

Dear Parent and Carers,

As the term, is now in full swing, we have seen exciting learning opportunities over the last week. Outdoor Classroom Day provided our children with the opportunity to learn and have fun outdoors. This was embraced by all children and teachers which was lovely to see!

We welcomed all of our Primary 1 pupils and their families to our Welcome Mass on Tuesday 5th November. This was a joyous occasion with the children singing the hymns beautifully and the siblings of our new children reading wonderfully. Well done to everyone!

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.

Kind regards,

Martyn Glancy

Head Teacher

Anti-bullying Week – 11th November – 15th November

Next week, all classes will be participating in activities to raise awareness and promote a bullying-free school. This fits well with our value of respect. Our Rights Respecting Schools committee have decided that they would like us all to take part in Odd Socks Day on Tuesday 12th November. Children should come to school in their uniform and a set of odd socks.

To raise awareness of this event, all children will be creating posters which have an anti-bullying theme. When you are in the school, please look out for these posters and see what our children have been learning about.

School Show/ Nativity

We can now confirm that our School Show performances will take place on Tuesday 17th December and Thursday 19th December. Each date will consist of a 1.30pm matinee performance and an evening performance at 7pm.

Information on how to purchase tickets for this event will be purchased in due course. This year we are trialling a new approach to the cost of tickets. We are suggesting a £2 donation per ticket.

	Classes Performing Nativity	Classes Performing 'Christmas at the Movies'
Tuesday 17 th December - 1.30pm	P1 and P3	P5.1, P6.1, P7.1
Tuesday 17 th December – 7pm	P1 and P3	P5.1, P6.1, P7.1
Thursday 19 th December – 1.30pm	P1/2 and p2	P4, P5.2, p6.2, P7.2
Thursday 19 th December – 7pm	P1/2 and p2	P4, P5.2, p6.2, P7.2

P1 and Enrolment for Session 25/26

School Registration – Open Friday 1st November until Saturday 30th 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 1st November until Saturday 30th 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 15th November 2024 at 3.15pm.

We look forward to welcoming you to our school.

S1 Registration for session 25/26

School Registration – Open Friday 1st November until Saturday 30th November 2024 inclusive.

Parents are asked to register their child for secondary school. This can be completed by clicking on the following link.

<https://www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk/services/a-z-of-services/primary-secondary-and-early-years-education/secondary-school/secondary-school-registration/>

Please note that any parents who will be submitting a placing request will be able to do so from January 2025.

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 19 th November	Forth Road Bridge Trip
Friday 22 nd November	Primary 7 (1) Class Assembly 2.15pm-2.45pm
Tuesday 26 th November	Parent Council Meeting at Bearsden Academy

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

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