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Dear Parent and Carers,

Last Sunday saw the remaining First Communicants receive Communion in a lovely service at St. Joseph's Parish Church. Our gratitude goes to the children who represented our school beautifully and their families for your ongoing support within the school and parish.

Many staff members have contributed to the preparations, ensuring the children knew what to expect on the day. Thank you to the class teachers – Mrs Orr and Mrs Fraser – as well as to Mrs Murray for overseeing the planning of the services.

Mrs Orr and Mrs Wright, in their role as Catechists, have ensured strong links between school and parish in these preparations – thank you. On the day, several members of staff gave up their time to celebrate this memorable milestone within our community. Thank you for your commitment to our community!

A special mention must go to Moira English. Moira is an exceptional person who has given many hours to support our school in the planning and organising of the sacraments. Her work to support both school and parish resulted in a smooth service on the day. For this, we are grateful.

Finally, thank you to Fr. John and Fr. Michael for supporting the children and ensuring a memorable and enjoyable spiritual experience on the day.

On Sunday 1st June at 10am, a Thanksgiving Mass will take place at St. Andrew's Parish Church followed by a party in the Upper Halls for all First Communicants, their siblings and parents.

Our numeracy breakfasts took place this week and there was an excellent turnout. We hope you found these sessions useful as you explored maths resources and challenges with the children...and I hear the pain au chocolate and pancakes were especially popular! Please look out for the evaluation that helps us with planning these events in the future.

May I take this opportunity to remind you that school is closed on Friday 23rd May and Monday 26th May for the May weekend.

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

Praying as a Family

We continue to pray this week for our new Pope.

Prayer our new Pope XIV:

Faithful God,

Respect

Honesty

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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

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.

Laudato Si Rosary – Sunday 25th May at 4.30pm

“There are no lasting changes without cultural changes...and no cultural changes without personal changes”

(Laudato Deum 70)

St. Andrew's Parish Church is hosting Rosary as part of their Laudato Si week on Sunday 25th May. This will begin at 4.30pm. Everyone is welcome to join the

As the parish recognises Laudato Si Week (24th-31st May), they have a variety of challenges. Their challenge sheet is attached.

Please note: children are not required for readings at the Rosary despite previous communications. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Ascension Thursday – Thursday 29th May

As a holiday of obligation, our Primary 2 children will lead the school at our Ascension Thursday Mass. This mass will take place in our school gym hall and will begin at 1.30pm sharp. Primary 2 parents are encouraged to join us for prayer and worship.

Sports Day – Friday 30th May

Our Sports Day will continue the format of previous years. It will be organised as follows:

- P5-7 at 9.30am-11am
- P1-P4 at 1.30pm – 2.45pm

Hopefully, the weather will be kind to us and we would be delighted to welcome parent spectators to this event.

PTA Summer Disco – Thursday 5th June

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Our PTA are hosting their final event this session on Thursday 5th June. The Summer Disco is a fantastic way to draw a busy school year to a close. The cost is £3 and can be purchased through the PTA.

The disco times are as follows:

- P1-P4 at 6.15pm – 7.15pm
- P5-P7 at 7.30pm-8.30pm

God's Loving Plan – Health Lessons

Over this 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 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 P1-P4 at 1.30pm – 2.45pm

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Thursday 5 th June	PTA Summer Disco
Friday 6 th June	P1 Assembly at 2.15pm
Thursday 19 th June – 6.30pm	P7 Leavers Mass