Dear Parent, Carer,

This is just a little update on a few things.

Firstly school is going well. The children are settled and are working towards our Growth Mindset of trying hard, looking to do better than what they think is their best and not being afraid to make a mistake.

One of the best quotes I have seen recently in this vein is “That to succeed you need a wishbone, a backbone and a funny bone” I am using that as my guide at the moment!

Mrs Naismith is still off school. She will be off for several weeks if not months. P5/6 have done tremendously well in her absence. I am enjoying teaching the Numeracy streaming class which has a lot of P5/6 pupils in it and Mrs Hughes, who would work with this class has ensured their Literacy work continues. Mrs Scott has now joined us and will take this class on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

Mrs Isobel Irving, Support Worker, has joined us on Thursdays and Fridays and she will also be working with P5/6 a lot of the time.

Mrs Samantha McIntosh, an additional support worker supported by Pupils Equity funding, will be joining us at the start of October.

The first few weeks have seen teachers work well in setting up classes, groups and working on children’s learning targets. Mrs Campbell, works on Wednesdays with us and is also supported by Pupils Equity Funding. She has been covering classes as teachers plan for individual children’s needs, discuss their targets and over the next few weeks a series of meeting will be set up with some parents to discuss their child’s progress. If you receive a letter of invitation, please let us know if you cannot make it as this time will then be used to support other children.

Parents’ Night is on Sept 21st. You will have a note requesting your choice of time slot e.g in the band of 3.30-5.30pm or 6pm-8pm. Please return these and teachers will organise their time slots. Thank you.

You will also have received several permission and information forms home recently. Thank you for returning these promptly.

We have 14 children who have paid their deposit for Wiston Lodge Residential Outing. The cost of the outing is £70 and this includes the £10 deposit and £3 pocket money. I am looking forward to going on this outing with the children…..can only hope my old legs get a bit better before then!

Our Parent Council held their AGM recently. The chair for 2017-18 is Mr Colin Campbell and secretary is Mrs Yvonne Crawford. At the meeting a couple of things were raised, one being school uniform. I think the children are looking fabulous in their new shirts and ties. The rest of their uniform should be black if possible i.e black trousers, skirts, pinafores. Uniform should be worn on P.E days.

The Parent Council wonder if any families have good quality items of school uniform their children have grown out of. If so why not hand them into school and these will be in the Conference Room on Parents’ Night. If they fit your child, why not help yourself or even bring something that evening and do a wee swap.

Our new style P.E times are going very well. I myself have been working at the Leisure Centre with P5/6 and they love it. We have got over the teething problems of changing with all children changing before they go. They can take their water with them. The walk and lesson really give the children and staff a good physical workout.

We have been thinking about poor weather and children should come to school on all days dressed for the weather. Only if the rain is very heavy or the pavements unsafe would we not go. However, one avenue I am investigating is the cost of track bottoms/track suits. I will get back to you with my findings.

P1 will be having their Photograph taken by the Gazette on Wed 13th of Sept. This will appear in the paper so best smiles please.
The Flu vaccinations will be taking place on 25th Oct. This is for the whole school. Letter will come home soon.

We have had one family intimate that their child was suffering from headlice. Please check your child’s head regularly and advice leaflets are available from school.

Letter for Parents’ Night and Wellie Walk are out with this update.

Please do not send anything in for Ham and Jam raffle stall. We are not taking part.

Thanks to everyone for a wonderful start to a busy term.

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