



St. Joseph's Primary School Newsletter.

Aug/Sept
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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

Welcome back

What a wonderful start we have enjoyed to our new session in St Joseph's. I can see that the children and teachers have all had a marvellous rest and are raring to meet the new challenges for the year ahead.

May I begin by thanking everyone for the way that they have embraced our policy of 'Dressing for Excellence' which as you may know, is the East Renfrewshire Education Department's Policy for encouraging all children to wear the school uniform.

As a reminder to you, we ask that children wear the school uniform which is:

Dark blue blazer – dark blue rain jacket for inclement weather

Blue shirt and tie (no polo shirts or sweatshirts)

Grey trousers or skirt

Grey jumper or cardigan

Black school shoes.

Grey socks or tights

For PE, we would ask that the children wear our own blue tee – shirt with blue shorts and plimsolls

on their feet. Children should also be prepared for going doing PE outside eg plain navy joggers and a waterproof jacket.

Elasticated ties are also available and so even on PE days, the children are asked to wear the school uniform and then change for their PE lesson.

It would really help us if you could ensure that all clothing is labelled with your child's name and that the child knows where to look for their name on each garment.

The link for purchasing our school uniforms on-line is <http://www.schoolwearmadeeasy.com>

Many thanks for your co-operation in this matter and a special word of thanks to Ms Adams, from the Parent Council for her help in organising the uniforms which help our pupils to look so smart and ready for school. The Parent Council is always looking for more helpers so please don't be shy about coming along to either the Social Committee meeting on Tuesday 23rd Aug in St Ninian's @ 7:30pm or the Parent Council Meeting which will be in St Ninian's on Tuesday 27th September @ 7pm.



Illegal parking

We have already been approached by one of our neighbours who had photographic evidence of someone parking across his driveway. As you

know, we have reminded our parents in the past of the need to be considerate towards local residents in the way we drive and park around the school. We have reminded the neighbour in question to contact the police in such matters however I would urge everyone to consider more carefully where they pick up/drop of their children. Many thanks.

Curricular Workshops

Over the last 2 years we have held some parent workshops early in the new session. The purpose of these workshops is to give parents a better understanding of how teachers teach reading and maths as well as giving some hints and advice on common homework issues. We ask that only adults attend these sessions as there is no-one available to supervise the children. We look forward to seeing you on the dates and times below

Reading workshops	Maths Workshops
P1 and P7 30 th August @ 6:15pm	P2 and P6 6 th September @ 6:15pm
P3 and P5 13 th September @ 6:15pm	P4 20 th September @ 6:15pm

As ever, 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.e-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.

Rag Bag Appeal

Please remember that you can always re-cycle unwanted clothes in our Yellow Bin which is situated beside the Library, to the right of the Infant door.

The school does get a little cash for using this service and as we know, 'every little helps'.



Dates for your diary

23 rd Aug	Parent Council Social Committee Meeting @ 7:30 in St Ninian's
25 th Aug	P7 Class Mass
25 th Aug	P1 Parent Coffee Afternoon @ 2:15
30 th Aug	P1 & P7 Reading Workshops @ 6:15
2 nd Sept	P7 Safety in the Park
2 nd Sept	P1 Family Welcome Night @ 7pm organised by the Parent Council
6 th Sept	P2 & P6 Maths Workshops @ 6:15
13 th Sept	P3 & P5 Reading Workshops @ 6:15
20 th Sept	P4 Maths Workshop @ 6:15
21 st Sept	NON UNIFORM DAY – suggested donation £1 per child with monies going to school funds.
22 nd Sept	P6 Class Mass
23 rd – 26 th Sept	Holiday weekend with school opening again on 27 th Sept.
6 th Oct	P5 Class Mass
10 th Oct	P4 Parent Sacramental preparation meeting with canon Jim @ 7pm St Joseph's Church
11 th Oct	Parent Council Social Committee Meeting @ 7:30 in St Ninian's
14 th Oct	Inservice Day
17 th – 23 rd	October week holiday. School re-opens on 24 th October.