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Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a busy and successful first term back at school despite the continued impact of Covid19. Everyone is looking forward to the October holiday from Monday 11th – Friday 15th October. We hope you have a nice holiday week and look forward to pupils returning on Monday 18th October.

COVID19

The children continue to amaze us with their positive attitudes and resilience. Many children have had periods of isolation after testing positive for Covid19 however, we have not had to isolate large groups of children or whole classes and we have successfully supported those isolating and learning at home.

Schools remain as they were before the Summer with continued mitigations to keep everyone safe.

After the October holiday we plan on moving to one playtime for all classes, however children will continue to stay in their own playgrounds and will not mix with other year groups until further notice.

Again following the October holiday we would also like to introduce P7 infant playground buddies for dry playtimes outdoors and wet day monitors for wet playtimes in class. This will be risk assessed and children will form part of a play bubble. We will be seeking parent views via a vote on the first week back, if positive Covid cases continue to fall. More information will follow.

CAPTAINS, VICE-CAPTAINS AND CLASS HOUSE REPS

The children voted for new Captains, Vice-Captains and House Class reps as well as Pupil Council members. It was great to see children putting themselves forward for these roles, and although not everyone was successful, trying was success in itself!

The children and I meet every month to discuss school issues. Our first meeting had us purchasing new playground buckets with toys, and P1-3 outdoor learning resources including a role play stage, writing sheds and loose play equipment. They are currently working on organising the vote for the new play trail that will be purchase via PEF. You can view the trails at eibe.co.uk

CROSS COUNTRY

Children from P5, P6 and P7 represented the school in a local cross country event last week. This was most enjoyable and our children did brilliantly. We hope, as restrictions lift, we are able to participate in more sporting events throughout the year.

HALLOWEEN COSTUMES

We had our PTA/Parent Council AGM and re-elected PTA/PC members. Thank you to all who participated and please remember all parents/carers are welcome to attend meetings and help out in any way they can. Look out for the Halloween swap shop. You can send in unwanted costumes week beginning 4th October and view a rail of costumes Wednesday 20th and Friday 22nd October from 1.45-2.15pm.

TEMPEST PHOTOGRAPHY

Tempest will be visiting Glebe on Monday 4th October to take individual and family photographs. If you do not wish your child to have his/her photo taken then please contact the office. There is no obligation to buy.

REPORTING TO PARENTS SESSION 2021-2022

We have now created a new interim report which will be in schoolbags on Friday 8th October. This is a short report showing how your child has settled in to his/her new class. Thank you to everyone who helped create the new format. Due to the creation of an interim report we have moved the dates of the parent/teacher phone calls to November, however if you have any concerns in the meantime please get in touch. Your child's final progress report will be issued at the end of April. There will then be a further opportunity to meet (hopefully face to face) with your child's teacher at the end of May.

STAFFING

Mrs. McVey leaves us on the 8th October after 25 years of being our Education Business Assistant aka school secretary. We wish her well in her retirement.

Mrs Dunbar, who worked in the school office one day a week and as a classroom assistant on the other days, was successful at interview and is our new Education Business Assistant. I'm sure you will share our congratulations!

We will shortly be interviewing for our new Depute Head Teacher. The successful candidate will hopefully start in January after Mrs McAdam and Mrs Law retire.

iPayImpact

North Ayrshire is moving from ParentPay to iPayImpact. This is a secure online payment system that will allow families to pay for lunch and other school related items such as school trips, school photographs etc. North Ayrshire will contact families direct with details of how to log on before the system goes live on the 18th October. At present teachers spend considerable time each morning going over menu choices and filling in menu paperwork which is passed to the school kitchen. This new system allows families to do this at home and we would really appreciate parents/carers taking the time to do this thus allowing teachers to get straight to the teaching activities. We understand some families don't have access to phones or internet and we will still help in those cases.

DIETARY REQUIREMENTS

A reminder that children in receipt of free meals/clothing grant and all children in P1 to P4 eat for free. We strongly encourage families to make use of the free meals. Please remember if your child has any allergies/dietary requirement you should contact the office to make an appointment with Mrs. Law, our catering supervisor. Prior to meeting you should complete the dietary requirements forms which must be co-signed by a health professional.

