



August Newsletter

Welcome back to what is going to be another busy school year. I hope that you and your family had a good holiday. It is wonderful to have all of our children back safe and well and looking so healthy after their summer break. Everyone looked very smart in their new uniform. We look forward to a very successful and happy session in 2018/19 and encourage all parents to take a full and active part in the life of our school.

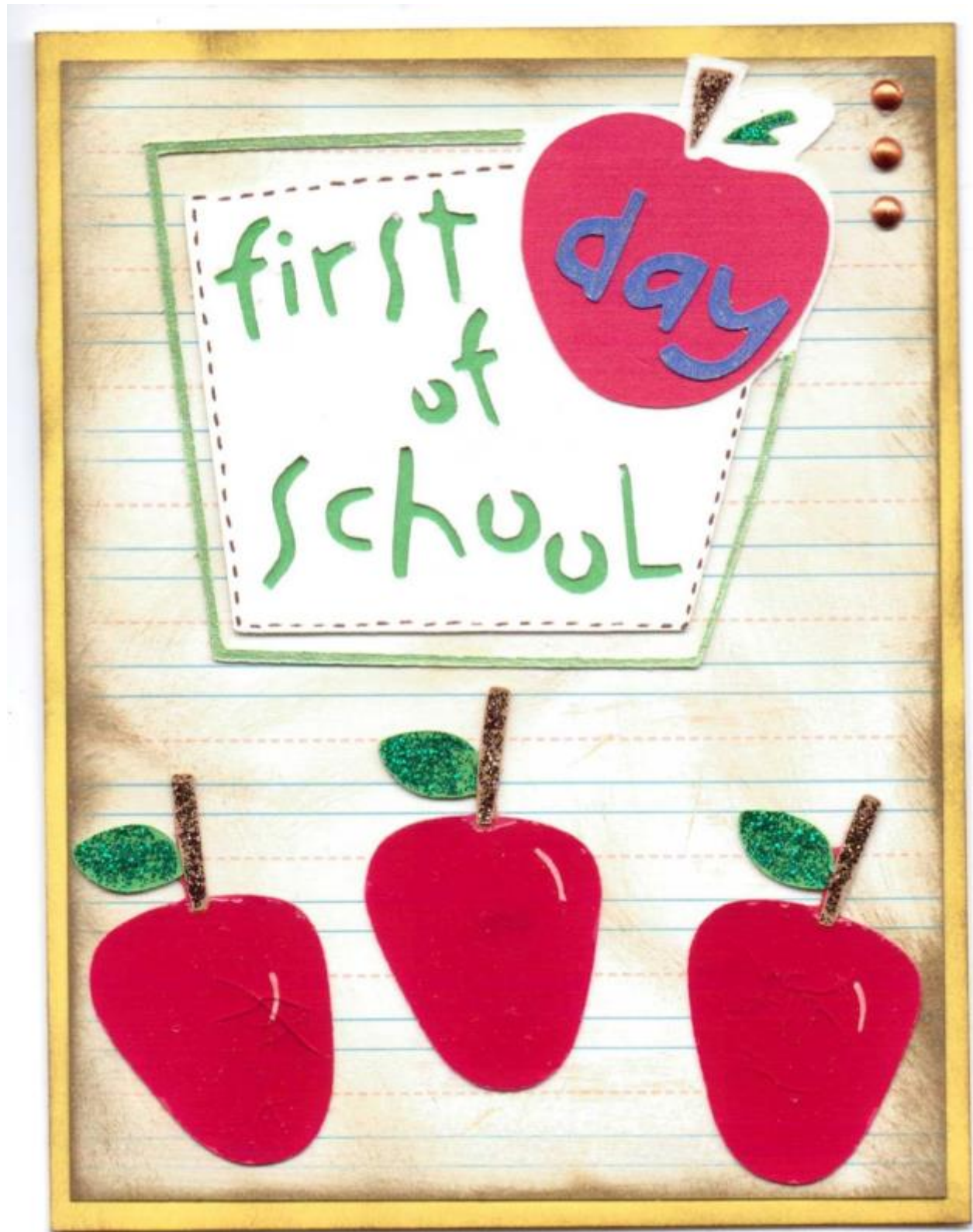
Some breaking news: We were notified this week and are delighted to welcome the HMIE Inspection team on week commencing 17th September. We look forward to showcasing all the wonderful work taking place throughout the school and highlight the excellent partnerships which help us deliver a high quality education for your children.

