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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been wonderful to have our whole school community back under one roof again following the return of our senior pupils. Our new staggered entry and exit procedures have gone very well and we would like to thank our parental community for your cooperation and patience in supporting us to establish these new practices. Our priorities over the last few weeks have been to settle the children back into routine, and to school life, whilst being mindful of the emotional impact of lockdown and the major changes experienced by our young people. Following Spring break, we will be increasing the pace in learning and teaching, and will be working intensively with the children. During the final term we will be beginning our Relationships and Sexual Health Programme. Mrs Brownlie intends in holding parent consultation sessions with a focus group. More information on this will be issued following the break, in the interim resources can be viewed on the national website via the following address <https://rshp.scot/>. We would encourage all parents to take some time to browse this resource.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding any aspect of the school then please don't hesitate to get in touch with us.

Yours sincerely,

Tracey McCulloch
Head Teacher (Acting)



Birthdays



A big 'Happy Birthday' this month to Hassan, Leon, Shane, Lucas, Angel, Noah, Billy, James, Tyler, Ellie, Cameron, Skye, Rhea, Raymond, Zakir, Brooke, Coyst, Lucia, Anthony, Alisha, Ava-Rose, Kerr, Shay, Chloe, Marley, Mason, Shay, Kai, Sophie, William, Ellie, Leigha, Alfie, Lacey-Anne, Ava, Reverie, Georgia, Stewart, Gary, Rachel, Alicia, Mark, Freya, Finlay and Conor. Your Mossend friends wish you all a great day!

Welcome (back!)

This month are delighted to welcome Miss Ann Bowman to the Team at Mossend as acting Principal Teacher (0.6). Miss Bowman will cover part of Mr Reid's career break until June. Miss Bowman will be primarily supporting the staff and children in primaries 1 -2.

We also welcome Rebecca Gilmour, a Post Graduate Diploma in Education student, from Strathclyde University. Rebecca will be working alongside Miss Mullen in P5. We hope you enjoy your time at Mossend!

Following spring break we will welcome Mrs Cole back to Mossend following her maternity leave. We are looking forward to having you back with us Mrs C! Chloe Richardson, a Post Graduate Diploma in Education student, from University of the West of Scotland, will be returning to us as mentioned in last month's newsletter, Chloe will be working with Miss Tinto in P1, Rm 1 following the break.

Staggered Exit on Thursday 1st April

Traditionally all North Lanarkshire schools close at 2.30pm for Spring Break. Mossend PS and NC will have an early finish this Thursday but this will be brought into line with our newly introduced staggered times. Please see below for the exit time for each stage on Thursday:

Nursery Class, P1, P5 and P6	2.20pm
All P3s and P4s	2.30pm
All P2s and P7s	2.40pm



Dates for your Diary

Monday 29th March

Mr Nicholson from Bellshill Academy to visit P7 pupils

Tuesday 30th March

P1 Solihull Virtual Meetings continue

Wednesday 31st March

Wellbeing Wednesday continues

Bellshill Academy Virtual Transition Meeting for Parents, 4pm

Thursday 1st April 2021

School and Nursery close for spring break:

Nursery, P1, P5 and P6 close at 2.20pm

P3 and P4 close at 2.30pm

P2 and P7 close at 2.40pm

Friday 2nd – Sunday 4th April

Parent Council Easter competition at Hope Street Park



Ipay Impact

Please remember that for this session the Cafeteria is operating on a cashless system only. Only card top ups must be made electronically through Ipay Impact. Please ensure cards are topped up ahead of the final term.

<https://www.ipayimpact.co.uk/IPI/mgslp?Bref=NLC>

Reporting to Parents

One of the things we are really missing this session is having parents through our doors and making them feel like a valuable part of our school community. These in person interactions help us to connect together and to get to know each other really well: we hope we can return to this in the not too distant future. Due to the current restrictions we have once again been unable to hold face to face parent consultations, and we have faced the challenges of remote learning during the most recent lockdown. As teaching staff work hard with the children once again we would like to outline how we plan to keep you informed of your child's progress over the final term of this session.

