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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that our community has enjoyed a restful long weekend together and have enjoyed the amazing sunshine! None of us can quite believe that we are getting so close now to the summer break – the next few weeks will be a very busy time for us all.

It is encouraging that North Lanarkshire is in Covid Level 2, however, we must caution that rates are beginning to increase again in our area and it is extremely important that we all continue to follow Scottish Government guidelines, a reminder of which is outlined below. We regret that parents will not be permitted to the usual end of year activities, even if being held outdoors. We will continue to use digital technology to keep you as involved in the life of the school as best we can. We are optimistic that school life will feel more 'normal' for us all in the new session but we must remain tight with the guidance over the next while.

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 Mason, Ismail, Aleena, Euan, Macie, Micheala, Skye, Ava, Dylan, Kelsie, Taylor, Lily, Carly, Cheryl, Emelie, Luis, Poppy, Max, Lilyana, Amylouise, Laci, Abdour, Sophie, Zak, Ellie-Louise, Ammelie, Finlay, Lewis, Zara, Oscar, Paige, Evie, Grace, Scott, Cara, Oliver and Emily, Your Mossend friends wish you all a great day!

Wedding Congratulations

Please keep your fingers crossed for more sunshine this weekend as Miss McIntyre becomes Mrs Lamont. We wish Miss McIntyre and her new husband to be an extra special day!

School Improvement Planning Session 2021/2022

At this time of year we start to evaluate the progress we have made as a school community over the previous session, and plan what our priorities will be for the forthcoming session. As parents and carers your views are extremely important to us. We would be obliged if you would take a few minutes to hear about our progress this year, and to take a short survey to express your views on planning for next year. Please access this using the link below:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/nl/mossendps/school-improvement-evaluation-2020-2021/>

Class Compositions for next session

Please see below for how our class structures **may** look next session based on our current enrolment figures. Please note that this could change if the roll fluctuates in any way. The most recent guidelines for Composite Classes can be found attached.

P1	P5a
P2/1	P5b
P2	P6a
P3/2	P6b
P3	P7a



Dates for your Diary

Monday 7th June

Annual reports will be sent home

P1 – P3 Sports Day

P7 visit to Bellshill Academy

Tuesday 8th June

P4 – P6 Sports Day (including P3s in P3/4)

Wednesday 9th June

P7 Sports Day

Tuesday 15th June

Nursery and P7 Graduation photographs to be taken

Friday 18th June

P7 Graduation Ceremony (this will be filmed and shared with parents in due course)

Wednesday 23rd June

P7 Outdoor Summer Leavers Celebration (weather permitting)

Dress Down Day – for school funds

Thursday 24th June

School and Nursery closes 1pm for summer break (staggered exits will be in place)



P4a

P7b

P4b

Specific class teachers will be confirmed over the next few weeks when our staffing compliment is finalised by North Lanarkshire Council. This information will be shared with you, and the children, prior to the summer break. We hope that the children will be able to 'meet their new teacher' if guidance permits.

School Uniform

At this time of year we naturally start to plan for the following session and take advantage of special offers and discounts. As you do this please take into account our school uniform and colours as follows:

Grey skirt/trousers/pinafore

White blouse/shirt

Grey jumper/cardigan o

For PE days:

White t-shirt/polo shirt

Black shorts/joggers/leggings

Wearing uniform instills pride and high standards in our young people. With this in mind please note that we fully expect **all** pupils to wear the correct school uniform which is usually cheaper than standard youth wear. Sportswear and jeans are not appropriate at any time other than designated dress down days. Please note that jeans are not appropriate for children to wear on their designated gym days. We appreciate in advance your support with this.

Best Start Grant

The Best Start Grant School Age Payment is a £250 payment made around the time a child normally starts Primary 1.

It is open to people who get tax credits or certain benefits and are a parent or carer of a child born between between 1 March 2016 and 28 February 2017.

People are encouraged to apply online at mygov.scot/beststart or by calling 0800 182 2222

If eligible you can also apply for Scottish Child Payment and other Best Start Grant payments at the same time.



Sports Day Arrangements

Mr Malik has been extremely busy planning Sports Day for our whole school which will take place across three different dates next week. Please check the diary dates and ensure that your child comes to school in gym kit on their designated day. The day will have a mixture of potted sports and competitive activities, each activity will be fully risk assessed. As per current guidance children will remain within their own class bubbles and parents will not be permitted to attend. Keep your eye on Twitter where we will post as many photographs as we can. We thank Mr Malik for all of his hard work in these preparations.