Please use the link below to complete the parent questionnaire:

<https://forms.education.gov.scot/s/K4BTN/>

Questionnaires should be completed by Friday 7th September.

New P1s



Our Primary 1 pupils have settled very well into school life and our senior pupils in Primary 7 are thoroughly enjoying their roles as buddies and monitors! Watch the Primary 1 blog for regular updates on their progress.

Please return your forms and money for the P1 Lunch Experience by Monday 3rd September.

Sacraments



Thank you to all the parents/carers who attended the information evening in St Joseph's on Monday evening. Please see details below:

Reconciliation

St Joseph's 12th March

St Vincent's 12th March (also 11th March, depending on numbers)

First Communion

St Joseph's 27th April, 10am and 12 noon, mass times for classes tbc

St Vincent's 27th April at 10am

If you reside within Holy Name Parish, please contact parish for further information.

If you reside within St. Gabriel's Parish. please contact Father Woodford for further information.

Traditionally the Sacraments are received in your child's home parish. Any changes to this arrangement should be discussed with your Parish Priest.

Confirmation

St Joseph's Parish 9th May, 7pm in St Mirin's Cathedral

St Vincent's Parish 21st May, 6pm at St Vincent's Church

Staffing



We are delighted to welcome our newly qualified teachers: Mrs Patricia McConnell and Mr Matthew Dorrian. We welcome back Mrs L Collins from maternity leave. New teaching members of staff include Mrs D Margiotta, Mrs M Stephen, Miss L Craig, Mrs S Neil and Miss R Stubbs. We also welcome new PSAs including Mrs C Campbell, Mrs K Richmond and Miss Z Malik. Everyone will be made to feel very welcome as part of our extended school community.

Senior management staffing this year include:

Mrs C Dillon-Ruddy	Head Teacher
Mrs C Duns	Depute Head Teacher - P1, P2 and P3
Mrs J McGrotty	Depute Head Teacher - P4 and P5
Mrs A O'Connor	Depute Head Teacher - P6 and P7
Mrs N Cochrane	Principal Teacher (Additional support for learning)

Miss M Kane Principal Teacher (Achievement)

Mrs J Neil Acting Principal Teacher (Mrs Cumming's maternity cover)

Please contact the Senior Management team on 570 7280 to discuss any particular concerns/queries that you may have with regards to your child's education.

Head Teacher Drop In



First Thursday month 3.15pm – 4.15pm start in October.

If you would like to take up the opportunity to 'drop in' for an informal chat with me, I would be delighted to meet with you on the first Thursday of each month.

If you wish to inform us of appointments etc in school time, please send a note to the class teacher.

Please note that requests for changes to pick up/home arrangements should be phoned in by no **2.30pm** at the latest in order to allow office staff to process the request in time for the end of the school day.

Curriculum Evening



We have evaluated your feedback from our last 'Meet The Teacher' event and are delighted to welcome you to a refreshed Curriculum Evening on Wednesday 19th September, starting at 6pm .

The format of the evening will include the opportunity to have a tour of the school, meet the teacher, see the class setting and find out more about the curriculum. There will be a variety of workshops on offer across the stages of the school. Please watch out for details of these in due course!! I will be around the school if you wish to speak to me and ask any questions - I will manage the tea/coffee stall so you know where to find me!

Please note that whilst there is an opportunity for you to meet the teacher and put 'a face to the name', there is no opportunity for staff to talk about individual pupils. This is a parent/carer event and therefore pupils should not attend.

September Weekend



September Weekend Holiday – Reminder

The school will close for pupils at the usual time on Thursday 20th September and re-open on Tuesday 25th September. The holiday schedule for the current session can be found by accessing the following link: www.eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk/article/9077/School-holiday-dates-2018-to-2019

Car Parking



The safety of our children is paramount!

As previously mentioned there should be no-one parking within the **staff car** park other than **staff**. There have also been numerous complaints from parents that cars are double parking and triple parking within the car park during drop off and pick up times which is not allowed and also extremely dangerous. This is a significant safety issue and I urge all parents to use the overspill car parks at these times. Our Junior Road Safety Officers will be out doing spot checks as well as our Community Wardens as this is becoming a serious matter of concern to our school community.

