

Our vision – to inspire a community of faith and learning built on our Gospel values to reach their God-given potential.

Dear Parent and Carers,

This week has been another exciting and busy week of learning at St. Nicholas' Primary School as our routines become re-established following the summer break. It was great to see our Primary 1s ready and smiling for their photograph which will soon be in the Glasgow Times.

As ever, this time of year is a busy one for school staff, as well as parents, as we settle back in to delivering fantastic learning experiences for our children. This has resulted in a few changes to dates at the end of the newsletter. Please pay attention to the changes to dates in bold.

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,

Martyn Glancy

Acting Head Teacher

Primary 1 Welcome Mass

Our annual Primary 1 welcome mass will be arranged shortly. As Fr Mackle and Fr Currie prepare to move on from the parishes of St. Andrew's and St. Joseph's, we prepare to welcome Fr Lyons and Fr Maloney to our community. The Primary 1 welcome mass will be arranged once our new priests have taken up these roles. I would like to wish them all the very best in their respective parishes and we will ensure they feel very welcome within our community.

First Friday Mass – Friday 6th September at 10am

We will be celebrating mass at St. Andrew's Parish Church. Our Primary 7 children will have the opportunity to worship together with the local parishioners. All parents are invited to join us. Thank you to Fr Mackle and St. Andrew's Parish for accommodating us.

P1 Numeracy Event – Friday 6th September (1.45pm-2.30pm)

This event will provide Primary 1 parents with the opportunity to learn about the resources we use to teach numeracy and how you can support your child at home. We look forward to welcoming you to the school.

Free School Meals and Free Clothing Grant

We recognise that circumstances can change very quickly for families. You can check if you are entitled to free school meals and free clothing grant by clicking on this link.

<https://www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk/residents/schools-and-learning/grants/school-clothing-grant>

Where your child receives free lunches as part of the Scottish Government's scheme for Primary 1 – Primary 5 children, and you still meet the criteria for Free School Meals/ Clothing Grant, I would urge you to apply if you have not already done so.

Respect

Honesty

Forgiveness

Achieving

Please contact me at the school if you have any questions about this.

Staffing Update

I am delighted to inform you that we have appointed a new Classroom Assistant. Ms Davidson will begin with us shortly. I'm sure you will join me in welcoming her to our team.

Change of dates for PA events (AGM and disco)

Please note that there is a change in dates for the Parent Association events. These are indicated below in bold. Please pay particular attention to the date of the first school disco.

Parent Council Meeting AGM

The date for the Parent Council AGM will be finalised shortly. I will inform you of this date next week. This is a change from the date which was in last weeks newsletter.

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.

Date	Event
Tuesday 3 rd and Wednesday 4 th September	Rag Bag Collection https://www.rag-bag.co.uk/what-we-collect.php
Thursday 12th September	Parent Association – Glow and Dance Disco
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	Primary 7(2) Reading Café
Friday 27 th September	School Closed
Monday 30 th September	School Closed
Thursday 3rd October	Parent Association - AGM
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