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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome to the January/February 2022 edition of our school newsletter. We hope you are all feeling refreshed, rested and ready for the new term. On behalf of all the staff, we would like to thank you so much for all the kind wishes and gifts received before Christmas.

This is a really important term in the school year for the children, where a lot of new learning and teaching takes place. Please try to support us by ensuring that children are in school as much as possible. We will be monitoring attendance closely and seeking to work with families to secure improvement where needed, so please contact us if you need any support.

All children in P5 are now entitled to free school meals so we hope to see as many children as possible take up this excellent offer.

You will also be aware that the national guidance around Covid isolation has changed from the 6th of January. We have included some details in this newsletter for your reference, but don't hesitate to contact us to discuss your circumstances if you are unsure.

We hope you find this newsletter useful and informative, but if you have any queries or concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch. In the meantime, keep an eye out for our tweets and emails for the latest updates.

Yours sincerely,

Tracey McCulloch
Head Teacher (Acting)





Birthdays



A big 'happy birthday' to the following children who celebrate their birthday in January, Evie, Caleb, Charlie, Kian, Jack, Daisy, Reece, Lennox, Abbie, Violet, Mason, Keira, Keira, Sophie, Hadi, Isaac, Layla, Miller, Alfie McI, Alfie McK, Carsyn, Poppy, Shaye, Kayleigh, Savannah, Ryan, Carson, Lily, Niamh, Paige, Ollie, Calvin, Rebecca and Calan.

And also to the following children who celebrate their birthday in February, Ahmad, Oliver, Robert, Jack, Ruby, Ellie, Breanna, Euan, Lewis, Aiden, Ellie, Olivia, Alexis, Caoimhe-May, Lewis S, Aiden, Larson, Stefanos, Ryan, Sophie, Grace, Bruno, Khara, Riley, Eli, and Maisie.

Your Mossend friends hope you all had a very special day and if your special day is still to come...have a great one!

Staff Updates

This month we look forward to the return of Mrs Gordon from her maternity leave. Mrs Gordon will work across many of our classes.

For anyone not on Twitter we were tickled pink back in November when Miss Tinto welcomed a beautiful baby girl into the world. Bonnie Sophia arrived weighing 7lb 8 oz and Mum and Baby are thriving!

Wedding bells were ringing during the festive break when Miss Watson finally got married following her wedding being postponed many times due to Covid. A huge congratulations to her! Miss Watson will keep her own name until the summer break when she will then be known as Mrs Gavan.

We are delighted for Mr Reid on his recent success at interview for a Cluster Integration and Improvement Lead for North Lanarkshire Council. Mr Reid's last day with us for a while will be on Friday 28th January. We wish him every success in this exciting new role.

Sponsored Santa Dash

Thank you to everyone who kindly supported our Sponsored Santa Dash. We have been overwhelmed by the response we received and the total amount of money raised was a staggering £2840.80! We have used some of this money to fund our Christmas activities and we are currently consulting staff and pupils on how to allocate the remainder. Thank you again for your continued support especially during these challenging times. We are so grateful to you.



Dates for your Diary

Monday 24th January

Final submission dates for P1 enrolment

P4b GIRFME Reviews

Wednesday 26th January

Educational Psychologist in school

Thursday 27th January

P5 GIRFME Reviews

Friday 28th January

Whole school dress down day

Tuesday 1st February

P5 GIRFME Reviews

Monday 14th and Tuesday 15th February

School and nursery closed – mid term break

Wednesday 16th February

In-service Day for staff (Pupils should not attend)

Friday 25th February

Whole School Dress Down Day



St Andrew's Hospice



Our latest fundraising for St Andrew's Hospice raised an incredible £763.20. Thank you to all our families for supporting Christmas Jumper Day and for purchasing items from the Christmas Shop. We couldn't do it without you!



Homework – 7th February 2022

New grids will be issued on Monday 7th February to all classes.

Health and Wellbeing Focus

The wellbeing needs of every individual child is of paramount importance to us as a school community as we aim to meet the national approach in Scotland of Getting It Right for Every Child (GIRFEC). The Scottish Government has described wellbeing in terms of eight indicators, which are, Safe, Healthy, Achieving, Nurtured, Active, Respected, Responsible and Included. These are sometimes abbreviated to the acronym known as SHANARRI.

Over the next month, as a school, we will be focusing on the 'Active' indicator. During this month we will be focusing on how active we are inside and out of school, we will link this to our food intake too.

GIRFME Plans



Any child in receipt of an individualised educational plan will have their plan reviewed over the next few weeks. Staff will be in touch with all of the details. Due to the current restrictions in schools some of these meetings will be conducted virtually this term.

Arrangements in Severe Weather

At this point of the year, it is vital that we all prepare for the possibility of inclement weather. Please familiarise yourself with our adverse weather arrangements for the winter months.

- The school must remain open, unless instructed to close by the Local Authority.
- In the event of a school closure, parents will be notified by text message, and via Twitter. It is essential that emergency contact details are up to date and accurate for every child. Please see the school office if there have been any changes to your own details.
- In severe weather, e.g. heavy ice and snow, then there will only be one access point to the school, which will be via the main gate.
- The school facilities staff are responsible for clearing a safe path through the school grounds to the access doors, however please note that public paths around the school, do not fall under the responsibility of the school.