Can I also ask that you mention this to all grandparents and carers who drop off or pick up your children? The only cars which are permitted in the staff car park are those of disabled drivers.

Your assistance with this would be much appreciated.

Forms

Film	ASAISO	Shot	Exp	Dev	Format
Dates Taken	Location	Subject			
Camera Make/Model	Lens				
Special Instructions					
Presoak	Time	@ Temp			
DEVELOPER					
Developer	Time	@ Temp			
Dilution	Dev	Water			
Agitate Instr					
STOP BATH					
Stop Bath	Time	@ Temp			
Dilution	Stop	Water			
Agitate Instr					
FIXER					
Fixer	Time	@ Temp			
Dilution	Fix	Water			
Agitate Instr					
FINAL WASH					
Hypo Restorer	Time	@ Temp			
Dilution	Hypo	Water			
Agitate Instr					
Wetting Agent	Time	@ Temp			
Dilution	Agent	Water			
Agitate Instr					

Reminder:

Annual Data Checks

Consistent forms for Photos, DVD and Website

Flu Vaccination Forms

MUST ALL BE RETURNED BY MONDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER.

Flu Immunisation



As you will all be aware the Flu Immunisation Programme is happening again in Our Lady of the Missions. This will take place on Wednesday 7th November. Please ensure you have completed the Flu Immunisation forms and sent them back to the school by the time stated. Please note if the pupils

consent forms are returned after 3rd September then these forms may not be included in the immunisation session at the school as vaccine orders will be based on number of forms collected and screened.

Water bottles



Please note that water bottles brought to school should only contain water and not fruit juices. We encourage all pupils to have their own water bottle as the school office are unable to provide cups during the day.

OLM Parent AGMs - Thursday 13th September - Junior Department



Our parent community play a huge role in school life. Last year, our parents achieved a lot from organising discos, fetes and our first annual Supper Dance through to helping our children become world record holders, hosting our first International day and creating our fabulous new outdoor learning area.

To keep up that good work, we need lots of help again this year! Please come along to (one or both of) our AGMs on Thursday 13th September in the Junior Department if you would like to hear more.

We have 2 parent groups with different roles:

PSA (Parent Staff Association) - AGM 6.30 - the PSA organises events such as our Christmas and summer fetes and discos to raise funds which support activities and improvements in school. The PSA pays for everything from playground facilities, parties and school trips through to equipment and other extras which benefit all the children in school

PC (Parent Council - AGM 7.30 - the PC supports the school in improving learning experiences / outcomes and represents the views of parents in school life including developing the playground, running OLM Hub coffee events and other initiatives supporting parents such as parent guides, our inclusion group and uniform sales. Please note, membership of the PC for the year requires attendance at the AGM (this happens at the end of the meeting for those who wish to join) but if you can't make it, don't worry as parents / carers can attend any meeting.

Please do join one or both of our parent groups. Just come along on the night to hear more (the meetings will run consecutively). There will be meetings through the year but a lot of work is behind the scenes in working groups so if you can contribute any time at all to help, it will always be very welcome. Both groups will also be looking for additional office bearers.

None of these special events or improvements which benefit all our children happen by magic. We know everyone is busy - we all have family and work commitments - but the more we work together, the more we can achieve for our whole school community. We look forward to seeing as many as possible on the night!

If you have any queries meantime, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Parent Council (PC) - olm-parentcouncil@hotmail.com

