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Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome Back

Hope you all had a lovely and relaxing summer break. We are looking forward to welcoming all our children back to school and nursery and we are excited to meet all our new P1's and nursery children, we are sure they will be as excited as us. Our children always look smart in their uniforms when we start back so, please try keep this up as the year goes on.

I'll be doing a gradual return to work which means I won't be in school every day. I'm excited to see the children when I am in as I've missed them all and I'm sure I'll catch up with you all too once I'm back at work fulltime. In the meantime, and until I return fulltime can I ask that you continue to contact Mrs Polatajko if you require any help, information, support etc.

Can I also personally thank those of you who sent kind messages, well wishes and lovely gifts, they were all passed on to me, it really did mean a lot and please know they were greatly appreciated.

Fun Fit Friday

Reminder every Friday is our FUN FIT FRIDAY, so children and staff dress down on a Friday. Please make sure your child is dressed for the weather on a Friday as we are indoors/outdoors. **Fun Fit Friday will start next week and not this week so children should come to school in their uniform this Friday.**

Homework

Termly homework will start on Monday 26 August for the whole school.

There will be an information session for Primary 1 parents/carers (only) on Monday 26 August at the end of the school day in the Primary 1 class, so please come along. You will be provided with all information about homework and any login details etc you will require. (We will send a reminder text nearer the time)

Completion of Paperwork

At the beginning of the new term as always there will be lots of paperwork coming your way, can you please remember and return the annual data check, Twitter permission and medical/outings forms as soon as possible so we can update our system with all correct and most up to date details please. It is important we have all the correct details especially main contacts and medical details.



Important Dates

A calendar for the year ahead with all important dates will be issued at some point this week. **Please remember ALL dates and events are subject to change across the academic year so please keep this in mind.**

Primary 7 Leadership Team

We are looking forward to working alongside our newly appointed P7 Leadership Team:

Luke Baldrey

Alex Peacock

Roary Shannon

Maggie Smith

Millie Reilly

Completed Works

Works that were being carried out over the summer across the school and nursery have now been completed. The adaptations made to our nursery have finished and our upper school toilets are complete also.

Confirmed Staffing

We are delighted to welcome new staff to our school/nursery, see details below of all staff names and their role:

Mary Reid – Head Teacher

Nursery Staff

Marianne McKnight (Lead Practitioner)

Mrs Frances Murphy (Key Worker)

Miss Lucyna Jedrezejewska (Key Worker)

Mrs Agnieszka Herlik (Key Worker)

Mrs Claire Mackie (Key Worker)

Theresa Henderson (Support worker)

Mrs Viktoriya Zhyla (Support worker)

Primary 1

Teacher - Annum Saleem

Primary 2

Teacher - Maria McMullan (Mon, Tues, Wed)

Teacher/Principal Teacher - Nichola Polatajko (Wed, Thur, Fri)

Primary 3

Teacher – Monica Colgan (new member of teaching staff)

Primary 4

Teacher– Siobhan McCormick (Mon, Tues, Wed)

Teacher – Kirsten Grier (Wed, Thur, Fri)

Primary 5

Teacher – Amie Carruthers

Primary 6

Teacher – Laura Wallace

Primary 7

Teacher – Emma Brannan

Other Teaching Staff

Teacher – Karen Gomez (new member of teaching staff)

Support Staff

Liz Blades – Support staff

Carol Magennis – Support staff

Theresa Henderson – Breakfast club/support staff

David Robertson – Senior Clerical

Derek Fraser – Janitor