



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

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
P1a	Miss Coccozza
P1b	Mrs Downs and a newly qualified teacher
P1c	Miss Canning
P2a	Mrs Leddy and Mrs Addison
P2b	Miss Brew
P3a	Miss Breslin-Strain
P3b	Mrs Baker and Mrs Redmond
P3c	Mrs Kerr
P4a	Mrs Gray
P4b	Miss Harvey
P5a	Mrs Fry
P5b	Mrs Simpson
P6a	Miss Byrne
P6b	Miss Diver (soon to be Mrs Stewart)
P7a	Miss Quinn
P7b	Miss Lavery (soon to be Mrs Wright) & a newly qualified teacher
o.5	Mrs Grant
NCCT cover	Mrs Thomson

New Head Teacher

I am delighted to confirm that, subject to the usual checks, the new Head Teacher for St Joseph's will be Mrs Suzanne Martin.
Mrs Martin is currently the head teacher of St Conval's Primary and I know will be a very successful appointment to the school. I have arranged to meet Mrs Martin over the next few days and will arrange for her to come up and meet the children as soon as possible. I wish her every success and I hope she will be as happy as I have being the Head Teacher of this marvellous school.

Thank you to The Swan Inn

Last week, Miss Quinn and Mrs Lindsay arranged a wonderful One World Picnic for the P7s, which unfortunately was held in the pouring rain. The Swan Inn was a fantastic help to us as they provided brioche rolls, burgers and most important of all, a chef to help cook the food. The gazebo provided by Miss Quinn was a haven in the downpour but it seems everyone had great fun. Thank you to The Swan Inn for all their help and to Chef Matthew for giving his time.
Mrs Thomson and the pupils harvested produce from our own school garden for the salad, salsa, sour cream and chives dips and so it was a real team effort. Thank you everyone.

House Treat

Thank you to the Parent Council for providing funds to allow St John Ogilvie House to go to Lollipop Land as winner of the House Treat. I

promise it wasn't a fix, even though I was the House Teacher for St John Ogilvie!

No dogs in the playground

May I remind you that there is a policy of no dogs in the school grounds. We have received a number of complaints from parents saying that younger children are frightened of strange dogs and so I would ask that you keep any pets outside of the school perimeter when collecting or dropping off your child. Many thanks

Dates for your diary

12-16 June	P7 Residential trip to Lockerbie Manor
19 June	Sports Day (weather permitting, at Williamwood)
20 June	P3 & P4 trip to Edinburgh Zoo
20 June	P7 Leavers' Disco @ 7pm
21 June	P1 & P2 trip to Head of Ayr P5 & P6 trip to Edinburgh Zoo P7 Fun Day
22 June	P7 Leavers' Ceremony at 1:15 in school
23 June	Miss Hill's retiral Mass at 1:30pm in St Joseph's for staff and pupils
25 June	Miss Hill's retiral Mass at 12.00 in St Joseph's for parents, pupils and ex pupils
26 June	Come and Meet my new teacher 9:50 – 10:30 (for pupils)
27 June	Last day of school

SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 1 PM School re-opens for pupils on Wednesday 16th August at 9am

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.

Final Farewell

Well here it goes, my last ever monthly newsletter. I can honestly say I can't believe how quickly the last 11 years have gone, it seems like yesterday since I took over the reins at St Joseph's and I can vividly remember the immediate feeling I had of loving the school, the staff and most of all the pupils – this feeling hasn't changed one bit in all that time. Thank you to everyone who has supported and encouraged me over the years. Thank you to my marvellous staff, past and present, the parents and pupils I have had the privilege to know. It would be remiss of me to fail to mention a particular word of thanks to my fabulous Office Staff and in particular Ms Arthur who has been my rock for the last 7 and a half years or so. Thank you for your kindness, guidance and support it has meant the world to me.

Thank you to my marvellous Senior Management Team. I like to think that we have worked extremely well over the last 11 years but I would particularly like to thank Mrs Wynne for her support. I think together we made a great team and I know that the new Head teacher will be very lucky to have you and Mrs Leddy there as the 'right hand women' to help at every step of the way.

The 'family' of St Joseph which includes all teachers, support staff, janitorial staff, office and catering staff have been a tremendous support to me over the years. It has been my pleasure and privilege to have been head teacher of such a fantastic school and I genuinely believe Mrs Martin will feel blessed to be the leader of this school.

A final word of course to the pupils.

Thank you for all your hard work, your kindness and your friendship over the years. I know you will go on to be a credit to the school and to your families and I look forward to hearing about all the successes that await you. Good luck, goodbye and God Bless. *From Miss Hill*