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Dear Parent and Carers,

After two full weeks of being in school, I am delighted to let you know that our children and staff have settled in well to their new classes and routines. With our Meet the Teacher event taking place this week, it was lovely to welcome families in to the building for the first time in this academic year. I hope this visit was informative, reassuring and enjoyable. To provide feedback on this session click on the link:

<https://forms.office.com/e/AY0t0g6LyJ>

Alternatively click on this QR code:



I would like to remind parents and grandparents that the new traffic restrictions regarding parking on the kerb came in to effect in East Dunbartonshire on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September. The school has also received communication from residents on Ledi Drive about unsafe parking. I would politely request that consideration is given to the safety of our pupils.

For more information about the changes to parking restrictions, please click on this link

<https://www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk/services/a-z-of-services/roads-pavements-transport/pavement-parking-ban/>

This week has ended with a joyous celebration of mass at St. Andrew's Parish Church on Friday. Our Primary 7 pupils represented our school wonderfully leading first Friday Mass in readings, prayer and hymns. Please look out for regular opportunities throughout the school year to come and worship with us.

Have you learned our prayer to St. Nicholas' yet? Next week, and throughout the month of September, we will be dedicating prayers for vocations. This prayer will be issued next week.

We continue to seek volunteers to support our children to attend trips and Mass in our local parishes. All volunteers require a PVG to help out. If you are interested, 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**

### **Praying as a Family**

Did you say our prayer to St. Nicholas last week? As our school prayer we encourage all staff and pupils to know this prayer, reflect and seek guidance and strength in the presence of St. Nicholas.

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Loving God,  
thank you for St Nicholas  
who shows us a good way to live.

He fed the hungry,  
freed the imprisoned,  
cared for those in need  
and told people about Jesus.

Make us brave, loving and strong,  
so that like St Nicholas,  
we may love and serve you  
as we help those in need,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

### **Meet the Teacher Session – Thank you!**

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend our Meet the Teacher event. We hope you found it useful and informative. Help us to improve by providing your feedback.

### ***P1 Welcome Mass***

As a community, we will celebrate and welcome our new Primary 1 children to St. Nicholas' Primary on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September at 1.30pm. Primary 1 parents are invited to join us for this Mass.

We look forward to seeing you there.

### ***Parent Teacher Association Annual General Meeting***

The PTA AGM takes place on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September in the Conference Room at Bearsden Academy. If you are interested in supporting the PTA to fundraise, please come along to this meeting to find out about our successes and plans moving forwards.

### ***P7 Parent Confirmation Meeting – Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September***

As the Primary 7 pupils prepare to make their Confirmation this year, we have been informed that they will receive this Sacrament on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December at St. Andrew's Parish Church.

The meeting will take place on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September at 6pm in our school hall.

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### ***P7 Lockerbie Information Session***

On Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September at 6pm, we will host an information evening about the forthcoming Lockerbie Outdoor Education trip. Parents and children are welcome!

### ***Pope Francis Faith Awards Service for Primary 6***

All Primary 6 pupils will be enrolled in the Pope Francis Faith Awards as part of their curriculum. This award enables children to act out our school values – the gospel values – at home, school and/or in the parish community.

We are currently planning a short service as our Primary 6 Pope Francis Faith Award Candidates embark on this journey. We will inform all parents in due course of the arrangements for this service.

### ***Coffee Morning at St. Joseph's Parish Hall***

St. Joseph's will be hosting a coffee morning on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September to support Mitsidi School in Malawi. This will take place at 11am until 2pm. Please support this event if you can.

### ***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. Our school reviews attendance regularly as we seek to support families where this is identified as being low or there is regular latecoming.

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.

### ***St. Andrew's Parish is looking for volunteers! Sign-up Sunday – 4 & 5 October!***

St. Andrew's Parish has scheduled a Sign-up Sunday in their upper hall to encourage more volunteers

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across Parish Ministries — especially for the Youth Team and Children's Liturgy. These are vital ministries, and they are hopeful this event will help to sustain them.

The event will take place after each Mass on the 4th (6.45pm) and 5th (10.45am) of October. If interested, please pop in to the hall and the various groups will be available to chat with potential volunteers.

***Key Dates***

Date/ Time	Event
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> September at 6pm	P7 Lockerbie Information Evening
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> September at 7pm	PTA AGM
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> September at 1.30pm	P1 Welcome Mass
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> September at 6pm	P7 Confirmation Meeting
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September at 6.30pm	Parent Council AGM
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	School Closed
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	School Closed