Parent Staff Association (PSA) - olmpsa@hotmail.com

Kitchen Information



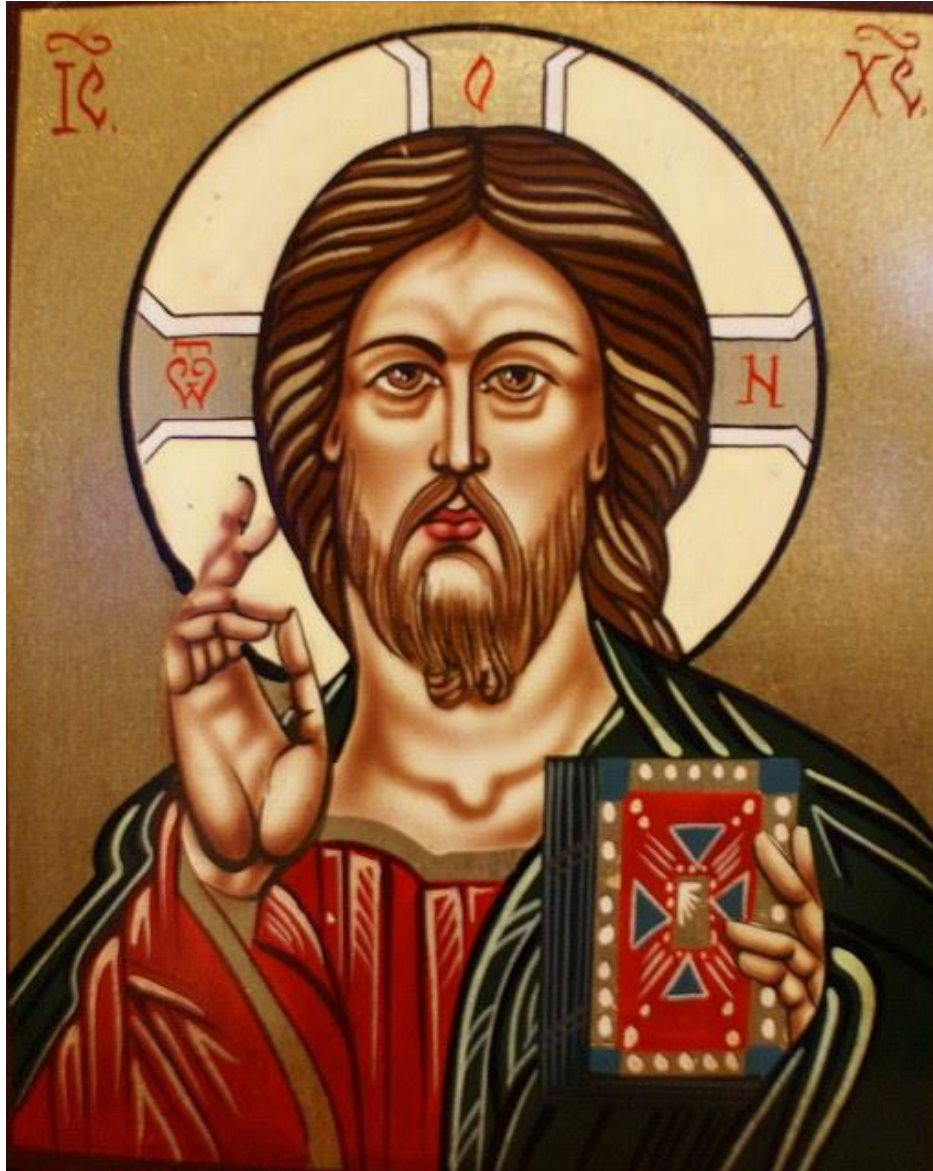
- The halal meals are up and running now and if your child has registered they will order as normal on the smartboard in the classroom and the kitchen will know to provide the halal option.
- Anyone entitled to a free meal should have applied by now. Primary 1 to 3 automatically receive a free lunch. Anyone who was primary 3 last year and is entitled to free meals must apply.
- If your child owes any lunch money it should be paid the following day either by paying on line or money can be paid into your child's account at the kitchen.
- If your child has any allergies we need a letter from acute services at the Queen Elizabeth hospital and we can cater for your child
- We have a tuck shop at morning break and after lunch everyday for primary 4 and 5 in the junior department and for primary 2,3,6,7 in the main building

Thanks

Catering Manager

Here is the link for Free School Meals: <http://www.eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals>

ICON - Jesus the Teacher



Icon- Jesus the Teacher is coming to Our lady of the Missions Primary School on Monday 10th September where all pupils and staff will have an opportunity to pray and reflect across the day.

lastly ...if you have any questions or feedback, please send in on the Form below and we will do our best to reflect on or answer queries.



Here is the link:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=oyzTzM4Wj0KVQTctawUZKVgdikEg1YxBsG9kQFgk6rIUMzdPVUIGNVhKTTRPRTZLUU05STM2TE5FWi4u>