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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 welcome all our new P1's and new nursery children. Our children always look smart in their uniforms when we start back so, please try keep this up as the year goes on and it does give us our identity as a school.

Fun Fit Friday has now changed and will no longer be taking place on a Friday following consultation with the pupil leadership team. The children will have two PE slots weekly, and you will be sent a class text over the coming days to let you know when your child/s PE days are. On PE days children should come wearing their school polo shirt/jumpers and bottoms **suitable** for taking part in PE/outdoor PE, or they could wear their shorts under their trousers/skirts, if they wish. No football clothing/colours is permitted as per NLC policy.

Homework

Termly homework will begin on Monday 25 August for the whole school. For Primary 1 children see below:

There will be an information session for Primary 1 parents/carers (only) on Monday 25 August at the end of the school day in the Primary 1 class, so instead of waiting at the gate for your child make your way to the P1 classroom instead. You will be provided with all information about homework and any login details you require.

Completion of Paperwork

At the beginning of the new term as always there will be paperwork coming your way, can you please remember and return the annual data check, X permission and medical/outings forms as soon as possible so we can update our system with all correct information 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 in due course. Please remember **ALL** dates and events (apart from NLC holiday dates) are subject to change across the academic year so please keep this in mind, you will be notified if there are any changes.

Primary 7 Leadership Team

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

Sarah McIntyre
Pippa Shanks
Georgia Meeke



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Confirmed Staffing

We are delighted to welcome new staff to our school, and we would like to congratulate the staff who got married over the Summer. Miss Carruthers and Miss Wilcocks (see below their married names) and all other staff names and their role:

Head Teacher - Mary Reid

Principal Teacher - Nichola Polatajko

Primary 1
Teacher – Siobhan McCormick

Primary 2
Teacher – Annum Saleem

Primary 3
Teacher – Carly Watt

Primary 4
Teacher– Amie Convery

Primary 5
Teacher – April Hogan/Nichola Polatajko

Primary 6
Teacher - Emma Brannan

Primary 7
Teacher – Laura Wallace

Non-Class Contact Time (NCCT)
Teacher – Kirsten Grier

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)

Support Staff

As you know we don't have classroom assistants across schools anymore and the title of ASNa is no used either. Instead support staff in an ASNa role will be known as (Learning Assistant) going forward. Learning assistants are assigned to a school and not individual children. We currently have one LA for the school who is Mrs Magennis, this could change as the year progresses.

Carol Magennis – Learning Assistant
Theresa Henderson – Breakfast club/playground supervisor
David Robertson – Senior Clerical
Derek Fraser – Facility Officer

