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24 April 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

I wish you all a very warm welcome back to school. I hope you all enjoyed the holidays and are looking forward to some nicer weather in the summer term. It has been lovely to have all the children back to school and see so much enjoyment in the outdoors.

With some easing of the restrictions, hopefully we can begin to plan ahead and look forward to some of the things we have missed for such a long time. In school, we hope to introduce some outdoor after school clubs this term. Miss Shearer is in the process of organising and will be in touch soon with further information. We are also fortunate enough to have an additional teacher to deliver PE lessons to our P4 and P7 pupils this term. Next week, Primary 5 pupils are starting football coaching with Rangers football coaches as part of their education programme. All of these initiatives are hopeful and positive signs that things are gradually returning to normal. We do of course, continue to follow all Covid procedures and respectfully remind you to do so too.

As yet, we are unable to facilitate any face to face meetings in school with your child's teacher. However, I have the pleasure of inviting you to a telephone consultation with your child's teacher. This will give the teacher the opportunity to make personal contact with you and give you a brief update on the planned learning for this term. If you would like to take advantage of this opportunity, an appointment will be issued to you. I am afraid that because we have a limited number of phones we will have to allocate appointments. Consultations will be arranged after school during the first two weeks in May, excluding holidays. Your child will bring home a letter today. Please return it as soon as possible to allow us to give you advance notice of your appointment.

In staff news, we say a fond farewell to Miss Lynagh Dunbar today. Miss Lynagh Dunbar is leaving to embark on a new adventure and hopes to be able to spend some time travelling before relocating to a more exotic part of the world! She will be sadly missed by all at Merrylee and we wish her every happiness for the future. She has promised to stay in touch and share her adventures with us.

Miss Shearer is also looking forward to becoming Mrs Whyte when she finally gets to celebrate her wedding which was postponed from last year. We wish her and her future husband a wonderful day as they celebrate with friends and family on May 2nd. Fingers crossed for sunshine.

The Parents' Association are continuing to work hard to offer even more fun and fundraising events this term. I hope many of you were able to find some treasure at the end of the Easter Treasure Trail during the holidays! Don't forget that our Merrylee teddy bears are available for purchase through Parentpay and I am sure will be a lovely addition to your family! The grounds development work at the Trim Trail area is looking amazing and will provide another fabulous space for our children to enjoy as part of their outdoor learning experience. Many thanks to all of you who supported and continue to support this project. I would also like to express special thanks to members of the PA and PC who presented a wonderful showcase of our partnership working at the City Parent Group this week. Thank you to Stephen Bishop, PC chairperson, Yla Barrie, PA chairperson and Emma Durnan, parent member, for coming along. I am sure many more schools will be inspired by what is going on at Merrylee.

Many thanks as always for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Colette Haddock

Some dates for your diary (please note that some dates may be subject to change dependent on circumstances)

Monday 3 rd May	Holiday
Tuesday 4 th May	Parent/teacher telephone consultations (P3a, P3b, P4a, P4b, P5a, P5b)
Wednesday 5 th May	Parent/teacher telephone consultations (P2b, P6a, P6b, P6/5, P7a, P7b)
Thursday 6 th May	In-service day (school closed for pupils)
Monday 10 May	Parent/teacher telephone consultations (P1a, P1b, P2a, P2b, P3/2, P6b)
Tuesday 11 th May	Parent/teacher telephone consultations (P1c, P5b, P6a, P6/5, P7a, P7b, P7c)
Wednesday 12 th May	Parent/teacher telephone consultations (P3a, P3b, P4a, P4b, P5a)
Thursday 13 th May	Parent/teacher telephone consultations (P1a, P1b, P1c, P2a, P3/2, P7c)
Wednesday 19 th May	P1 transition afternoon for new pupils
Thursday 20 th May	P1 transition afternoon for new pupils
Monday 24 th May	P7 visit to Blairvadach (group 1)
Tuesday 25 th May	P7 visit to Blairvadach (group 2)
Wednesday 26 th May	P7 celebration event (6-9pm)
Friday 28 th May	Holiday
Monday 31 st May	Holiday
Monday 7 th June	Parent Council Meeting (6.30pm)
Tuesday 22 nd June	P7 leavers' assembly (sadly it will not be possible for parents to attend this event. Further information will be issued soon)
Thursday 24 th June	School closes at 1pm for summer holidays

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