

Dear Parent and Carers,

Thank you for your support to ensure the children were well presented for their school pictures. There were lots of smiles on the day and I am sure the pictures will be well received by those who wish to purchase them.

With today being a holiday of obligation, our Primary 6 pupils have been celebrating first Friday Mass at St. Andrew's before participating in their All Saints Day retreat. Each child has chosen a Saint to learn about in preparation for the retreat. In school, we celebrated All Saints Day with Fr. John. These are fantastic learning opportunities that enrich the faith development of our pupils.

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**

***P1 Welcome Mass – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November at 1.30pm***

All Primary 1 parents are invited to join us for the P1 Welcome Mass. Our children will be leading this service with Fr. John, Parish Priest from St. Joseph's. Mass will begin at 1.30pm in our gym hall.

***Achievement Assembly – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November***

Our Achievement Assembly, which was scheduled for today, will be postponed as we will be celebrating Mass on Friday afternoon. Any achievements that have been sent to the school office will be carried forward to our next Achievement Assembly.

***Outdoor Classroom Day – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November***

The Outdoor Learning and Playground Leadership Groups are delighted to announce that we will be taking part in Global Outdoor Classroom Day on Thursday 7th November. Every class will take part in some fun outdoor experiences that day (details to follow). Children can come to school wearing comfortable, warm, waterproof clothing for learning outdoors. Every child will spend part of their day enjoying being outdoors (and possibly getting dirty due to our 'lovely' Scottish weather).

***School Show/ Nativity***

Dates and times for the School Show/ Nativity will be published in due course.

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### **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.

### **St. Andrew's Parish Crafternoon – Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**

The Crafternoon event is taking place at St. Andrew's Parish Church Hall from 2.15pm until 4.45pm. There will be activities for children including Hama Beads, Loom Bands, Bracelets and Air Dry Clay. There will also be activities for adults involving knitting, stitching, basic jewellery, yoga, IT skills, flower arranging, the Men's Shed, photography craft activities, sustainable art, and Bearsden Bloom for adults.

If interested in attending, please turn up on the day or contact

### **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
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	P1 Welcome Mass 1.30pm
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	P1 and P7 Dental Inspections
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Outdoor Classroom Day
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	P4 Reading Café 2.15pm-2.45pm
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Primary 6 (2) Class Assembly

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	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
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent Council Meeting at Bearsden Academy 6.30pm-8pm
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Christmas Fayre at St. Joseph's Church Hall 11am – 1pm
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Advent Confessions in school for pupils
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Advent Confessions in school for pupils
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Feast of St. Nicholas
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Advent Confessions in school for pupils
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Advent Confessions in school for pupils
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	School closes at 2.30pm