Easy Fundraising

We are continuing to look for ways to raise funds for the school. You can help us by registering at **Easy Fundraising!** You simply go to www.easyfundraising.org.uk, register for a free account, and search for Mossend Primary School as your chosen cause to support. Then every time you do any shopping online, go to the Easy Fundraising website first, select the retailer you wish to shop with – then when you spend the school will receive a donation. It's that simple, and costs you nothing. Big retailers include Amazon and Argos, and major food retailers, such as Asda and Tesco. Please consider creating an account and supporting us today!

Make It Happen Club



Dates for your Diary

April 2022

School closes Friday 1st April,
2.30pm

Spring Break 4th – 18th April
(inclusive)

May 2022

Monday 2nd – May Day
Holiday
Thursday 5 May In-service Day
Friday 27 May 2022 – May Day
Holiday

(One day has been moved
due to Queen's Jubilee
celebrations)

June 2022

Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd
June - Queen's Platinum Jubilee
celebrations

Schools close: Wednesday 29
June 2022 at 1pm



We are delighted to have been given a place for the 'Make It Happen' club, who will visit our school on Wednesday 9th March and work with P1 - 7.

'Make It Happen' is a charity who aim to inspire young people in digital technology. During their visit to the school our children will participate in an app-design competition for the entire school. Pupils will be given the opportunity to consider how apps can help them solve a problem or make their life easier. They then design their app idea using our paper-based sheet and the winner of the school competition will then have their winning app idea built and published by the 'Make it Happen' team.

We are all excited by this opportunity for our pupils to build their digital skills for learning, life and work and learn all about the process of creating and designing digital apps. Look out for more information nearer the time.

Parent Council Area

We would like to express a HUGE thank you to our Parent Council members who worked so hard over the festive season to make it extra special for every child in our school. We are so proud to work with such a great team and to have this support – thank you!!! Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 8th February at 6.30pm. All parents are welcome to join meetings as part of the parent forum. If you would like to join then please send an e-mail to enquiries-at-mossend@northlan.gov.uk. We will arrange to have a link sent to you for the next meeting which will be held online.

Covid and Isolation Updates

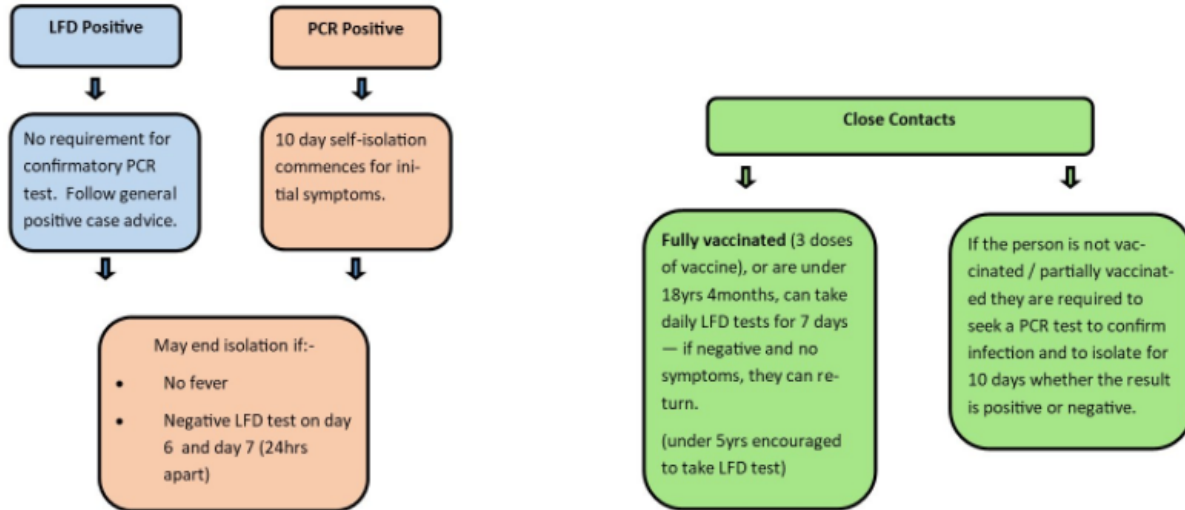
From the 6th of January, there have been some updates to the guidance for Covid isolation, which you can see detailed in the flowchart below. Where a primary school pupil becomes a close contact of a positive case in the community, they can still attend school as long as they do not have symptoms, and have a negative lateral flow each day for 7 days.

Where a pupil tests positive by lateral flow, they no longer need to go for a PCR test. They should isolate for 10 days, but can end their isolation early on day 7 **if** they return a negative lateral flow test on day 6 **and** day 7 of their isolation.



New Isolation Guidelines effective from 6th January 2022:

There is no longer a requirement for a follow up confirmatory PCR for **asymptomatic** individuals who test positive via LFD; they should isolate as a positive case as per the advice below. Individuals with symptoms should seek a PCR test. Further detail on the approach to self-isolation and testing for those with symptoms, or those who test positive, is available at NHS Inform. **The new guidance came into effect from midnight 5th January 2022 for any new cases and is not retrospective.**



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