



St Joseph's Primary School Newsletter

The road to recovery.

As we come to the end of what has been another challenging school year, we take time to reflect on all we have achieved during a time that has brought much uncertainty and anxiety. Our St Joseph's family has yet again proven that together we are strong. Over the last few months we have worked hard to ensure the impact of the last lockdown was minimal. Our staff have given their time, love and dedication to ensure the best possible outcomes for our children and the impact of their efforts can be seen in how much our children love school and how well they are achieving. Last week we spent time with children from each class reflecting on their learning and wellbeing. We asked the question 'How would you describe life in St Joseph's Primary?', Primary 7 said:

'Eventful'

'We feel like we belong here, this is our school.'

'I can't imagine being at any other school.'

'Family and memorable.'

'We do lots of good activities such as 'Winter Wonderland' and 'Wild Week''

'Colourful and exciting'

'We feel safe at St Joseph's'

'My favourite moment at St Joseph's was when all the teachers sang 'Shotgun' with us on St Joseph's day'

At this time of year we have to be brave and say goodbye to our Primary 7 cohort. As a school we are so very proud of them and all their achievements. We will continue to watch over them and pray for them as they continue their journey, always remembering that 'Once a St Joseph's pupil, always a St Joseph's pupil'.

Have a wonderful, fun filled summer!

Mrs S Martin
Head Teacher



Staffing

We have had lots of lovely announcements over the last few months! There will be a few new members of the St Joseph's family joining us after the Summer. Congratulations to Mrs Toland who is expecting her first child in August. Mrs Greene will be welcoming twin boys in September and Mrs Downs will be adding to her family in November!

**GOOD
LUCK!**

We will also be saying goodbye to Miss Gruner and Miss Griffith who have successfully completed their Newly Qualified Teaching year with us. We wish them luck in their future teaching career and the doors of St Joseph's will always be open for them!

And finally we say goodbye to Mrs Sutherland our Pupil Support Assistant who is leaving us to undertake her Post Graduate Certificate in Education. We wish her the best of luck and hope that she will return to us in the future.

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First Holy Communion

Congratulations to our First Communicants and our Confirmandi who received the Sacraments throughout the month of May.

A huge thank you to Canon Stephen for the beautiful Masses and support he has given our school. Another thank you to our Parent council Social Committee for the lovely First Communion gift bags that each child received.



Summer Works!

We are delighted to confirm that all children's toilets will be completely refurbished during the summer holidays!

The toilets in the infant department (P1 and 2) and middle school (P3 and P4) will be unisex toilets. Our toilets in the upper school will remain separated for boys and girls (P5-7).

In addition to the structural works there will be repair and replacement work to the pipes under the playground and the supply of hot water to classrooms. There will also be new LED lighting fitted throughout the school.



Thank you!

We would like to say a massive thank you to all our wonderful Parent Council members who have given up their free time (which we know is very precious!) to support our school in many and varied ways throughout this session. We could not provide these experiences without you!

Parent Council

During this session, the Parent Council has funded new playground structures, Halloween Howl, Winter Wonderland and new extension reading books for our infant department. This money is raised through the fundraising activities of our Social Committee throughout the year and the generosity of our wider Parent Forum. Please continue to support our Parent Council and thank you for your generosity this session, it has made a huge difference to the wellbeing of our children.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 15 June at 7pm via Zoom. All Parents are welcome, please contact Katrina Adams our Parent Council secretary for a link to the meeting.

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Summer Reading Challenge

East Renfrewshire libraries are now open to welcome customers back for book browsing and PC use at 7 libraries, Barrhead, Clarkston, Giffnock, Mearns, Eaglesham, Neilston and Thornliebank libraries. Please check each library page <https://www.ercultureandleisure.org/YourLocalLibrary.html> for operating hours and contact details.

