

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

Dear Parent and Carers,

On Saturday, our Primary 3 pupils will be participating in their First Confession. As this is an important part of their faith development, I would ask that all members of our community keep the children in your thoughts and prayers on this part of their faith journey.

As we approach the end of this term, may I remind you that school closes at 2.30pm on Friday 4th April. The school will re-open on Tuesday 22nd April at 9am. May I take this opportunity to thank all pupils and staff for their hard work and commitment to learning this term.

As the warmer weather approaches and our days are filled with more sunlight, may I wish all our families a lovely Easter break.

I recognise that some families will be celebrating different religious festivals over the next few weeks too. So whether you are celebrating Eid or simply enjoying time with family and friends, on behalf of all our staff, have a relaxing holiday.

I'd also like to gently remind all families that information about the forthcoming decant of Milngavie Primary into our school building can be found on our website. East Dunbartonshire Council has produced a Frequently Asked Questions document regarding the forthcoming decant. This can be accessed on our school website (<http://www.st-nicholas.e-dunbarton.sch.uk/news/milngavie-primary-school-decant-faqs/>). The Parent Council will be meeting with officials from East Dunbartonshire Council in due course to discuss the proposal.

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

Parents Evening

Parents Evening will take place on Tuesday 1st April at 5pm – 7.30pm and Thursday 3rd April at 3.15pm – 5.45pm.

Parents will have the opportunity to view their child's jotters on this occasion. These will be available in your child's classroom and can be viewed before or after your appointment time. Our management team will be on hand to direct you around the school if required.

Lent – The Wee Box

During Lent, we will raise money for SCIAF through the Wee Box scheme. Each class will have a Wee Box should any family have loose change/pennies that they would like to donate to this worthy cause. Please send any pennies into school with your child.

God's Loving Plan – Health Lessons

Over this term and next term, classes will be learning from our health curriculum – God's Loving Plan. To ensure you can support your child, I would ask that you click on the link to information about this resource: <http://www.st-nicholas.e-dunbarton.sch.uk/media/14248/gods-loving-plan-vocabulary-guide.pdf>

This link provides an overview of the content of the lessons and key vocabulary that will be used as part of the learning.

Internet Safety

Internet Safety is something that adults can find challenging due to the fast pace of change around social media and wider technology. In school, PC Toner has spoken to the upper school about these issues. We also held a parent information session which feedback suggested the information shared was enlightening, concerning but very useful to be informed about these areas.

Below I have attached some links that may be of further use to support you in understanding and supporting your child should they be accessing the internet or social media.

- NSPCC Staying Safe Online
<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>
- UK Safer Internet Centre
<https://saferinternet.org.uk/>
- Report Harmful Content
<https://reportharmfulcontent.com/child/>
- Snapchat Safety Centre
Support.snapchat.com

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.

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.

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Please contact me at the school if you have any questions about this.

Key Dates

Date	Event
Tuesday 1 st April	Parents Evening 5pm-7.30pm
Thursday 3 rd April	Parents Evening 3.15pm – 5.45pm
Friday 4 th April	School closes at 2.30pm
Tuesday 22 nd April	Parent Council Meeting 6.30pm-8pm at Bearsden Academy
Tuesday 29 th April - time tbc	Confirmations at St Andrew's
Friday 2 nd May	First Friday Mass with Primary 6 at St. Joseph's
Tuesday 6 th May	School closed to pupils – INSERVICE DAY
Thursday 8 th May	Careers Morning
Friday 9 th May	P3 Assembly at 2.15pm
Friday 16 th May	P1/2 Assembly at 2.15pm
Sunday 11 th May at 12pm	First Holy Communion at St. Andrew's
Sunday 18 th May at 11.30am	First Holy Communion at St. Joseph's
Thursday 29 th May at 1.30pm	Ascension Thursday Mass at St. Nicholas' with P2 Parents
Friday 30 th May	Sports Day P5-7 at 9.30am-11am P1-P4 at 1.30pm – 2.45pm
Friday 6 th June	P1 Assembly at 2.15pm
Thursday 19 th June – time TBC	P7 Leavers Mass