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Dear Parent/ Carer,

Thank you for your ongoing support and for working in partnership with us to ensure the children have had a productive and positive start to the school year. Between First Holy Communions, P7 Bikeability, Stage Masses for P5, 6 and 7, Maths Week Scotland and all the other learning that takes place on a daily basis, it has been a rewarding, prayerful and enjoyable term for all. Hundreds of Growth Mindset Awards and thousands of house points have been given out in recognition of the effort the children are putting in to their learning. We will stop tomorrow (Friday 9th October) at 3pm for the October week holidays and I am writing with a few important details for the weeks ahead.

Return to school

Children are due back in school on Tuesday 20th October. The school will be open from 8:45am as normal, with the school day beginning at 9:00am. P1 collection remains at 2:55pm. Can I remind P2 parents to come in to the top playground at 3:00pm and wait for their children on the yellow triangles at a 2 metre distance from each other. Please avoid waiting at the gate, as this creates a bottleneck, makes social distancing impossible and creates a barrier to others leaving safely.

Halloween

The children will have an opportunity to celebrate Halloween in their classes on Friday 30th October. Children should wear school uniform as normal and are not required to dress up. Class teachers will be covering a range of Halloween activities through the curriculum (you may already have seen some of the Halloween art underway on our Twitter feed <https://twitter.com/StMarksPrimary1>).

Beat the Street

It's been great to see so many children and families getting out and about for exercise and earning 'Beat the Street' points for the school in the process. If you have yet to register your child's fob and card, please remember to do so at <https://www.beatthestreet.me/eastrenfrewshire/> . St. Mark's currently has approximately half the pupils in the school registered. Hopefully we can get more players out there during the October break, earning points (and possibly prizes) for the school.

Parents Night

Please remember to book your Parents Night phone appointment slot at

<https://StMarksBarrhead.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/>

Staff will give an update in relation to your child's Literacy and English, Numeracy and Mathematics and Health and Wellbeing. If you have any specific questions that you would like the teacher to discuss with you during the phone call, please submit them via [this online form](#).

Sacrament of Confirmation

Finally, our former P7 pupils (now S1 at St. Luke's) will make their confirmation on week beginning Monday 26th October in St. John's Parish. Please keep our young people in your prayers as they prepare for this important sacrament.

I wish you all a safe and enjoyable holiday. God bless.

Yours sincerely,

Anthony Hutcheson
Head Teacher