

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 one of celebration and goodbyes. We celebrated Fr Mackle's time within St. Andrew's Parish and thanked him for his work to support the development of our faith community at St. Nicholas' Primary. He will forever be a part of our school community and we wish him well in his new parish.

We also welcomed the youth ministry from the Parish to speak to all of our Primary 6 pupils about the Pope Francis Faith Award and the relationship between our school and the local parishes. I am grateful that our children will have this opportunity to engage with their parish and continue to develop their faith.

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

Parent Association – Glow and Dance Disco

Next week, we are excited to support our Parent Association who will be hosting their first disco of the term. The theme of the disco is glow and dance! For more information, please see the leaflet attached.

Wider Achievement Assembly

At St. Nicholas' Primary School, an important part of our ethos is to celebrate the God-given talents of our community. On Friday 13th September we will be celebrating our first wider achievements assembly. If you have any wider achievements that your child has had success with beyond school, please let us know by emailing the school office with a picture, if possible, at office@st-nicholas.e-dunbarton.sch.uk.

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.

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

Staffing Update

I am excited to inform you that Mrs Jen Wright will take up the post of Acting Principal Teacher when Mrs Angela Paul begins her maternity leave next week, 11th September. This is an exciting time for both members of staff as Mrs Wright continues to develop in a leadership role and Mrs Paul welcomes a new addition to her family.

This week, we also interviewed for our vacant clerical assistant post. The successful candidate was Mrs Lyndsay Grieve. Mrs Grieve will work in the school office each Monday, Tuesday and Friday morning. I'm sure you will join me in welcoming Mrs Grieve into our community of faith and learning when she takes up her new post.

Parent Council Meeting AGM

The date for the Parent Council AGM has been finalised as Tuesday 1st October. The meeting will begin at 6.30pm until 8pm and it will take place at Bearsden Academy.

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
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
Tuesday 1st October 6.30pm-8pm	Parent Council AGM at Bearsden Academy
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