



# 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

## School Garden

Our school garden is looking fantastic. A huge debt of gratitude goes to Mrs Thomson who is the brains behind the venture but also brings her green fingers to the practical work. She has worked tirelessly for many months to secure funding, source materials and cajole staff, parents and pupils into helping set up the garden.

We could not have achieved so much without the goodwill of so many.

Thank you to everyone who came along in wind, rain and sunshine to help prepare the ground, the bug hotel, the wild garden, the paths, the tables, etc, etc, etc.

May I particularly thank Mr Sweeney of "S&D" and Mr McHugh of "Bedrock" who so generously supplied equipment and materials that made the whole process not only possible, but looking so fantastic.



## New staff

We recently held interviews for the 2 vacancies we will have next year and I am delighted to say that a Miss Holly Breslin-Strain will be with us next year. At the moment, the other post will be filled by a permanent supply teacher until the new HT decides on whether to advertise the post or not.

As soon as we know the classes and teachers for next year we will of course advise you accordingly.

## 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, Miss Quinn and Mrs Lindsay 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 11<sup>th</sup> May in St Joseph's and Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> 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 Miss Lavery, Mrs Simpson, and Mrs Redmond who have been working quietly behind the scenes to ensure everything goes well on the day. Thank you everyone.

## Ascension Thursday

Thursday the 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Important Dates

4 <sup>th</sup> May	P7/S1 Parent Info day @ St Ninian's 7.15pm
8 <sup>th</sup> May	St Ninian's Pastoral Team to visit P7
9 <sup>th</sup> May	Photographs for National Entitlement Card for P7
13 <sup>th</sup> May	P4a 1 <sup>st</sup> Communion @ 10:00am P4b 1 <sup>st</sup> Communion @ 12:30pm
14 <sup>th</sup> May	St Bridget's 1 <sup>st</sup> Communion @ 11:00am
18 <sup>th</sup> May	P1 Induction Day @ 1:45pm
18 <sup>th</sup> May	P7 Induction Day @ St Ninian's
23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Thanksgiving Mass for P4 & P7 pupils following their Sacraments @ 7pm in St Joseph's Church
25 <sup>th</sup> May	Ascension Thursday Mass @ 9:30am
26 <sup>th</sup> May – 29 <sup>th</sup> May	May Weekend Holiday
30 <sup>th</sup> May	Inservice day
31 <sup>st</sup> May	School re-opens for pupils
6 <sup>th</sup> June	Parent Council meeting @ 7pm
8 <sup>th</sup> June	P1 Induction Day with lunch @ 11:00am
9 <sup>th</sup> June	Parent Council Quiz Night
12 <sup>th</sup> June	Lockerbie Manor Residential Trip for P7
19 <sup>th</sup> June	Proposed Sports Day – TBC
20 <sup>th</sup> June	P3&4 School trip – Edinburgh zoo
20 <sup>th</sup> June	P7 Leavers Disco – Parent Council

21 <sup>st</sup> June	P1&2 School trip – Heads of Ayr P5&6 School trip – Edinburgh Zoo P7 Fun Day
22 <sup>nd</sup> June	P7 Leavers Mass @ 1:30pm in the school.
23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Farewell Mass for Miss Hill @ 1:30pm in St Joseph's
27 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>SCHOOL CLOSSES @ 1:00PM</b>

## Parking problems

You will already have received an email regarding this problem but I would like to remind everyone again of the need to park and drive carefully when in and around the school.

We have been contacted again by local residents who have been subjected to verbal abuse and indeed racism regarding inconsiderate parking.

These actions are damaging the reputation of the school in the local community. We have contacted the Community Wardens who will now be making spot checks on illegal parking both in the morning and the afternoon.

Please when parking near the school consider our neighbours and do not block access to their private driveways or their property or park in such a manner that other vehicles cannot get past.

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](mailto: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.