

Dear Parent and Carers,

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

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 on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April to ask questions on behalf of our school community.

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**

### ***Lifeline Online Safety Session – Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May***

Internet Safety is something that adults can find challenging due to the fast pace of change around social media and wider technology.

We have a parent information session on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May at 6pm. I would urge all families to attend.

Please complete this form if you are planning to attend.

<https://forms.office.com/e/xR4w7EfBRu>

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/>

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- Snapchat Safety Centre  
Support.snapchat.com

### ***Lent – The Wee Box***

Thank you for all contributions to the Wee Box during Lent. I will inform you of the final, total amount as soon as we have this.

### ***PTA Fundraising***

On behalf of our school community, I would like to pass on my gratitude to the PTA for organising and running the Spring raffle. This was a huge success raising just under £950. Thank you for all your contributions.

Also, a huge thank you to those who donated prizes.

The remaining prizes can be collected from the school office.

### ***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.

### ***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.

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

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### **Key Dates**

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