or so that it will be impossible to have any face to face meetings as usual at this time. In addition, East Renfrewshire guidance has encouraged that, due to the challenges of technology working for all families, we use phone calls rather than video calls as a replacement. So our November Parents' Evenings on Wednesday 4th and Thursday 5th November will be organised on the basis of phone calls with class teachers. More detailed information will come to you during the week beginning 20th October via email and we will be utilising the electronic booking system for appointments as previously which will go live on Friday 23rd October.

Diversity and Inclusion:

As you will be aware, during this term our children have been learning more about the idea of diversity, including individuals and themes in both our current wider society and the past. As a central aspect of our children's learning, this will continue to be a key priority at Giffnock, from considering what 'history' we learn about to understanding our own values and the types of person we want to be. Our Twitter feeds have been sharing some examples of work here which I hope will be interesting for you.



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Finally, can I wish you all a safe and enjoyable holiday week and look forward to seeing everyone again on Tuesday 20th October.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rob Lawson'.

Rob Lawson

Head Teacher

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