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Dear Parent/Carer,

It has been lovely having the children back to school. They are getting used to the changes in routines and are enjoying being with their school friends. Thank you for your support and patience in following the measures in place as we work together to keep our school community safe.

School Start and Finish Times

On Monday 31st August we will begin a two-week trial of moving the school day back to the regular start and finish times of 9am and 3pm. If this is successful and does not create issues with social distancing on Dennistoun Road, then we will have the return to school hours on a permanent basis.

School gates would open at 8.45am. A staff member will continue meet the children at the gate and there will also be a staff presence in the playground. To facilitate this change, we kindly ask that you vacate Dennistoun Rd as soon as you have dropped off or collected your child, to support social distancing and help to keep our community safe.

I appreciate the notice for the change is short therefore we will support any family who will have difficulty meeting the change of times

Homework

Over the next two weeks your child will begin to receive homework. Each class teacher will inform you of the homework arrangement specific to your child's class. These arrangements will be shared through your child's seesaw journal.

Food in School

Many of our children bring in special snacks to share with their classmates as part of a birthday celebration. While this is a very kind and generous gesture, at this present time we are unable to allow these treats to be shared due to measures in place to try and keep our school community safe. We kindly ask that parents/carers do not send in cakes and snacks for classes. We thank you for your support in this matter.

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School Uniform

At Langbank Primary School we continue to offer the option of a relaxed uniform. This measure will continue to be an option for the whole of the school session 2020-2021. The children are not presently changing for PE and therefore I would recommend that the children come dressed in our relaxed option on their PE days. PE is currently taking place outdoors and we ask that the children come suitably dressed for PE outdoors on those days. PE days are as follows:

P1/2 – Monday and Wednesday

P3 – Tuesday and Thursday

P4/5 – Tuesday and Thursday

P6/7 - Monday and Wednesday

The school are currently not able to offer a change of clothing. It may be useful to pack a change of joggers/ leggings in your child's bag as the playground has been wet and muddy due to our recent West of Scotland Weather.

Annual Data Check

A reminder that the Annual Data Check is now accessed through Parent Portal. Details of how to access this are on the school app. Please contact the school office if you require support with this.

Flu Letters

A reminder that all Flu letters should be returned to the school as soon as possible.

Staff Update

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Rodger to our school staff. She will be working with us as an Additional Support Needs Assistant on a temporary basis. I am sure that you will join me in congratulating Mrs Rodger on her appointment.

Mrs Cloudsley

Mrs Cloudsley has asked me to pass on her thanks for her gift received from the school. She was truly overwhelmed and passed on best wishes to you all. She is enjoying her retirement with much of her time taken up gardening.

School Building/ Playground

Unfortunately, we are not permitted to have parents/ carers in our school building at this time. Should you wish to speak to the school, please contact the school office on 0300 300 0165.

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We also ask that no parents/ carers enter the school playground. In the morning, staff will be at the school gates to welcome the children and assist them in lining up at the correct area. At the end of the school day the children will be dismissed by their class teacher and children walked to the school gates.

As always if you have any questions regarding this newsletter or indeed any aspect of your child's education please do not hesitate to contact the school office

Michelle Ferguson
Head Teacher