



October 2022 Newsletter



September has been a busy and enjoyable month with a variety of different things taking place across the school. It was also a month that we lost our beloved Queen Elizabeth and remembered the constant presence she has played in all our lives. We have then looked to future with King Charles and all that he can bring to our country as we move forward.

We now look to October with changing weather and the delights of Hallowe'en.

Meet the Teacher Sessions

All of our Meet the Teacher Sessions have now been completed and were well attended across the school. Thank you for taking the time to come to the school and hear some information about what is happening in each of the classes. We hope to be able to invite you back to school in the coming months to share some more about pupil learning.

Breakfast Club

The children have been thoroughly enjoying our healthy Breakfast Club, thank you to Mrs Henderson and Mrs Jeffers for supporting this. From Monday 3rd October this will be available to pay directly on ParentPay. Information for August and September payments is being sent directly to parents. Thank you to Atrium Housing for their kind donation of £500 to our Breakfast Club, this will be used to support our club in the future.

Health Promoting School

As a health promoting school we kindly ask you to limit the amount of sweets that children are bringing to school for snacks. Some children buy their snacks on the way to school and this can mean that healthy choices are not made. Fruit, crisps, vegetables or a small fun size treat is preferred. Please send your child to school with water or flavoured water, please no fizzy juice, energy drinks or still flavoured drinks. We are all aware the impact that increased flavourings, stimulants and colourings can have on children and it does impact on their ability to stay focussed and calm in class. Thank you for your continued support with this.

PE

A reminder that children should wear full school uniform each day. Please send children to school with appropriate PE kit, this can include a school polo shirt or blue t-shirt, black shorts/leggings/tracksuit bottoms and suitable trainers. These items should be left in school in a bag for children to access. Please remember that no jewellery should be worn on PE days, including earrings.

If your child is not taking part in PE due to medical reasons please contact the school. It is expected that all children will take part in PE tasks, if a child has forgotten items we shall aim to provide suitable items for them to borrow.

Faith Development

During September we attended our first whole school Mass. It was beautiful to see all of our school back together celebrating our Faith. Six of our Primary 7 pupils attended Carfin on Tuesday 27th September, it was a lovely prayerful celebration for St Bernadette. Thank you to both Father Martin and Mrs Crawford for supporting our children to attend this.

On Sunday 2nd October all children taking part in Sacraments of Confirmation and Communion this year are being asked to attend the Mass of Enrolment. This is at 9:30am St Matthews and 11am in Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

Primary 7

A reminder that Primary 7 parent/carers appointments with Miss Cathie from St Josephs have been rescheduled to take place on Monday 3rd October. These will take place at Mount Carmel Primary School. Please be aware that each appointment is 5mins.

Parent Council

Our next Parent Council takes place on Tuesday 4th October at 7pm. This will take place in person at Mount Carmel Primary School. All parent/carers are welcome to attend this.

Science Centre Trip

On Wednesday 5th October we will attend our first whole school trip for over two years. We are delighted to be able to complete these type of trips again. The children are all looking forward to a day filled with science exploration. Thank you for your donations towards this trip. This has gone towards the total cost of whole trip. If you still wish to donate this is now available on ParentPay.

On the day of the trip we shall be leaving just after 9am. Please make sure that children are in school on time that day. You were asked previously if your child would have a school lunch that day or a packed lunch. Please remember to send the packed lunch in a plastic bag and continue to follow our Health Promoting School information regarding snacks and water. Please do not send money with your child as we will not be visiting the shop. Please make sure that full school uniform is worn on that day (as is the case for every school day).

Primary 1

Our new members of the Mount Carmel family are settling in so well with Mrs Duff, Mrs Strachan and Mrs Taylor. On Tuesday 11th October the optician will pay a visit for each child. On Friday 7th October the Kilmarnock Standard photographer will visit the school for our Primary 1 photograph. Please complete the permission form for this and return to school ASAP. We look forward to seeing our stars in the newspaper soon.

Athlete Visit

At Mount Carmel Primary School we take pride in supporting our pupils wider achievements. We are delighted to have an athlete attend our school on Wednesday 12th October and work with our children in P4-7. We may inspire some future sporting legends.

House Prize

We have been delighted to see our children continue to showcase our school motto and values. All of our school staff have been recognising the many occasions this takes place and awards many, many, many House Points to our children. We are delighted to announce our first House Prize winner is FIRE! Children in the winning house will soon receive their permission form to attend Burger and Bowling in Kilmarnock.



Climate Conference

Two of our Primary 7 pupils will be representing our school at a council wide Climate Conference on Thursday 13th October.

End of Term

On Friday 14th October we will stop for our October Week holiday with pupils returning on Tuesday 25th October at 9am. On Friday 14th October we will have an 'Own Clothes Day'. This was rescheduled from September. We are requesting £1 donation for this – payable via ParentPay with all proceeds going to FOMC (Friends of Mount Carmel). There will be a raffle as part of this with children that have had £1 donation being entered into our school raffle. This will be drawn at assembly on that day.

Homework will stop on Friday 7th October and will return on Monday 31st October.

Flu Immunisations

A reminder that flu immunisations will take place for children on Tuesday 25th October.

Hallowe'en Disco and Raffle

The amazing FOMC have been busy organising a range of new things for our children. On Thursday 27th October we will have two Hallowe'en discos. These will take place at the school and will cost £2.50 per child. This is paid in cash at the door. Children will be provided with juice and a snack. Glow sticks will also be available to purchase.

6:30 – 7:30 Primary 1-3

7:45-9:00 Primary 4-7

Future Dates

Wednesday 16th November – parent/carer-teacher appointments

Thursday 17th November - parent/carer-teacher appointments

Thursday 1st December – whole school trip to the Panto

Friday 2nd December – Christmas Fayre (FOMC)

Wednesday 7th December – House Prize

Wednesday 14th December – Provisional Christmas Show

Thursday 15th December - Provisional Christmas Show

Friday 23rd December – End of term

Monday 9th January – School Reopens

Thursday 9th February – Wednesday 15th Feb Pupil Holidays

Thursday 15th February – Pupils return to school

Monday 20th February –Friday 24th February P7 Residential Trip

Wednesday 22nd March - Provisional parent/carer-teacher appointments

Thursday 23rd March - Provisional parent/carer-teacher appointments

Wednesday 29th March – House Prize

Friday 31st March – Last day before Spring break

Monday 17th April – Pupils return

Monday 1st May – Holiday

Monday 29th/ Tuesday 30th May – Pupil Holiday

Thursday 8th June – Provisional Sports Day

Wednesday 14th June – Provisional whole school summer trip

Wednesday 28th June – Provisional fun day

Thursday 29th June – Provisional P7 leavers assembly

Friday 30th June – Last day 1pm finish

School App and School blog

All of our school information is available via the school app and blog. Please follow the links for these items:

[School Blog](#)

Please use the QR code to download our school app for the most recent information as well as calendar and lunch details.



Thank you, as always, for your continuing support for our school community.

Kind regards,

Mrs Fergusson

Head Teacher