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Dear Parent/Carer

The school will close at 2.30pm on Thursday 1 April 2021 and will re-open on Monday 19 April 2021 at our normal opening times. P1 – P3 will be dismissed at 2.20pm and P4 – P7 will be dismissed at 2.30pm on our last day, if children are going to after school care please make sure you notify child minders of these dates/times. There is no change to nursery times and it will be normal pick up times. On the last day of term lunch will be snack 2 go only across both the school/nursery. The sandwich options will be Ham, Tuna or Cheese if you could let your child know.

All our children have now returned and it is lovely to have them all back in the building. They have been a real asset to the school/nursery at following all the rules in place and are a credit to you all! Please just keep in mind the restrictions that are in place for adults too as that is keeping us safe also. Some of you have been great at letting us know if your child is unwell etc. or seeking advice before bringing them in, it is greatly appreciated so please continue to do this.

We would also like to wish Mrs Cummings in our Nursery a happy retirement. Most of you will be aware that she suffers with ill health and has made the decision to retire. Mrs Cummings was and still is a much loved staff member of our New Monkland community and I'm sure you will agree she has made a positive impact on so many children's lives during her 23 years with us. Unfortunately, due to all the restrictions with COVID we can't give Mrs Cummings the send-off that she deserves but we as a school/nursery staff will make sure that her retirement is celebrated. She has asked me to pass on her best wishes to everyone and she would like to thank you all for your support over the years!

I'm sure you will agree that all the staff deserve a well-earned break as they have also worked incredibly hard throughout this ongoing pandemic, they have adapted and changed to a completely new way of working and lots of the changes that have been made will remain now as they have been positive changes for us as a school/nursery. We are hopeful that one day though we will have some form of normality back.

We will be in touch in the new term about transition for our P7 and P1 children. Unfortunately again due to COVID restrictions transitions will not be the same as in previous years but we will still make sure your child has a smooth transition to both P1 and High School and you will be provided with all the information that you need. The children who started P1 this session didn't have the normal



transition programme and they settled in really well and are thriving so please try not worry. The pre-school children are already doing sessions with our current P1 teacher and the P7 children have been involved in a number of virtual transition events with the High School.

Thanks also to our fabulous Parent Partnership Group who have kindly bought all the children an Easter egg. These will be given out on the last day of term. Children can come to school/nursery dressed down on the last day; they could even dress in 'spring theme colours' to make our last day as colourful and bright as possible.

From all the staff at New Monkland Primary & Nursery we would like to wish you all a Happy Easter and look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 19 April. Please enjoy the break as much as you can, however if you do need anything over the holidays then please get in touch: ht@newmonkland.n-lanark.sch.uk

With lots of love, warm distant hugs and Easter Wishes from our family to yours!

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