



May 2023 Newsletter



Welcome to our May newsletter. As always we have a busy month ahead of us with many special celebrations. We also look ahead to June with some additional dates for your diary.

Special Events

Wednesday 3rd May

Primary 4 Farm Visit.

Thursday 4th May – Spring Disco

As you are aware Friends of Mount Carmel have organised our Spring Disco. Letters were sent home last week with a tear off slip at the bottom. This slip and £2.50 should be brought to the Disco. Do not send money or slips to school before this.

Primary 1-3 6:00-7:00pm

Primary 4-7 7:15-8:30pm

All children should be collected via the main entrance at the end of the disco by an adult.

Friday 5th May – Coronation Garden Party

In celebration of the Coronation of His Majesty The King and Her Majesty The Queen Consort, our pupils will take part in a dress down day with the children wearing red, white and blue (no football shirts please) or purple. As part of the celebration we will have a garden party for pupils as well as some other fun activities to complete in class.

Friday 5th May – First Friday Mass

Whole school attending Mass at 10am.

Monday 8th May – Holiday – School closed

Friday 12th May

Primary 6 attending Danger Detectives at Dean Park

Monday 8th May – Holiday – School closed

Week Beginning Monday 15th May – Walk to School Week

During this week we will continue to make a special effort to walk, scoot or cycle to school. More information to follow on special daily events.

Tuesday 16th May – Primary 1-3 Mass

Tuesday 16th May – Primary 2 Sharing the Learning at 2pm

Thursday 18th May – Ascension Thursday

Whole school attending Mass at 11am.

Friday 19th May – Primary 6 visiting Elim Hall

Tuesday 23rd May – Primary 4-7 Mass

Wednesday 24th May – Primary 1 Sharing the Learning at 2pm

Friday 26th May – Holiday – School closed

Monday 29th May – Holiday – School closed

Tuesday 30th May – In-service day – Holiday for children only

Wednesday 31st May – Primary 6 morning visit to St Joseph's Academy

Friday 2nd June – First Friday Mass

Whole school attending Mass at 10am

Friday 2nd June – Primary 4 First Communion Party

Thursday 8th June – Sports Day

This will be a whole day event with parents invited to attend to watch individual class races section of this. Details of the race times for each class will be provided over the coming weeks.

Monday 12th June – School Show Community Performance

Tuesday 13th June – School Show Evening Performance – 6pm

Wednesday 14th June – School Show Afternoon Performance – 2pm

Friday 16th June – Final House Prize

Wednesday 21st June – Blair Drummond Whole school Trip

Children to be in school at 8:15am, the bus will leave promptly at 8:30am.

Thursday 22nd June – Bump Up Afternoon

The children will get a chance to work with their new class teacher and be in their new classroom.

Week Beginning 26th June – End of term reports to be issued

Tuesday 27th June – End of term Mass at 10am

Wednesday 28th June – Fun Day

Fun Day organised by Friends of Mount Carmel.

Thursday 29th June – Primary 7 Leavers Assembly – 2pm

Friday 30th June – Last day of term

School closes at 1pm today.

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Transition – Primary 7- updated dates from St Joseph's

Tuesday 16th May – morning only - Visit to the maths departments

Monday 22nd May – full day at St Joseph's

Tuesday 6th June – full day at St Joseph's

Wednesday 7th June – full day at St Joseph's

Thursday 15th June – full day at St Joseph's

Friday 23rd June – full day at St Joseph's

Sacramental Preparation

Please continue to pray for our Primary 4 children as they make their final preparations for their First Communion over the coming Sundays in May.

Please remember that we have a selection of First Communion dresses available in school for anyone that may benefit from this.

Transition – Primary 1

Our new Primary 1 children 2023-2024 have now visited the school and worked with Mrs Duff on a number of occasions for our Welcome Wednesdays. These will continue throughout our final term.

Bikeability – Primary 6

This year our Primary 7 children will have the opportunity to take part in Bikeability training during May. This will take place on Tuesday 6th June and Wednesday 7th June. A letter with full details will be issued shortly.



School App

As you are aware our school app has now changed to Safer School Scotland. If you have yet to download this app please do so and delete our old app. This will now be used across East Ayrshire.

Please download the Safer School Scotland App and then scan the QR code.

Break Time – Parent/Carer Consultation

Thank you for taking the time to let us know your thoughts on the proposed change to break and lunch time. This information has now been submitted to the Head of Education who will make the final decision on this.

Summer Show – The Wizard of Oz

After the success of our wonderful Christmas performances, we will once again be showcasing the talents of all classes in our Summer Show. Primary 6 and Primary 7 will take the lead performing an exciting, new musical with P1-3 and P4/P5 singing some fun summer songs to get us in the mood for the holidays! This will take place on **Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th June**. A letter regarding tickets will soon be sent home. Ticket allocation will continue to be **two per family** with an option to take part in a ballot for additional tickets. There is no cost for the performance, however, if you wish to make a donation towards supporting the cost of costumes and music then this will be added to ParentPay in the coming weeks.

Summer Trip

We are very excited to announce that our Pupil Council has now chosen our whole school trip. We will visit Blair Drummond Safari Park on Wednesday 21st June. This will come at a cost of £13 per child and will soon be available to pay either in full or smaller amounts via ParentPay. I realise that this is a high cost for the trip – each child's tickets costs £9.50 and the cost of the buses for this is over £1900. Thank you to Friends of Mount Carmel who are providing some of the money for the bus to reduce the cost of this to our parents and carers. If you require assistance with the cost of this please contact the school directly.

Mission to the Moon

We have continued to make excellent progress during this Mission. Continue to look on the blog and app for updates on our progress.

Sharing the Learning

We are looking forward to our final two Sharing the Learning sessions. Letters with further information have been sent to the relevant classes

Cost of Living - School Uniform Exchange

We have a range of quality new and nearly new school clothing available at our School Uniform Exchange. Please feel free to come to the main foyer at any point to take items that you may require. This area has recently been refreshed and also includes free sanitary products for children and adults.

Cost of Living – Free School Toast

You will be aware that toast is now available from 8:45am in our school dinner hall for any child to access. Children can come in for this through the middle playground doors and then take the toast back into the playground.

Health Promoting School

A reminder that as a Health Promoting School we encourage children to drink water throughout the day. Please do not send children to school with juice in their class water bottle or fizzy juice for break/lunch times. Some children have also had energy drinks in school – again please do not send these with your child. These will be removed and given back to the child at the end of the day. Please also consider the snacks that you are providing. Children can now all access a piece of fruit daily in school so they do not require crisps and sweets for snacks. As stated earlier toast is also available for all children in the morning.

Collection of Children

A reminder that our school day finishes at 3pm. We receive a number of phone calls daily requesting to collect children earlier than this via the front door. We have limited clerical staff and this places a huge pressure on them to organise this, often with very short notice. This should be used on rare occasions if children are required to be collected early for an appointment. Thank you for your support with this matter.

Kind regards,

Mrs Fergusson

Head Teacher