



St. Joseph's Primary School Newsletter.

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Dear all,
Welcome once again to our monthly newsletter.
As ever, I hope this issue will keep you informed of the many and varied events that have been happening in the school recently and also give you some detail about forthcoming dates for your diary.
Happy reading!
Carlyn Hill Head Teacher

Confirmation and First Communions

We were so proud of our P7 pupils who recently received the sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop John and Canon Duggan in St Mirin's Cathedral. As ever, the whole event was superb and the children were a credit to both their family and the school. Thank you particularly to Mrs Wynne, Mrs Thomson and Miss McCahill who prepared the children so well for this important stage in their faith development. We eagerly look forward to the First Communions for P4 which will be held on Saturday 14th May in St Joseph's and Sunday 15th May in St Bridget's Eaglesham. I know the children have been working hard to prepare for their big day so I would like to make a special mention of thanks to Mrs Simpson, Miss Quinn, Mrs Dastey and Miss Lavery who have been working quietly behind the scenes to ensure everything goes well on the day. We are so grateful to Mrs McIntyre, one of our grandparents, who has recorded some of the hymns we will be singing so that the children can rehearse and be pitch-perfect on the actual day. Thank you everyone.

Lepra



We had a wonderful assembly delivered by workers for the charity Lepra. Roz and Liz explained to the children that the cure for this terrible disease is pretty

simple – 1 tablet a day for about 6 months and Leprosy can be cured forever. The cost of this treatment is about £25 and so we have agreed to do some fundraising. The children will take part in a dance workout – Bollywood style and have been asked to ask for some donations from family and friends. The organisers went to great lengths to explain they would rather the children told lots of people about how leprosy can be cured and collect a little money from each person than ask a few people for a large donation so please don't feel under pressure to make a huge donation. Two years ago we helped Lepra and it was amazing to learn that as a result of our efforts over 200 children were successfully treated for this disease. I look forward to seeing some of the photos we will have of the teachers and pupils dancing Bollywood style, *no really, I do!!!!!!*

Road works

We have been asked to alert parents that there are heavy road works going on in Rouken Glen Rd between Glenbank and Glenwood Drive and that it is likely there will be delays. In the light of pupils soon sitting their SQA exams, it seems a good idea to leave more time for your journey to St Ninian's as I can guess blood pressures will already be high and reducing stress by having plenty of time for your journey can only be a good thing. Good luck to all the candidates.

Ascension Thursday

Thursday the 5th May is a Holy Day of Obligation and we will be taking the pupils to 9:30am Mass in St Joseph's.

If you are able to help us walk the children to Mass on that morning, please just arrive at the school at 9am and we will be glad of your help.

Cluster retreat

A Parent's Day Retreat for Cluster Schools i.e. for parents of St Ninian's and Associated Primary Schools will take place 10.30am to 2.30pm on Tuesday 24 May 2016 in St Ninian's. Fr Peter Damien Grint will lead the day and the retreat will include the celebration of Mass. Lunch will be provided. It would be helpful if parents intending to participate would intimate this by e-mailing mail@st-ninians.renfrew.sch.uk

Congratulations

Well done P6!! Our P6 pupils submitted some class work they had been doing on China and Mandarin and have been awarded a Silver Pambassador Award. This Award will be presented to the pupils at their assembly on 20th May and their work will culminate with a visit to Edinburgh Zoo in June to see the pandas in situ.



We hope you are happy with the work we do in St Joseph's however if there are any comments or concerns you wish to make to us, please feel free to contact the school office (Tel: 570 7380, fax 570 7381) or email Headteacher@st-josephs.renfrew.sch.uk) There are also complaints forms which can be found in the main foyer or at the office. Naturally we would also be delighted to hear if there is anything you are particularly happy with, we'd love to know that too.

Important dates

2 nd May	May Day Holiday
5 th May	Ascension Thursday Mass @ 9:30am
5 th May	Lepra Dance Workout @ 11:00am
9 th May	Social Committee Meeting @ 7pm
9 th May	Mr Creighton DHT and S1 year head to visit P7a and P7b all day.
12 th May	SNHS Pastoral Team to visit P7
14 th May	P4b 1 st Communion @ 10:00am
	P4a 1 st Communion @ 12:30
15 th May	St Bridget's 1 st Communion @ 11:00am
18 th May	P1 Induction Day @ 1:45pm
18 th May	P7 Induction Day @ SNHS
20 th May	P6 being awarded their Pambassador award @ Assembly
23 rd May	Thanksgiving Mass for P4 & P7 pupils following their Sacraments @ 7pm in St Joseph's Church
27 th May – 30 th May	May Weekend Holiday
31 st May	Inservice day
1 st June	School re-opens for pupils
6 th June	Lockerbie Manor Residential Trip for P7
7 th June	Parent Council meeting
9 th June	P1 Induction Day with lunch @ 11:00am
16 th June	P3 School trip – Edinburgh Zoo
17 th June	Proposed Sports Day – TBC
20 th June	P1&2 School trip – Heads of Ayr
21 st June	P4 School trip – Edinburgh Zoo
22 nd June	P5&6 School trip – Edinburgh Zoo
22 nd June	P7 Fun Day
23 rd June	P7 Leavers Mass @ 1:30pm in the school.
24 th June	SCHOOL CLOSSES @ 1:00PM

Please save the school website address to your favourites as there are regular updates about the many exciting things that are happening in the school.
<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/er/StJosephs/>