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Dear Parent and Carers,

We begin our whole school focus on Gospel values this week. Each class will nominate one child to receive a certificate for demonstrating a Gospel value throughout the week. These certificates will exemplify our children living their faith every day in our school community. Keep an eye out for your child bringing home one of our Gospel values certificates!

This week has been an immensely proud one for our school staff as we witnessed our Primary 7 children receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Our children led the Mass beautifully and we are grateful for the support offered by sponsors and families. We witnessed a wonderful celebration of our Faith and community.

Our Primary 4 children have been preparing for their First Holy Communion. This will take place during the month of May. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers and reflections at this time.

As the Cardinals prepare to enter the Conclave to elect a new Pope, we will be praying in school for those involved in this process. Below, you will find a prayer to support you with praying at home with your child and family at this time.

**Finally, please note that that school will be closed to children on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May. It will reopen to children on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May at 9am.**

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**

### **Parent Views on St. Nicholas' Primary**

At this time in the school year, I am keen to seek parent views on areas of our school you feel are working well and areas you would like us to focus our improvements on. I have attached a brief survey below to enable all parents to provide us with feedback by clicking on the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/e/R2WUzrrWjs>

This link will be open until Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May.

### **Praying as a Family**

Prayers for the election of a new Pope:

*O God, eternal shepherd,  
who govern your flock with unfailing care,  
grant in your boundless fatherly love a pastor for your Church*

*Respect*

*Honesty*

*Forgiveness*

*Achieving*

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*who will please you by his holiness and to us show watchful care.*

*Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,*

*who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,*

*one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

### ***Lifelink 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.

So far, we have 58 families and around 100 adults who have indicated that they plan to attend. This is an excellent response, thank you!

Please complete this form if you wish 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/>
- Snapchat Safety Centre

Support.snapchat.com

### ***Careers Morning***

Mrs Robertson and our Pupil Leadership Group have organised a careers morning on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May. Thank you to those parents who are joining us to speak to the children about their job and the skills they use every day. We look forward to seeing you.

### ***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.

### **Key Dates**

| Date                                      | Event   |
|---|---|
| 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<br>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<br>P5-7 at 9.30am-11am<br>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   |