Scottish Government Guidance

Please see below for a reminder of the current guidelines in which we should all follow:

At Level 2:

- you can meet socially in groups of up to:
 - 6 people from 3 households in your home or theirs – and can stay overnight
 - 6 people from 3 households in an indoor public place like a café, pub or restaurant
 - 8 people from 8 households outdoors
- under 12s do not count towards the total number of people or households meeting outside but do count towards household numbers indoors

Although restrictions are easing in the community, there have been no major changes to the guidance schools must follow and so our mitigations will continue until the end of term at least. As you will be aware we have had a few Covid cases in our school over the last few weeks. It is our absolute priority to look after our children, and our staff, as best we can, nothing is more important to us. We politely request that you do not send your child to school if they display any of the following symptoms:

- A new or continuous cough
- A temperature
- Loss of taste or smell

Please also be vigilant for anything different in your child too, as many of the cases over the last few weeks have not displayed typical 'covid' symptoms, or have displayed cold like symptoms which have turned out to be Coronavirus. Keep an eye on sickness, unusual aches, and runny noses. If in doubt please book your child a test. If we notice anything in school we will contact you to highlight what we have noticed. **If your child is asked to isolate then it is essential that this is followed.** Let's work together to keep each other safe over the next few weeks.



Staggered Exits – Thursday 24th June

Please see below for the staggered exit arrangements for the final day of term. Please note that children are permitted to dress down on this day.

12.30pm	All p7 children
12.45pm	All P1, P5s and P6s (and sibling families)
12.55pm	All P3s and P4s
1.00pm	All P2s

Transitions

We are looking forward to meeting many of our new P1 children next week. Invitations have been sent out to each child. A virtual tour of our school, compiled by our school Digital Leaders, has been sent out too. If you think you have missed an information in relation to this then please let us know.

A P7 briefing has been sent to all of our P7 parents, please let us know if you did not receive this.

A reminder that P7 children transitioning to Bellshill Academy will have a short visit on Monday 7th June. Children should look as smart as possible in full school uniform and should make their own way there in the morning. Children can take a snack for break time, and will return to Mossend ahead of lunchtime, accompanied by school staff. School lunches will be ordered in advance, in school, on Friday. Children not transitioning to Bellshill Academy should report to Mossend as usual on Monday morning and will support the P1 – P3 Sports Day.

The P7 children have been given the opportunity to work towards achieving a Dynamic Youth Award. This will be supported in school by Elaine McAteer, Community and Learning Development Worker for Bellshill. The children would earn SCQF points which they can continue to build upon in high school. This is a fantastic opportunity so please return the consent forms as soon as possible.



Dates for your Diary

August 2021

**Thursday 12th August and
Friday 13th August**

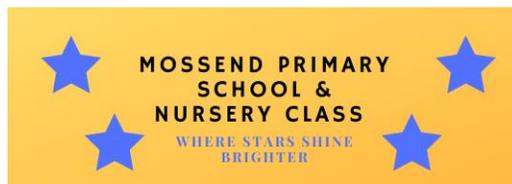
Staff in-service days

Monday 16th August

Children return to school

New P1 intake – 9.30am

Staggered entries may still
be in place; more
information will follow.



Parent Council Area

We would like to express a huge thank you to our Parent Council who recently were successful in securing a playground grant which has resulted in 3 new picnic benches being delivered to our playground, and a friendship bench which will be arriving soon. We will post pictures of each of these on Twitter very soon. Part of our playground is in the middle of a refurbishment so we will share on completion of this, we know that our children will get so much enjoyment from these – thank you!

Our next Parent Council meeting will be held on **Thursday 10th June 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 and we will arrange for a link to be sent to you. Please note that we currently have vacancies in our Parent Council so if you are interested in joining next session then please do come online with us next week to get a feel for how you can support Mossend further. We hope to see some of you there.

Donation thank you!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our recent Rag Bag donations. Collectively we gathered 130kg of textiles for recycling which has generated a donation of £52 to our school. Excellent work everyone!

Our recent dress down day raised £181 for school funds. This money will be used to purchase a sound system which will add ambiance to our outdoor events including, PE, and our P7 celebration – thank you! Our next dress down day for school funds will be held on Wednesday 23rd June.

School Gates

We are aware that there have been issues with the school gates when the Janitor has been on annual leave. We are working with NLC on a solution to this and apologise for any inconvenience caused.

June Update

Please note that another newsletter will be e-mailed home prior to the end of term. This will contain updated information on staff for next year and some farewells. Particularly to Mrs Colquhoun in our school office who will be retiring following 32 years of dedicated service to our school, and to our Parent Council Chair, Andrea Gardner, who will be leaving our PC following many, many years of dedicated work on behalf of the children and families of the Mossend community.



