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Dear Parent and Carers,

Last Friday, our first group of children were awarded certificates for demonstrating the Gospel values throughout the week. Each class teacher nominated one child to receive a certificate. These certificates exemplify our children living their faith every day in our school community. This will become a feature at our weekly assemblies.

This Sunday, 11th May, at the parish of St. Andrew's, our first group of pupils will receive the sacrament of Holy Communion. Their First Holy Communion Mass begins at 12pm. Please join us at mass if you can to support our pupils and families as the children receive this sacrament. We would be grateful if you could keep the children and their families in your prayers and reflections at this special time.

Following the election of Pope Leo XIV, we will be saying prayers in school for him in his duty as the leader of our Church. Please pray for him in this leadership role as he guides our spiritual guidance and faith during his papacy. Below, you will find a prayer to support you with praying at home with your child and family at this time.

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

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 14th May.

Praying as a Family

Prayer for Pope Leo XIV:

Faithful God,
You guide us on the path of life
and your goodness is our constant companion.

Be with our new Shepherd, Pope Leo XIV,
in his service of the Church.
Fill him with the power of your Spirit,
the peace of your presence
and the compassion of Christ.

Respect

Honesty

Forgiveness

Achieving

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May he walk with you,
in wisdom and humility,
and lead us, together with all God's people,
to embody your love for the world.
Amen.

Big Numeracy Breakfast

To mark National Numeracy Day (21st of May), we will be hosting 4 "Big Numeracy Breakfast" family learning sessions across the week. These will be aimed at our primary 4 – primary 7 families.

On the day, numeracy challenges and breakfast will be provided.

The sessions will take place on the following dates:

- P7- Monday 19th May @ 8.30am
- P5- Tuesday 20th May @ 8.30am
- P4- Wednesday 21st May @ 8.30am
- P6- Thursday 22nd May @ 8.30am

Please complete the form if you can attend.

<https://forms.office.com/e/bJ3ntLyMmu>

If you require further information about these sessions, please contact the school office.

Lifelink Online Safety Session

We are grateful to Lindsey at Lifelink who delivered a thought-provoking and informative online safety session to parents this week.

Lindsey has asked that those in attendance complete the evaluation form by clicking on the link. This will enable Lifelink to plan future sessions.

<https://forms.office.com/e/FmDWEmi755>

Lindsey has also provided an extensive list of online support resources and ideas. This form is attached to this email.

Careers Morning

Mrs Robertson and our Pupil Leadership Group organised a careers morning this week.

Thank you to all our presenters for giving up their time and knowledge to speak with our children. These experiences are important to give our children an awareness of how the skills they are learning in school can be used within a real-life context.

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 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
Monday 19 th May @ 8.30am	P7 Numeracy Breakfast
Tuesday 20 th May @ 8.30am	P5 Numeracy Breakfast
Wednesday 21 st May @ 8.30am	P4 Numeracy Breakfast
Thursday 22 nd May @ 8.30am	P6 Numeracy Breakfast
Friday 23 rd May	School Closed
Monday 26 th May	School Closed
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

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	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