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OAKFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL
& NURSERY UNIT

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Monday 2nd September 2019

Welcome back to all

May I take this opportunity to welcome all the children, parents and staff back to what I hope will be a most successful and rewarding year ahead.

Future newsletters

It would be our intention to continue with our newsletters on a fortnightly basis and these will be available to view on our website. A hard copy will be sent home if parental permission for activities is being requested.

P1-P7 parental information sessions

We will again be providing some parental information sessions for parents of children in the primary school. This is to support parents with a brief afternoon session (approx. 15-20 mins.) taken by year group teachers to give an overview of what to expect during the year in terms of approach and areas of learning. Please plan to attend these organised session times in the school hall. Dates and times are as follows:

Primary 1	Friday 13th Sept. 2019	1.30pm
Primary 2	Tuesday 10th Sept. 2019	1.30pm
Primary 3	Thursday 12th Sept. 2019	1.30pm
Primary 4	Monday 9th Sept. 2019	2.30pm
Primary 5	Friday 13th Sept. 2019	2.30pm
Primary 6	Wednesday 11th Sept. 2019	2.30pm
Primary 7	Thursday 12th Sept. 2019	2.30pm

Uniform, punctuality & mobile phones

Having visited all the classes, it is marvellous to see the children exhibit such pride in their school uniform. Please label all new clothing, especially sweatshirts and coats. May I take this opportunity to thank parents for their continued support with regard to uniform. I wish to remind you that the wearing of jewellery including earrings, rings and necklaces is not permitted, for reasons of safety and I would strongly encourage you to support the school on this issue. Mobile phones should not be brought to school. May we also request that children be in school promptly for the 8.55am bell. Morning adult supervision begins in our playgrounds at 8.45am and children should not be on our school grounds before this time unless attending breakfast club.

Car parking & children's safety

May I politely remind all those who leave off and collect children, that the school car park is not to be used for this purpose. We continue to have the use of the Oakfield Community Centre car park and we have a safe footpath which links this car park to the school playgrounds. Please ensure those who collect your children at 2pm and 3pm are made aware of this arrangement.

Arrangements to speak to our teaching staff

The maintenance of a positive relationship with parents/guardians of our pupils is of paramount importance to us. May we respectfully remind all parents that you should firstly call at our school office to arrange to speak to any member of the school staff. Every effort will be made to meet parental requests promptly. Teaching staff are unavailable from 8.55am due to teaching responsibilities.

AQE applications are closing

Parents of Primary 7 pupils wishing their children to take the AQE tests for entry to Grammar schools are reminded that applications should be completed before **Friday 6th September 2019**.

Peanut allergy

Due to a number of our children having being diagnosed with this condition, may I request that parents carefully monitor the foodstuffs being brought to school. No products with any nut traces should be knowingly brought to school e.g. nutella or nussa spread.

Pupil forms

Just a brief reminder that any outstanding pupil information forms should be returned to each child's class teacher by **Tuesday 3rd September 2019**.

Celebrating musical success

We extend our congratulations to the following pupils who successfully completed Associated Board of the Royal School of Music (ABRSM) exams. Our thanks go to Mrs Moore, Mrs Rodgers and Mrs Gul.

Name	Instrument	Grade
SCARLETT WALKER	VIOLIN	02 (Merit)
ANNA HIGGINS	FLUTE	02 (Distinction)

P4 - P7 extra-curricular clubs

With today's parental newsletter, we have also provided an extra-curricular timetable for term 1 and extra-curricular staffing arrangements for these P4-7 clubs. Clubs are due to commence **w/c Monday 23rd September 2019** so please return reply slip by **Thursday 5th September 2019**.

Our extended school day

Breakfast Club is available for P1-P7 pupils from 8.00am each morning in our school canteen. The cost is £2. Our 223 club is available for P2-3 children with P1 children able to access this facility from Monday 18th September 2017. The cost is £3 per session to be booked on a Monday for the week ahead.

Provisional term 1 dates for your diary

1. Parent/teacher interviews : Mon. 21st - Fri.- 25th October 2019 (Pupils finish @ 1pm)
3. P1 - P4 Christmas Shows : Thurs. 5th & Fri. 6th December 2019 @ 9.30am
4. P5 - 7 Carol Service - Sunday 15th December 2019 @ 3pm

Shared Education - Harvest Foodbank & Blythswood Appeals

Please find attached a request to support our joint Shared Education appeals.

Please note that a full holiday list for 2019/2020 is available on our school website.

G. McCluskey (Principal)

School Information for Parents : Oakfield Designated Teacher for Child Protection – Miss L. Gilmour