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25 April 2022

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. As we hopefully experience some sunshine, please ensure that any sunscreen is applied before school. It is also advisable to have a cap or sunhat to wear outside and a water bottle labelled with your child's name.

### **Covid Update**

All Covid rules and restrictions have been lifted in Scotland, but the virus has not gone away. While we look forward to a return to normal, we continue to follow all government and public health guidance in ensuring the safety and wellbeing of our school community, including making sure all the classrooms are well ventilated, regular handwashing routines and getting the children outdoors as much as possible.

From 18<sup>th</sup> April 2022, there is no longer a requirement for schools to issue individual information ("warn and inform") letters to low risk contacts when positive cases are identified, or for them to test prior to returning to the school environment provided they remain without symptoms.

The wearing of face coverings will not be mandatory, but it will remain encouraged in indoor communal areas in line with the workplace guidance. Any individual who wishes to wear a face covering in a school setting should continue to be supported to do so.

### **Staff News**

A very warm welcome to Mrs Alam, Mrs Ibraheem and Mrs Ahmed who have joined us as Support for Learning Workers this term. They are looking forward to getting to know the children and families of Merrylee. We also welcome Mrs Waugh who joins the office team as clerical assistant on Mondays – Wednesdays.

### **School Clubs and Activities**

I am delighted that we have a full programme of clubs and activities up and running again this term. Mrs Mort has organised a wide variety of clubs for all ages and stages to get involved in and, as always, I am extremely grateful to the staff who give up their time to provide our pupils with so many opportunities. Our clubs are always very popular and can fill up quickly so please make sure you sign up for any clubs through Parentpay when they become available to avoid disappointment.

### **P7 Residential 16-20 May**

The excitement is building for our P7 residential week at Galloway Outdoor Centre. Please ensure you have completed all consents for your child on Parentpay. If your child requires prescribed medication during the visit, including inhalers and travel sickness medication, please contact the school office to request a form. All forms should be handed in with the appropriate medication prior to the trip.

Your child is required to bring a sleeping bag and pillow. We have a few sleeping bags available to borrow so please let me know if you would like one.

For those children not going on the trip, there will be a plan of activities including outdoor forest school activities which I am sure they will enjoy.

### **Home/School Communication**

The recent parent/teacher telephone consultations were well received. I hope this was helpful in giving you information about your child's learning and progress. If for any reason, you were unable to speak to the class teacher, please let me know and we will arrange an alternative meeting for you. If you have concerns about an aspect of your child's learning, progress or wellbeing, please contact myself, Miss Kirk or Miss McElhone for advice. If you do need to speak to the class teacher, please contact the school office who will arrange a suitable appointment.

### **Allergies**

There are a number of pupils, and staff, who have serious allergies. Please remember that snacks containing nuts are not allowed in school. This includes Nutella spread, peanut butter and many snack bars. Please check labels carefully.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Colette Haddock

### **Dates for your diary**

*Please note that further information regarding specific events will be posted on Seesaw as appropriate.*

Wednesday 27 April	Parent Association Meeting 7pm (Zoom)
Thursday 28 April	Daily Mile 10-Year Anniversary Event
Friday 29 April	Fit and Fruity Friday Sirens Visit – Netball Club (pm)
Monday 2 May	Holiday
Tuesday 4 & Wednesday 5 May	School Photos (to be confirmed)
Thursday 5 May	In-service (school closed to pupils)
Tuesday 10 May	CREATE Strings Event (P7 violinists)
Wednesday 11 May	New P1 Parent Information Evening
Thursday 12 or 19 May	P6 Health and Wellbeing Event @ Hillpark (date to be confirmed)
Friday 13 May	P1 Induction Event (pm)
Monday 16-20 May	P7 Residential Visit to Galloway Outdoor Centre
Friday 20 May	Fit and Fruit Friday
Monday 23-Tuesday 24 May	P7 Shawlands Academy Induction Visits (details to follow)
Wednesday 25 May	PA meeting @ 7pm

Thursday 26 May	Super Sevens Event (details to follow)
Friday 27 May	Holiday
Wednesday 1 June	PA Event – Party on the Pitch (details to follow)
Thursday 2 June	Holiday
Friday 3 June	Holiday
Tuesday 7 June	P1 Induction Event
Wednesday 8 June	P7 Hillpark Induction Visit
Thursday 9 June	P7 Hillpark Induction Visit
	Determined to Dance Finals (details to follow)
	Whole School trip to Kelburn Country Park (details to follow)
Tuesday 14 June	Sports Day (details to follow)
Thursday 16 June	P7 Leavers' Ceilidh 7-8.30pm
Tuesday 21 June	P7 Shawlands Academy Induction Visit
	Whole School Transition Event (Meet the Teacher)
	P1 Induction Event (pm)
Wednesday 22 June	P7 Leavers' Assembly – 10am @ Cathcart Trinity Church
Friday 24 June	Fit and Fruity Friday
	School Closes at 1pm

### Useful contacts

#### Parent Council

[merryleepc@gmail.com](mailto:merryleepc@gmail.com)

<http://www.merryleeprimarypc.org/>

<https://m.facebook.com/MerryleeParentCouncilG43>

#### Parent Association

[merryleepa@hotmail.com](mailto:merryleepa@hotmail.com)

You can also follow us on Twitter @MerryleePS

#### School Contacts

**School office** : 0141 637 6798 (office hours Mon-Thurs, 8am-4pm & Friday 8.30am-3.30pm)

As always, if you have any questions or concerns about your child's learning or wellbeing, please don't hesitate to get in touch with a member of the school leadership team.

For P1-4 enquiries, please contact Miss Kirk: [Gw15kirkcatriona@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk](mailto:Gw15kirkcatriona@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk)

For P5-7 enquiries, please contact Miss McElhone: [Gw14mcelhonejulianne@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk](mailto:Gw14mcelhonejulianne@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk)

Please direct all other or general enquiries to me.

