

Dear Parent and Carers,

I hope you all had an enjoyable and relaxing September weekend. This short week has culminated in another opportunity for our community to come together to celebrate and worship together at First Friday Mass.

Thank you to our Primary 5 pupils, Fr John and the parish of St. Joseph's who have led this opportunity for our community.

Next week, parents evening meetings will take place on Tuesday and Thursday. Please be aware that meetings will take place in the school hall. To ensure appointments run on time I would politely ask parents to arrive shortly before your allocated meeting time. There will be a seated area for you to wait in the school hall.

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**

### ***Service to recognise the Season of Creation – Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 6pm***

On Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October, the parishes of St. Joseph's and St. Andrew's will be hosting a service to recognise the Season of Creation at 6pm. This will take place at St. Andrew's Parish Church together with the Youth Ministries Group. Some of our Primary 6 and Primary 7 pupils will be reading at this service and all of our pupils have contributed a coloured hand to create a display symbolic of the Season of Creation.

This service is open to all families and the wider community.

### ***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***

All parents should now have an appointment for our forthcoming Parents Evening. These meetings will take place in the school hall on **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October (5pm – 7.30pm)** and **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October (3.15pm-5.45pm)**. During the meeting, our teachers will discuss your child's progress and the next steps in their learning.

*Our vision – to inspire a community of Faith and Learning built on our Gospel values to enable everyone to reach their God-given potential.*

### **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.

### **School Photographs**

John Wilson Photography will be in school on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October. They will be taking individual photographs of all children, family group photos and a class photo for Primary 1 and Primary 7 only on this occasion.

### **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.

Date	Event
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent Council AGM at Bearsden Academy – 6.30pm-8pm
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent Meetings 5pm-7.30pm
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent Meetings 3.15pm-5.45pm
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	School closed to pupils
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Pupils return/ Primary 7 trip to Lockerbie
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October	School photographs with John Wilson Photography
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Primary 6 All Saints Retreat
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Achievement Assembly
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	P4 Reading Café 2.15pm-2.45pm
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Primary 6 (2) Class Assembly 2.15pm-2.45pm
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	PTA Christmas Fair St Joseph's Church Hall 11am – 1pm