

Dear Parent and Carers,

Before we finished for the October break, our school said a 'see you later' to Fr. Currie with a Mass and celebration of songs that he enjoyed. Our children and staff made this a joyous occasion that exemplified the essence of our school community – love, care and gratitude. Mrs Murray was pivotal in coordinating this celebration. I would like to thank her for this. Father Currie will be forever part of the legacy of our school and we are grateful for his spiritual support and his work to support the development of our faith community.

It was lovely to see all our children again after a relaxing break. For our Primary 7 pupils, this has been a hectic week as they headed to Lockerbie on Monday morning for an action packed week of outdoor activities. The children have represented our school brilliantly!

Miss McDougall has had an exciting October break too! She celebrated her wedding and will now be known as Mrs Robertson.

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**

### ***School Photographs – Reminder!***

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.

### ***P1 Enrolment for Session 25/26***

**School Registration – Open Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November until Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2024 inclusive.**

School registration for children that are aged 5 years old between 1 March 2025 and the last day of February 2026 will open on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November until Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2024 inclusive. Parents/Carers should register children for school, even if they may also wish to apply for a deferred entry year in early learning and childcare. Further information and the link to register can be found on the East Dunbartonshire Council website: <https://www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk/residents/schools-and-learning/primary-school-registration#>.

Parents of prospective Primary 1 pupils are invited to a walk round on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at 3.15pm.**

We look forward to welcoming you to our school.

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

Our Parent Association has now been reconstituted to a Parent Teacher Association following their AGM. Minutes of that meeting are available on our website. 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 Racheal 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.

### **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 28 <sup>th</sup> October	School photographs with John Wilson Photography
<b>Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October</b>	<b>Halloween Dress down/ Dress up – see letter that was issued for more information</b>
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
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	P1 and P7 Dental Inspections
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
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	Forth Road Bridge Trip
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Primary 7 (1) Class Assembly 2.15pm-2.45pm
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Christmas Fayre at St. Joseph's Church Hall 11am – 1pm