



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

Dogs in the playground

It has come to my notice that there are increasing numbers of dogs being brought into the school grounds at the beginning and end of the school day.

Could I ask that no dogs are brought into our grounds as a number of parents have reported that their children are frightened.

Many thanks for your understanding in this matter

School uniform

Could I remind all parents that school shoes should be black and that no trainers should be worn to school. You may know that we have a lost property rail beside the school library. Recently we have had a lot of lost items so we would ask that you check your child's clothing/jackets to ensure that they have not picked up another child's item, that your child's name is printed clearly on their clothing and that you/or your child checks the rail to see if their item has been found.

Dates for your diary

10 th Oct	Consultation process closes at 12 midnight
10 th Oct	P2b Come and see my learning @ 2:15
10 th Oct	P4 Sacramental Preparation for Parents @ 7pm in St Joseph's Church
11 th Oct	Social Committee @ 7.30pm
12 th Oct	P2a Come and see my learning @ 2:15
13 th Oct	P2c Come and see my learning @ 2:15
14 th Oct	INSERVICE DAY
17- 21 st Oct	Mid-term holiday
27 th Oct	Halloween Discos P2&3 @ 6:15 P4&5 @ 7:45
1 st Nov	All Saints Day – Holy Day of Obligation Mass @ 9:30 in St Joseph's Church
7 th Nov	P7 Sacramental Preparation for Parents @ 7pm in St Joseph's Church
9 th Nov	Parents Night 5-8pm
10 th Nov	Parents Night 3:30 - 6:30pm

If you haven't already done so please, make your views known on the proposed changes to the admission policy by following the link:

https://getinvolved.eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk/education/proposed-changes-to-the-arrangements-for-admission/consult_view

The consultation process closes on 10th October.

Parent Pay

Following a pilot study, East Renfrewshire Council is pleased to announce that schools will be soon implement a new service called Parent Pay

What are the benefits to parents/carers and pupils?

- ParentPay is easy-to-use and will offer the freedom to make online payments whenever and wherever you like, 24/7.
- Payments can be made by credit/debit card.
- Full payment history and statements are available.
- Meal and tuck selections will be available to view online for primary pupils only.

What are the benefits to our school?

The more parents/carers use ParentPay, the greater the benefit to our school as it will:

- Reduce the administrative time spent on banking procedures
- Keep accurate records of payments made to every service for every student
- Reduce paper 'waste'
- Allow for easy and quick refunds to be made
- Offer a more efficient payment collection process, reducing the amount of money held on school premises.

How to get started with ParentPay

We will shortly be sending you more information on launch dates as well as your account activation details, just follow the instructions in the letter we give you to get started. If you want to find out more about ParentPay go to:

www.parentpay.com

Thank you

Thank you so much for supporting our 'dress as you please day'.

Monies raised amounted to £350 and will go towards buying outdoor learning and play resources. Many thanks

Come and see my learning

We hope you found our recent maths and literacy workshops both interesting and informative.

We will now follow up these sessions by inviting you along to your child's class to see the strategies in action.

Please look out for your invitation and come along to see your child at work

Oct holiday activities

During the October Holiday, East Renfrewshire offer Arts Week activities and full details of all activities are available on a new website:

<http://ercultureandleisure.org/octoberarts>

The activities are also advertised on Facebook and Twitter accounts of Culture and Leisure.

www.ercultureandleisure.org



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.