Cardonald Primary School Newsletter Friday 21st August 2020

I would like to begin by welcoming you all to our first newsletter of the academic year 2020/21. Today marked the end of our first full week back after an extraordinary long time away from school for our children. It has been wonderful to see and hear the classrooms filled with the sound of children, happy and engaged in their learning. A great deal has changed since lockdown and I would like to start by informing you of the changes that have taken place with regard to our staff.

After many years of loyal and dedicated service as a Depute Headteacher at Cardonald Primary School, Mrs Rodriguez has moved on to a new challenge and I am sure everyone would like to send their warmest heartfelt thanks and good wishes to Mrs Rodriguez in her new venture. The school has benefitted in so many ways from the work Mrs Rodriguez has been involved in over the past eighteen years and we look forward to ensuring that this good work will continue to impact positively across the curriculum both inside and outside of the classroom.

We also said farewell to three teachers, Miss Rundell, Miss Kerr and Mr Dhillon who all leave with our best wishes and we thank them for their wonderful contribution over the last academic year.

The management team at Cardonald Primary School now consists of five members of staff. We are delighted to welcome Mrs Mohd as our new Depute Head Teacher with responsibility for Upper School which starts with Primary 5 right up to Primary 7. Congratulations to Mrs King and Mrs Strang on their appointment as Acting Principal Teachers. They will oversee the development of the literacy and numeracy programmes respectively as well as be responsible for the middle school which consists of Primary 4 and Primary 5/4. We are delighted to welcome Mrs Waddell back. Mrs Waddell has moved from DHT of Upper School to the Infant Department consisting of classes from Primary 1 up to Primary 4/3.

During the summer, I was in contact with the Chair of our Parent Council, Mr Jamieson on many occasions as we were very keen to start Phase 1 of a 4 phase project to improve the facilities in all three playgrounds. Before our pupils returned, workers from Kompan came into each playground to add fresh paint markings. More designs will be added and two pieces of apparatus will also be assembled ensuring the playtime experience as well as outdoor learning opportunities are all enhanced. Many thanks to everyone involved in our highly pro-active Parent Council for the wonderful support they continue to offer our school.

In order to protect our school community in these challenging times, may I remind all adults to wear face masks, maintain social distancing at the beginning and end of day and not stay any longer than is necessary at the school entrance areas. It is helpful for all concerned including local residents that we ask any drivers to follow a one-way system around the school. Please take a right hand turn as you enter Angus Oval to ensure traffic flows freely.

Thank you all for your support, patience and understanding during these challenging times. Remember to keep checking our school website for updates and as always, if you have any concerns or questions please do not hesitate to contact me on Headteacher@cardonald-pri.glasgow.sch.uk

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