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Dear Parent and Carers,

This week, we had the pleasure of welcoming representatives from both parishes in to our school to discuss our school vision, values and aims and to chat about how we can work as a community to achieve this. I am grateful for the opportunity to discuss and strengthen this partnership.

Following the meeting, we welcomed families to the school to discuss preparations for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Finally, I would like to gently remind families that school uniform should be worn at all times. This consists of a green St. Nicholas sweater/cardigan, white shirt/ polo, grey trousers/skirt.

On gym days, children can come to school in their PE kit, however, this should consist of a St. Nicholas school sweater.

School uniform is an essential part of our ethos and identity at St. Nicholas' Primary.

For any families requiring items of pre-loved school uniform, please contact the school office.

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

Forthcoming Temporary Changes at St. Nicholas' Primary

From August 2025, St Nicholas' Primary School will temporarily welcome Primary 1- Primary 3 pupils from Milngavie Primary School.

Over the coming months, our school will work with Milngavie Primary School, East Dunbartonshire Council and the Archdiocese of Glasgow to ensure that St. Nicholas' Primary School will continue to deliver excellent faith and learning experiences in the next academic session.

P7 Parent Confirmation Meeting – Thursday 30th January at 6.30pm

We are delighted to welcome both priests and parents to this meeting to discuss the plan for forthcoming Confirmations. Please come to the school gym hall at 6.25pm. The meeting will begin at 6.30pm.

SFA Football Sessions

We have been able to secure a 10 week block of SFA football sessions for children from Primary 1 – Primary 4. These sessions will take place throughout the school day and will take place on the pitch so children should bring appropriate clothing to school.

In addition to this, our Primary 5 children will participate in an after-school football club (3pm-4pm). Again, children should bring appropriate clothing for playing outside on the pitch. I would politely request that children wear only international football tops to the after-school session.

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The sessions will begin on Tuesday 21st January and run until Tuesday 1st April.

Attendance

Research shows that attendance at school is essential to ensuring children achieve their potential. Attendance below 90% can have a detrimental impact on pupil progress. Over the coming weeks, the school will be reviewing attendance and looking to support families where this is identified as being low. Our aim is to work with families, where this is the case, to improve attendance.

Coffee Morning at St. Andrew's Upper Hall – Sunday 19th January 2025

Please come along and join the parish community in the upper hall after 10 am Mass, for tea, coffee and some delicious home baking. This month the Caritas Group will be present and will be raising funds for SCIAF.

£134.20 was raised at December's Coffee Morning for St Nicholas Care Fund, many thanks.

Primary 7 Leavers Mass – change of date!

Please note the provisional change of date for the Primary 7 Leavers Mass. This is now provisionally planned for Thursday 19th June. The date and time will be confirmed in due course.

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.

Key Dates

January and February 2025

Date	Event
Tuesday 21 st January	SFA Football begins
Thursday 30 th January at 6.30pm	First Confirmation meeting with parents in gym hall – Fr. John and Fr. Michael
Friday 24 th January	Achievement Assembly
Tuesday 28 th January at 2.15pm	P6.2 Reading Café

Respect

Honesty

Forgiveness

Achieving

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Tuesday 28 th January at 6.30pm-8pm	Parent Council Meeting at Bearsden Academy
Friday 31 st January at 2.15pm	P2 Class Assembly
Tuesday 4 th February at 2.15pm	P5.2 Reading Café
Thursday 6 th February at 6.30pm	First Communion Parent Meeting with Fr. Michael and Fr. John.
Friday 7 th February at 9.30am	First Friday Mass with P7 at St. Joseph's
Friday 7 th February at 2.15pm	P7.2 Assembly
Thursday 13 th February at 2.15pm	P7.1 Reading Café
Friday 14 th February at 2.15pm	P6.1 Assembly
Friday 28 th February	Achievement Assembly