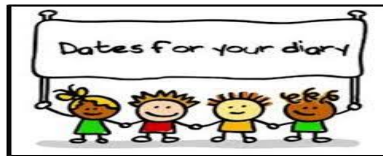


Mossvale EYC & Primary School  
Parent Newsletter  
30<sup>th</sup> October 2020  
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**HOLIDAYS:** School will be closed on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November for St. Andrew's Day

**P1 Registration Week** Commencing 2<sup>nd</sup> November

**CHILDREN IN NEED DAY** Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November: Our House Captains will be sending out more information on how we will be supporting this event and again this will be for the whole school with PJs to be worn!

**CHRISTMAS AT MOSSVALE:** We will be having our Christmas Fayre remotely this year and you will get more information soon. EYC and P1 Nativity/Christmas celebrations will go ahead as we will be filming them and sharing them with you virtually so you and your child do not miss out on these special events. We will also have our trip to the Pantomime by staying in school and watching it online but get those Christmas jumpers ready!



Unfortunately, we had to cancel the **Parent Council AGM** due to staffing issues in the school. Please try and join us even if it is just to nosy at how messy my house is! This is a great way to find out what is happening in the school and be involved. Proposed new date is Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November.

**Parent Calls** - Most calls have been made and I know staff found them really valuable and help us to plan next steps for pupils. There were some parents we did not manage to reach and the office staff will send out a text to ask you to contact us to arrange a suitable time to call.

### PRIMARY 1 REGISTRATION

If your child's birthday falls between 1<sup>st</sup> March 2020 and 28<sup>th</sup> February 2021 you will need to enrol your child for school next week. This year the process is being handled online and the link below will take you to the information you will need. If you have any issues please speak to EY Staff or call the school office. It is a new system and we will be learning it too so please bear with us and we will work it out together.

The link is [www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/p1registration](http://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/p1registration).

**Paisley Grammar Consultation** - Next week Education Scotland will be in touch with the school virtually to speak with some staff, pupils and parents regarding the proposed new Paisley Grammar development. The Parent Council will be able to provide any feedback and we will keep you updated on any developments.

### **SCHOOL HOURS**

Now that our new routines in school have become our new normal we have been looking at what we have in place to see if we need to change anything. With the winter weather closing in and darker days, we are proposing that P1 and P7 will now both start at 9 am and leave at 3 pm. We have looked at risk assessments and feel that we can still get children in and out of the building safely. P1 will come in and out their classroom door and this will ensure they are not in the same area as P2/1 and we ask Parents to also keep their 2 m distance. Please let us know if this will cause you any problems.

**OUTDOOR CLOTHING** - As we are still being instructed to take children out for PE and outdoor learning to keep them safe, we are asking if you could ensure they have suitable wet weather clothes and shoes and maybe even bring in a change of clothes/shoes they can put on. We are also looking for donations of any old clothes for all ages as we are struggling to change children who require it and then having to call home which I can appreciate is disruptive.

### **GOODBYE!**

Today we say Goodbye to Karen McMillan our Office Angel! I have only known Karen a very short time but can see in that short period what a superstar she is. Apart from carrying out her job very professionally and answering all my questions, she supports the staff, nurtures the children and goes out of her way to help parents. Karen is moving on to her new post which had been put on hold due to Covid but we wish her every success at the new Dargavel Early Years Centre.

We also want to welcome Laura Glen who is our new Senior Clerical Officer at Mossvale. Laura has now been with us for a couple of weeks and has really settled into the role and become a valued team member already and we are delighted to have her join us.

Have a lovely, if very different Hallowe'en, and we hope you can all follow the current Tier 3 guidance by staying at home with lots of treats and a great Hallowe'en movie. 'Hocus Pocus' is as scary as I can go! By doing this you will be helping keep us all safe and well and be helping ensure over the next few weeks staff can continue to come to work and keep the school open. We really appreciate your help keeping the virus out of our school so we can prepare for a fun term ahead.

Mrs Jane Houston, Head Teacher

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