The children's SUMMER READING CHALLENGE "Wild World Heroes" will begin on Monday 21st June and end on Monday 30th August. We will provide further updates on additional library openings and the restarting of other services on the website and on library social media:

Facebook: www.facebook.com/ercultureandleisure

Twitter: www.twitter.com/ERCL4

School Improvement Plan

This session our priority was the recovery of learning as directed by the Scottish Government. Our focus was on Literacy, Numeracy and Health and Wellbeing. Through this clear, limited focus we have had significant impact on assessing and addressing gaps in learning. The overall attainment of our children is significantly higher than National Average (based on results from Scottish National Standardised Assessments) and we are in a strong position to move forward with the reintroduction of a broad and balanced curriculum next session.

For session 2021 - 22 our School Improvement Priorities are:

- ♦ Literacy - Reading Recovery, Writing
- ♦ Learning, Teaching and Assessment - Pedagogical approaches, Formative Assessment, Child led learning
- ♦ Interdisciplinary Learning - STEM, Social Subject, Expressive Arts (Termly approaches to these 3 areas with specific focus on providing depth of subject knowledge).

Wild Week!

Woohoo!! The children are more than ready for the excitement of next week so we hope you are too! After another year where our children have had to deal with change and disruption they deserve to go wild.

Our children are amazing and we want to make next week as relaxed and enjoyable as possible for them and you. So there will be no ironing uniforms, polishing shoes and no homework! We also promise to return tired but happy children at the end of the day meaning you will be guaranteed a good nights sleep.....you are very welcome!

**BORN
TO BE
WILD**

Diary Dates

Date	Time	Event	Stage
Friday 11 th June	9.10am	Whole School Assembly - Winning House/Jordan Cup/ Classes	All year groups
Monday 14 th June	All day	Wear something blue/tartan for the Scotland v Czech Republic Match – classes can watch the match in class at 2pm	All year groups
14 th – 18 th June	All week	Wild Week!	All year groups
Tuesday 15 th June	7pm	Parent Council Meeting via Zoom	All parents welcome
Friday 18 th June	Morning	Sports Day	All year groups
Monday 21 st June	9.30 – 12.00	P1 Health Checks	P1
Monday 21 st June	Afternoon	Class Transition – Children will meet their new teacher in their new classroom.	P1-P6
Tuesday 22 nd June	1.45pm	Leavers Ceremony	P7
Wednesday 23 rd June		Active schools - Winning House treat	Winning house children
Wednesday 23 rd June	6.30 - 8pm	P7 Leavers Disco	P7
Friday 25 th June	1.30pm	School Finishes for Summer	P1-7

School Reopens

Wednesday 18th August at 9am

Please find below you child's new teacher for August 2021. We are still awaiting allocations of teachers for some classes, we will email parents as soon as we have named members of staff for your child's class.



St Joseph's Primary Classification 2021 -22



<i>Class</i>	<i>Teacher</i>	<i>Room</i>
<i>P1a</i>	Mrs V Williamson	Base 1
<i>P1b</i>	Mrs C McLaughlin/ Mrs H Addison	Base 2
<i>P1c</i>	Mrs AM Simpson	Base 3
<i>P2a</i>	Newly Qualified Teacher (and Mrs Leddy)	Base 5
<i>P2b</i>	Miss R Palmer	Base 4
<i>P3a</i>	Mrs M Toland Mat cover TBC	10
<i>P3b</i>	Miss R Brew	9
<i>P4a</i>	Miss A Harvey	8
<i>P4b</i>	Mrs M Redmond	7
<i>P5a</i>	Mrs R Gray	Large base
<i>P5b</i>	Mrs M Fry	6
<i>P6a</i>	Mrs F Wallace	5
<i>P6b</i>	Miss J Lavery	2
<i>P7a</i>	Mrs MC Greene until Sept 17th then Mrs C Stewart	1
<i>P7b</i>	Miss C Fusaro and Newly Qualified Teacher	3 and 4
NCCT (Non Class Contact Time)	Mrs N Downs Mrs A Convery Miss L McBride	
SfL (Support for Learning)	Mrs S McArdle (Recovery) Mrs A Convery Lowest 20%	
PT (Principal Teacher)	Mrs C Leddy Mrs J Baker Mrs J Wright	
DHT (Depute Head)	Mrs K Wynne	
HT (Head Teacher)	Mrs S Martin	