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Dear Parent/Carer

September Newsletter

We have now completed the second week of September, the school is very settled and we believe Mr Donaghy is slowly adjusting to retirement. He has asked me to pass on his sincere thanks for the many generous gifts, kind gestures and lovely cards and messages he received on his retirement. I know that he was thankful to have the opportunity to speak with all of the children and many of the parents during the three weeks of the new term. We are very fortunate to have an extremely supportive set of parents and carers, fantastic pupils and a strong and fully committed staff to build upon the excellent work of Mr Donaghy.

Open Afternoon – Wednesday 25 September 2:15-3pm

We look forward to seeing you at our informal Open Afternoon next Wednesday. This is an opportunity to briefly see the school (and more specifically your child's class) at work. Please access the school by entry at the main door on Otago Street from 2:15pm. Please note that the class teachers will be responsible for the class and will not be able to discuss any child's progress at this point. This discussion will take place at our forthcoming Parents' Evenings.

Parents' Evenings

Thursday 3rd October and Tuesday 8th October 3:40-6:40pm. You will shortly receive your appointment time(s) for the Parents' Evenings. At these meetings we will discuss your child's progress and the next steps in learning. Again we look forward to seeing you on these dates.

Book Fair

The Book Fair has been ordered. Separate details, including the timetable, will follow. The Book Fair will be open during Parents' Evenings.

Calendar of Events September-December

We are sending out a paper copy of confirmed events, which will take place between now and the end of December, this will be issued next week (week beginning 23rd September). Please keep this information in a safe place. A copy of the dates will also be put on our website and will be updated on a regular basis as more dates are confirmed and events are finalised.

Important Forthcoming Dates

The September weekend takes place on Friday 27th September and Monday 30th September (inclusive). School will reopen on Tuesday 1st October at 09.00am.

Friday 11th October is an in-service day for our staff and the school will be closed to pupils.

The October Week takes place in the week beginning Monday 14th October and the children will be on holiday that week returning on Monday 21st October at 09.00am.

Clocks go back one hour on Sunday 27th October.

Flu Vaccination 2019

Staff from NHS Scotland will be in school on Tuesday 26th November to administer the flu vaccine if you have chosen for your child to be immunised.

Emergency Contact Details

The Emergency Contact forms will all be issued shortly. These are very important documents and should be returned to school as soon as possible. If you have any questions relating to the forms please don't hesitate to contact our school office (339 1365).

Pupil Voice

We have circulated application forms for our Pupil Voice across P3-7 classes for our Eco-Committee, Pupil Council and Fairtrade Council. A large number of children have put themselves forward so far and we would hope to have more by the deadline of Monday 23rd September. We will be looking to recruit International Ambassadors in the very near future too. Good luck to all of the applicants!

Beat the Street

We welcomed the organisers of Glasgow City Council's recent 'Beat the Street' initiative into our Assemblies last Friday and they announced to a very excited set of pupils that we placed 1st in total points accumulated and 4th in the overall standings. We have been awarded a £400 voucher for Decathlon which is great news. Thank you to all of our pupils and their families for supporting this great initiative during the final term and into the Summer holidays.

I think that is all.

Best Wishes

Andrew Robson
Acting Head Teacher