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## Mossend PS and NC

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you and your families have enjoyed a restful Easter break. We are excited to welcome the children back to school, and as a staff we are looking to do everything we can to provide the children with a settled and productive final term. Our focus continues to be on recovery, and on Literacy, Numeracy and Health & Wellbeing. Class learning plans will be shared with you very soon.

As the children have missed so much time in school this year, attendance in the coming term is critically important. If you have any issues you would like to discuss in relation to your child's attendance, please contact us. We would always endeavor to support families in improving children's attendance at school.

This term we will be planning responsively for our usual end of year events, such as P7 celebrations, Sports Day, and the End of Term service and awards. We will need to be prepared to adapt to the developing situation, but we will do our very best for our wee people –they have had a tough year and they deserve nothing less! We will keep you updated with our plans as they develop, so please keep an eye on our newsletters and emails.

As ever, if you have any queries about any aspect of the work of the school, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

Tracey McCulloch

Head Teacher (Acting)



## Birthdays



A big 'Happy Birthday' this month to Umar, Alfie, Stephen, Jack, Corey, Ethan, Declan, Matthew, Isla-Mae, Kallum, Tait, Logan, Daisy, Caleb, Mark, Zack, Kenza, Kerr, Brooke, Chloe, April, Tomas, Rachel, Ben, Eilidh, Lily Meg, Josh, Zak, Leyla, Hannah, Luka, Abel, Hanna, Hope and Cooper. Your Mossend friends wish you all a great day!

## Welcome

This month we welcome Lorraine McCole, an HNC student from New College Lanarkshire, to our nursery class. We hope Lorraine enjoys her time at Mossend!

## Baby Congratulations!

A huge congratulations to Mr and Mrs Gordon on the arrival of their beautiful baby girl Grace Isabella Gordon weighing 5lb 13oz, Mum and Baby are both doing well!

There must be something in the water in Mossend as Miss Tinto will be welcoming the pitter patter of tiny feet later on this year! A huge congratulations to her too.

## Management Team Remits

We are delighted to have our full management team compliment for our final term with the return of Mrs Cole, and with the addition of Miss Bowman. Please see a note below for which management team member has pastoral care for each stage, and for who your point of contact would be beyond the class teachers:

Nursery	Mrs Johnston (Tues – Fri) and Mrs McCulloch
P1 and P2	Miss Bowman (Mon, Thurs, Fri) and Mrs McCulloch
P3 and P4	Mrs Cole (Mon – Wed) and Mrs McCulloch
P5 – P7	Mrs Brownlie and Mrs McCulloch

## 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



## **Dates for your Diary**

### **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May**

May Bank Holiday

### **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May**

Parent Council Meeting via Webex, 6.30pm

### **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May**

In-service day for staff (Children should not attend, school building will be used as a polling station)

### **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May**

Class Learning Letters will be e-mailed home

### **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May**

RHSP Virtual Parent Focus Group with Mrs Brownlie, 2pm

### **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May**

Whole School Dress Down Day (£1 donation for school funds per family)

### **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May – Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May (Inclusive)**

May bank holiday weekend



ensure cards are topped up ahead of the final term

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

Prior to the Easter break we issued all parent and carers a letter informing of an increase in the cost of school lunches to £3.10. Many of our children are only selecting a sandwich at lunchtime and not receiving the best value for money. Please discuss this with your child and encourage them to complement their sandwich with other options available to them including soup, fruit, yoghurt, jelly, and sweet treats. The week's menu is posted on Twitter every Sunday, take a look and discuss the options with your child.

### **Breakfast Club Service**

Normal service has now resumed in our Breakfast Club. Therefore only children who require breakfast should attend each morning. Any child not requiring breakfast should arrive in school just a few minutes before their designated starting time. Playground supervision for any child not eating breakfast starts at 8.45am.

### **Uniform Reminder**

Our school uniform is one of the many things that brings us together as a school community. It gives the children a sense of shared identity. It also removes the pressure on children and on parents, to provide expensive fashion or branded clothing, which might be unsuitable for school or be subject to wear and tear. Children can wear a shirt and tie, or a white polo short, with a school sweatshirt or cardigan. Black trousers, skirt or pinafore should be worn, and on PE days black joggers, legging or shorts. Please remember that PE day is not the same as dress-down day, and sports branded tracksuits should not be worn. We realise that uniform may be a little harder to get whilst shops have been closed. Furthermore, some families may be experiencing additional financial pressures as a result of the pandemic. Should you have any difficulties in sourcing school uniform, whatever the reason, please contact the school management team in confidence.

