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Dear Parent and Carers,

Thank you for your ongoing support and engagement at parent events over the last few weeks. These are invaluable experiences where we have the opportunity to work in partnership with our families to ensure the best outcomes for all our children.

I was delighted to see our Reading Cafés in action with two held this week and last week we had a fabulous assembly from our Primary 5(2) class who taught us about the world of mathematics. This demonstrated great work from all involved!

I am delighted to have spoken to Fr. Lyons this week. Once he has settled in to his new parish, we will welcome him into our school community.

As we approach the September weekend, may I remind you that the school is closed on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September and Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September. We will reopen to pupils on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October at 9am.

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](mailto:office@st-nicholas.e-dunbarton.sch.uk).

Kind regards,

Martyn Glancy

**Acting Head Teacher**

### ***First Friday Mass at St. Joseph's***

Our next mass will take place on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October at St. Joseph's Parish Church. Our Primary 5 classes will be involved in the celebration of mass. If you are able to come along and worship with us, please do. Mass begins at 9.30am and will be celebrated by Fr. Lyons.

### ***Parents Evening***

Parent Evening meetings appointments are now live on Parent Portal. These appointments take place on **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October (5pm – 7.30pm)** and **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October (3.15pm-5.45pm)**. Our teachers are looking forward to discussing your child's progress at these meetings.

### ***Parent Council Meeting AGM***

I can now confirm that the Parent Council AGM will take place on **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October** at Bearsden Academy. The meeting will begin at 6.30pm with the office bearers selected and then we will have our first meeting of the new term. The meeting will close around 8pm.

### ***Parent Association Meeting and AGM***

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This meeting will be held in Bearsden Academy on **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October at 6.30pm – 8.30pm**. All are welcome. If you require more information, please contact the school office where we will be able to pass your details to the Parent Association Chairperson.

### **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.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	School Closed
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	School Closed
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Parent Association AGM at Bearsden Academy – 6.30pm-8pm
<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>First Friday Mass at St. Joseph's with Primary 5 – 9.30am</b>
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	Season of Creation Event at St Andrew's Parish – 6pm
<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Parent Council AGM at Bearsden Academy – 6.30pm-8pm</b>
<b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Parent Meetings 5pm-7.30pm</b>
<b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Parent Meetings 3.15pm-5.45pm</b>
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	School closed to pupils
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Pupils return/ Primary 7 trip to Lockerbie
<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>School photographs with John Wilson Photography</b>