

Dear Parent and Carers,

As we approach the October break, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all pupils, families and staff for your hard work and dedication to our school since August. The term has seen many changes across both the school, our parish and community however, with most positions now filled we can begin to look forward to next term with excitement.

Some of the changes in our staffing have been accompanied with new additions to our St. Nicholas' family. Mrs McNair, Mrs Muchan and Mrs Paul have all welcomed new babies in to their families in recent weeks. I am delighted to inform you that all mothers and babies are doing very well.

The end of a busy term can require a celebration and this week we celebrated with Fr. Currie at mass and each class sang a song that reminds us of him. This was a celebration of a wonderful man, whom has dedicated his life to God and left a lasting impact on the communities of St. Joseph's Primary, St. Nicholas' Primary and his local parish in Milngavie. Thank you Fr. Currie for your service and commitment! You have shown us a good way live!

Finally, have a wonderful October break and we look forward to seeing the children on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2024.

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

**Head Teacher**

### ***Primary 7 Lockerbie Trip***

Parents are reminded that children should come in to school gym hall on Monday morning with their suitcase. Parents are welcome to join us in the hall. I would politely request that all children are in the hall for no later than 9.10am to enable staff to complete final checks ahead of the trip. The bus will leave St. Nicholas' at 9.30am.

### ***Parent Teacher Association (PTA)***

Our Parent Association has now been reconstituted to a Parent Teacher Association following their AGM. Minutes of that meeting will be available on our website shortly. Please note that there will be a PTA fundraising event on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December at St. Joseph's Church Hall. This will begin at 11am until 1pm and will be focus on fundraising efforts to support our school. There will be a variety of stalls and activities. I would urge you to come along if you can to support our fundraising efforts.

### ***Parent Council Meeting Dates***

The Parent Council dates for session 2024/25 have now been agreed. Meetings will take place at Bearsden Academy beginning at 6.30pm-8pm on the following dates:

- Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2024
- Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2025
- Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2025
- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2025

### ***Parent Council Office Bearers and Representatives***

After the Parent Council AGM, the roles of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson were voted in by the members. Mrs Janine Peck will take on the role of Chairperson and Mrs Aura Murphy will become the Vice Chairperson.

I would like to thank our outgoing Chairperson, Mrs Rachael McDonald for her service to the school in this role.

Each class also has a parent representative. I have listed these representatives below:

- Maeve Gilsenan - P1
- Nicholas Henry - P1/2
- Julie Milligan – P2
- Jaqui Martin - P3
- Sinead McCreadie - P3
- Janine Peck - P4
- Aura Murphy - P5(1)
- Alison Low - P5(2)
- Martin Paton - P6(1)
- Anne Quinn - P6(2)
- Rebecca McGarry - 7(1)
- Aisling Loch - 7/2

Parent representatives are in place to ensure each class has a parent voice.

### ***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
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 First Friday Mass and All Saints Retreat at St. Andrew's
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Achievement Assembly
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>P1 and P7 Dental Inspections</b>
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
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Forth Road Bridge Trip</b>
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	<b>Primary 7 (1) Class Assembly 2.15pm-2.45pm</b>
<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December</b>	<b>Christmas Fayre at St. Joseph's Church Hall 11am – 1pm</b>