Our P7 children are looking fantastic in their Leavers Hoodies. P7 children are permitted to wear their hoodies, each day in school, for the final term.

### **Relationships, Sexual Health and Parenting**



As mentioned in our April newsletter as part of our Health and Wellbeing Curriculum, we cover *Relationships, Sexual Health and Parenthood (RSHP)* education. This year we will be using a new national resource that you can see at <https://rshp.scot/> The national RSHP curriculum has been in place for some years, it is part of Curriculum for Excellence. This is a new resource to our school, designed to help us to deliver the existing RSHP curriculum.



- All content is age and stage appropriate for learners 3-18 years, organised by Curriculum for Excellence Levels, from Early Level through to Senior Phase.
- We need to deliver RSHP education that helps protect children and young people from harm and supports them to understand that friendships and personal relationships should be healthy, happy and safe.
- If you would like to access the website you can familiarise yourself with the material your child will cover in class. You can also view an information video at <https://vimeo.com/361263347>

As part of our preparations for the introduction of this programme we are keen to seek parental views. Mrs Brownlie intends to host a virtual parent focus group, on **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm**. We would love as many volunteers to participate in this group as possible. If you would be interested in being part of this group then please send an e-mail to the school office to indicate your interest and we will then arrange a link to the meeting to be sent to you. Please e-mail [enquiries@mossend.n-lanark.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@mossend.n-lanark.sch.uk).

### Transitions

Our Nursery to P1 transition programme is well underway. We are thoroughly enjoying getting to know our new families.

Enhanced transition work is due to begin with Mrs Dobbie, from Bellshill Academy.

P7 staff are busy planning end of term celebrations alongside our P7 pupils. Each P7 class has been involved in this process. Fuller details will be e-mailed to P7 parents directly in due course. Please see the dates for your diary for some events which have been planned, there will also be some surprises for them along the way.

We are continuously adapting our arrangements based on local authority and national guidelines. A reminder of current restrictions and guidelines are as follows:

Provided Covid-19 infection levels remain under control, the current Scottish Government timetable for easing restrictions indicates that:-



### **Dates for your Diary**

#### **June 2021**

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June – Annual reports will be sent home

P1 – P3 Sports Day

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June

P4 – P6 Sports Day

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June

P7 Sports Day

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June – P7 Graduation Ceremony (specifics to be confirmed)

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June – P7 Outdoor Summer Leavers Celebration (specifics to be confirmed)

School and Nursery closes:  
Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June, 1pm



- By 26th April 2021, 6 people from 6 households can meet and socialise outdoors and 6 people from 2 households may mix in indoor public spaces.
- From 17<sup>th</sup> May 2021 home socialising of 4 people from 2 households will be permitted.
- By early June it is expected that this will be increased to up to 8 people from up to 3 households can socialise indoors in a public place, up to 6 people from up to 3 households in a private dwelling and up to 12 people from 12 households can socialise outdoors, although indications are that increased numbers may be permitted for certain life events and worship at this time. (Please note that the levels are under constant review and change).

It is therefore clear that these restrictions mean that celebrations and gatherings will be restricted. Our final arrangements for the Graduation Ceremony will be dependent on updates to guidelines closer to the time but at this point it is likely that parental involvement will be virtual only.

### **Car Park Courtesy**

We politely request that parents and carers exercise courtesy and consideration when using the main car park across from the school. Please refrain from blocking other cars, and only leave your car if it is parked in a designated space. Please leave promptly at your child's exit time to ease congestion, and to create spaces for the next pick up time. Sincere thank you in advance for your support with this.

### **Parent Council Area**

The Parent Council Easter Egg was a huge success and we are so grateful to our members for organising such a great event for our families. The pictures of the children on Twitter were amazing...did you see that we even made the press?! The smiles on the children's faces really showed that everyone had an 'eggsellent' time!

Our next Parent Council meeting will be held on **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May at 6.30pm**. All parents are invited to attend as part of the Parent Forum. If you would like to join our next meeting then please e-mail us at [enquiries@mossend.n-lanark.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@mossend.n-lanark.sch.uk) and we will arrange for a link to be sent to you.