PARKING

Thank you to those of you who are parking and striding and thank you to those of you who are parking safely around the school. Please remember it is not safe to park on the roundabout at the turning circle. We have asked about the possibility of a crossing patrol person at Golfields, we haven't had a definitive answer as yet. Ms. Cameron, from NAC Road Safety, has been in touch to ask if parents/carers travelling in the car would consider the road as a voluntary one-way system. Entering at Golfields Road and turning left into Greenfield Drive and onto Milgarholm Road reaching the park with the passenger side of the car opening out onto the field. Ms. Cameron thinks this may make the area safer.

Lastly, we have also reported the ongoing roadworks issue with the road at the Vennel and are still waiting for a response. As the weather starts to become wetter and colder I hope we can continue to keep road safety a priority.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

We are an Eco school and are always working towards our sustainability targets. We have a great collection of pre-owned Glebe uniform. Please contact the office if you wish to view the rail or let us know what you need and we can pop it in your child's schoolbag. Re-using uniform keeps our Eco status and teaches pupils about sustainability.

In partnership

Elaine McNeil
Head Teacher

Glebe Primary dates for October, November and December 2021

Please find event information and dates as follows, new items are highlighted in yellow. More dates will follow as they are arranged.

OCTOBER

- Tempest School Photo-Monday 4th October
- Ragbag collection in school-Monday 4th October
- PTA/PC Meeting 6pm Fullarton Connexions-Monday 4th October
- Mrs. McVey retires-Friday 8th October
- Reports in schoolbags-Friday 8th October
- Last day for Christmas card orders-Friday 8th October
- October holiday week-11-15th October
- P4 Hockey Club Block 1 starts -Tuesday 19th October (information to follow)
- P2 and P3 Multisport Club Block 1 starts-Thursday 21st October (information to follow)
- Wear Red to support 'Show Racism the Red Card'-Friday 22nd October-Cash donation suggestion £1
- Author visit to P7-Monday 25th October
- Halloween Themed Day in class-Friday 29th October
(Come dressed all day, activities throughout the day and treats provided by the PTA/PC)

NOVEMBER

- Flu Vaccinations-Monday 8th November * alternative date arranged for P7s attending Arran
- P7E Arran Residential Trip-Monday 8th Friday 12th November
- School In-service day – staff only- Thursday 18th November
- School Holiday-Friday 19th November
- School Holiday-Monday 22nd October *Not for P7N pupils and staff attending Arran residential
- P7N Arran Residential Trip- Monday 22nd – Friday 26th November
- 'Be Bright Be Seen' day for Junior Road Safety-wear something bright-Friday 26th November
- Wear something Scottish/tartan - St. Andrews day Tuesday 30th November

DECEMBER

- Christmas Lunch-Thursday 2nd December
- PTA/PC Fundraiser Fun Day- Friday 3rd December (more information to follow)
- Whole school pantomime at the Gaiety-Thursday 9th December.
- P6 Christmas party- Monday 13th December
(Come dressed all day, activities throughout the day and treats provided by the PTA/PC)
- P5 Christmas party- Tuesday 14th December
(Come dressed all day, activities throughout the day and treats provided by the PTA/PC)
- P4 Christmas party- Wednesday 15th December
(Come dressed all day, activities throughout the day and treats provided by the PTA/PC)
- P1, P2, P3/2 and P3 Christmas parties- Thursday 16th December
(Come dressed all day, activities throughout the day and treats/gifts provided by the PTA/PC. Santa to visit the infant department.
- P7 Christmas party- Friday 17th December
(Come dressed all day, activities throughout the day and treats/gifts provided by the PTA/PC)
- Christmas Service- Wednesday 22nd December
- Mrs. Law and Mrs. McAdam retire- Wednesday 22nd December

JANUARY

- Pupils and staff return Thursday 6th January

***Themed/dress up days are optional. Children who do not wish to participate or who are more comfortable wearing school uniform can do so.**