



St. Joseph's Primary School Newsletter.

June
2016

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

Thank you.....

As we come to the end of another successful year, there are some people I would like to thank
Firstly, thank you so much to the wonderful staff we have in St Joseph's; teachers, PSAs, Office, Janitor, catering, cleaners. I really do appreciate all your hard work and relentless dedication that you show to the children.

Our parents of course have been a tremendous support this year however I would like to make a special mention of these hardy souls who braved the P6 Bikeability programme in all types of weather.

Thank you one and all and particularly to Mrs Brown who stepped up to the role of coordinator (*although I know it was not your intention at all*) we genuinely could not have done it without you.

Thank you also to the Parent Council and Social Committee who work tirelessly for the betterment of the school and the pupils. A particular word of thanks must go to Dr Kelly who has so ably chaired our meetings this year. I know Dr Kelly and the rest of the Council would be delighted to welcome new members

so put a date in your diary for the first meeting of the new session which will be:

27th September 2016 @7pm in St Ninian's High School.

Last but not least thank you to the sub group of parents who have been working closely with me to improve the school grounds. I really appreciate all your help and I look forward to us getting the work completed next year.

Classes for next year

I know everyone is keen to know their teachers for next year and so at the point of printing, here is the information I have:

| Class | Teacher |
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| P1a | Miss Coccozza |
| P1b | Miss Canning |
| P2a | Newly Qualified teacher |
| P2b | Mrs Gray |
| P2c | Mrs Leddy |
| P3a | Mrs Kerr |
| P3b | Miss Brew |
| P4a | Mrs Simpson |
| P4b | Miss Lavery |
| P5a | Miss Diver |
| P5b | Miss McCahill |
| P6a | Miss Harvey |
| P6b | Miss Byrne |
| P7a | Mrs Dastey |
| P7b | Miss Quinn |
| 0.5 | Mrs Grant Mrs Addison Mrs Redmond |
| McCrone cover | Mrs Thomson |

Already looking ahead....

Next year, one of the areas the school will be focusing on is improving partnerships.

We already have strong partnerships with some other businesses who helped us deliver the Masterclass programme this year, however if you know of a company that would be willing to come into the school and work with a group of children during our Masterclass sessions please either contact Mrs Leddy or myself for more details. A massive thank you to Mrs Gray and Mrs Gordon for already identifying some groups we could work with, so please don't be shy about offering your services, or indeed that of your company/business.

We are also hoping to work with parents and other groups to better improve the playground experience and outdoor learning opportunities for the children. In this way we will link together the work of the Eco team, The Rights Respecting team, parents and ultimately gain the silver award in family friendly accreditation. If you have any expertise in this area, please let us know – we need everyone's input.

Here is a fuller list of the planned areas of focus for the next academic session:

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| Celebrating and Tracking Achievement |
| Technologies |
| Partnerships: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Parents: Family Centred Approach – Silver Level 2. Playground upgrade 3. School Improvement Partnerships 4. Masterclasses and industry 5. Play – educational Psychologist |
| Talking and Listening |
| Wellbeing, equality and inclusion |
| Religious Education in Roman Catholic schools |

Still some dates to go

- 16 June P3 Trip to Edinburgh Zoo
“Meet my new teacher” for all other classes in the afternoon.
- 17 June **9:30am Sports Day** (*weather permitting*).
Please bring along your entry ticket as Sports day will be held at Williamwood running track and you may need to present it to the janitorial staff.
- 20 June P1&2 trip to Heads of Ayr
- 21 June P4 Trip to Edinburgh Zoo
P7 Leavers' Disco @7pm
- 22 June P5 & 6 Trip to Edinburgh Zoo
P7 Fun Day
- 23 June **Leavers' Mass and presentation @ 1:15pm**
- 24 June **SCHOOL CLOSSES @1:00PM**

Hot off the press....

I am delighted to inform you that Miss Lavery has been appointed Acting Principal for the next academic year.

Congratulations Miss Lavery.

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.

Happy holidays
everyone!

