

Dear Parent and Carers,

I would like to thank you for your patience and support as we come to the end of another busy week of faith, reflection and learning at St. Nicholas' Primary School. Our pupils are settling in well and routines are beginning to be re-established after a peaceful, summer break.

At the end of this newsletter I have provided you with some important dates until the October week. I will ensure this is updated weekly and hope that you can join us at these events to deliver the most effective learning experiences for your children.

Pope Francis Faith Award

During this term, we will be welcoming the Youth Ministries Team from St. Andrew's and St. Joseph's to meet and inspire our Primary 6 children through the Pope Francis Faith Award. This is an excellent opportunity for the children in our school community to engage with their parish and develop their faith through action. Working together with our local parishes, I am excited to see our children participate in their faith journey.

Meet the Teacher Event

Our Meet the Teacher session will be on **Tuesday 17th September from 3.15pm to 4.15pm**. During this session, your child will lead you around the school and visit their class. Teachers will provide you with a newsletter during the session and they will be present to answer any questions that you may have.

Parking is limited at the school so please plan your visit accordingly.

Assemblies

This year, we will be continuing to host a calendar of class assemblies. These assemblies will provide each class with the opportunity to showcase the learning which has taken place in class. This is a brilliant opportunity for you to join us in school and celebrate the successful learning of your child. The calendar of assemblies until the October week can be found at the bottom of this newsletter.

Primary 4 – Primary 7 Reading Cafés

Reading is an essential skill and strong predictor of attainment in our children. As such, a strong reading culture is an important part of our school. I am excited to inform you that each class will participate in a Reading Café throughout the course of the year and urge you to support this opportunity to read with your child.

Each Reading Café will run from 2.15pm until 2.45pm. It will take place in the classroom and one parent/ grandparent is welcome to join us for this event where children will share the book that they have been reading.

The key focus is reading with your family and for pleasure and through our Reading Café, sample a variety of books and discuss the book. Members of staff will be available to support any family members if required.

Rag Bag Collection

This year, we will be participating in the Rag Bag Scheme again. This enables the recycling of clothes and enables us to make a small amount of money for the school based on the weight of the items recycled. A comprehensive list of items that can be recycled can be found here: <https://www.rag-bag.co.uk/what-we-collect.php>. We will accept items that are bagged and handed in to the school office on Tuesday 3rd September 2024 and Wednesday 4th September 2024. Thank you for your ongoing support with this initiative.

Primary 1 Photograph

On Monday 26th August, the Glasgow Times will be coming in to school to take a group photograph of our Primary 1 children. Please ensure children are dressed in school uniform and of course...big smiles!

Date	Event
Monday 26 th August	Primary 1 photographs with Glasgow Times
Tuesday 3 rd and Wednesday 4 th September	Rag Bag Collection
Thursday 5 th September	Parent Association Meeting
Tuesday 17 th September 3.15pm-4.15pm	Meet the Teacher Event
Thursday 19 th September 6pm-7pm	Primary 7 Residential Trip Presentation
Friday 20 th September 2.15pm	Primary 5(2) Class Assembly
Tuesday 24 th September	Primary 5(1) Reading Café
Thursday 26 th September	Parent Association – details to follow
Thursday 26 th September	Primary 7(2) Reading Café
Friday 27 th September	School Closed
Monday 30 th September	School Closed
Tuesday 1 st October 6.30pm-8pm	Parent Council Meeting
Week beginning 8 th October	Parent Meetings – details to follow
Friday 11 th October	School closed to pupils
Monday 21 st October	Pupils return/ Primary 7 trip to Lockerbie

If you have any questions about ongoing events, please contact the school office on 0141 955 2222 or office@st-nicholas.e-dunbarton.sch.uk.

Kind regards,

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