Getting It Right For Me Plans (GIRFME)

If your child has an additional support plan then we will be in touch very soon regarding a virtual meeting with you. During this meeting you can expect to hear a review of the plan and of your child's progress from the class teacher, and we will work in partnership with the class teacher, and a member of the management team, in setting new targets for the term ahead. We will also involve any other agencies where appropriate in this process.

Annual Reports

Following the spring break teaching staff will begin the process of compiling your child's annual report. These reports will be shared with parents and carers in the first week of June 2021.

Telephone Consultations

Prior to the annual reports being issued we would like to offer any parent who wishes to speak in person regarding their child's progress to the class teacher, the opportunity of a telephone consultation.



Dates for your Diary

**School and Nursery re-opens
on Monday 19 April 2021**

Friday 30th April

Whole school dress down day –
donation for school funds
appreciated

May 2021

May Day holiday: Monday 3rd
May In-service day: Thursday
6th

May weekend holiday: Friday
28th and Monday 31st

June 2021

School and Nursery closes:
Thursday 24th June, 1pm



Our aim will be to complete these calls during the first few weeks after returning from spring break.



If you would like a telephone consultation, then you can book this using our simple online Form which will allow us to easily compile the responses. Simply scan the QR code with your smartphone camera to redirect to the Form or navigate to: <https://tinyurl.com/mpsparentconsult21>.

If you have any difficulty using our online Form then please don't hesitate to contact the school directly.

Transitions

Bellshill Academy has begun their transition work with our P7 pupils this week. We are delighted to be able to welcome Mr Nicholson, Principal Teacher of pupil support, to talk to our classes, and hope our parents can participate in the virtual parental meeting mid-week. Enhanced transition work has also been undertaken for children who require additional support. We will keep parents/carers for any child who is transferring to a secondary school other than Bellshill Academy informed of transition information.

Plans for transfer to S1, and to P1 will continually be adapted in light of any changes to government guidance and we will keep you informed of this as soon as we have any further information.

Tackling Poverty

Bellshill cluster has been working in partnership to produce a statement on removing the poverty barriers to education to ensure members of our community are included and achieve. Each school has then devised their own policy specific to their context in order to address this. The policy for the Bellshill cluster, and for Mossend PS and NC can be viewed via our school app, or our school website.

Promoting Positive Partnerships

Miss Watson has been responsible for working in partnership with many of our stakeholders this session. One of her priorities has been to ensure that pupil voice is promoted throughout our school community. Following a recent meetings with pupils, the children have requested that we introduce a monthly dress down day for staff and pupils in order to raise much needed donations for our school fund. On the last Friday of every month all pupils are invited to come to school dressed down, if possible a suggested £1 donation per family can be made towards our fund.

Parent Council Area

Our Parent Council has been working really hard to organise an Easter Egg Trail for Mossend children. The Team has devised a fun word search, but in order to get the words children will have to head to Hope Street Adventure Park and find the Eggs with the hidden words. All children will be issued with a copy of the word search on Thursday 2nd April.



Between Thursday 2nd and Sunday 4th April completed word searches and answers should be posted on Twitter/Facebook tagging @mossendpcouncil and @mossendps. A winner from all entries will be chosen to receive an Easter Hamper: 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes will be available.

Completed word searches can also be taken to the Goody Cupboard, Bellshill, for a special offer. They are offering a free bag of sweets with any purchase!

Good luck to all of the children taking part and a huge thank you to our Parent Council for organising such a fun activity for our community.

We were also delighted to learn that our Parent Council have been successful in securing a playground grant for us which amounts to £1000. We are currently consulting the children on what they would like to see in the playground, alongside talks with companies to provide this. We will keep you posted on our progress!

