Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! It has been lovely to see all our boys and girls back in school. How much have they grown over the summer? A special welcome to our new primary 1 children as they join the St Serf's school family and take their first steps into primary education.

School Uniform

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for turning our children out so smartly in our school uniform. We know that this contributes to the high standards that we hold here in our school.

As our children are turned out so beautifully, can I ask that you label items of clothing, school bags, lunch boxes etc so that we can return any lost property to our boys and girls.

If any of our children still require a school tie, please speak to the school office.

P.E.

Physical Education is an important part of our curriculum and as well as learning new sports skills it provides our boys and girls with an opportunity to develop teamwork, communication and resilience. We would ask that children bring their P.E. kit on the following days. (Alternatively, P.E. kit can be brought into school and stored in the classroom.)

P1/2 – Tuesday and Friday

P3/4 – Wednesday and Thursday

P4/5 – Tuesday and Thursday

P6/7 – Monday and Friday

If your child does not have P.E. kit, we can provide shorts and t-shirt from our school supplies.

P7

This week, our Primary 7 children received leadership ties. These show our senior pupils as leaders of our school and role models for our younger children. We know that they will wear them with pride and put our school values of Love, Respect and Hard Work into action. (Please note that the ties will be returned at the end of the year and laundered, ready for use for next year's P7).

School Lunches

School lunches are free for all P1-5 children. The price for a school lunch for P6 & P7 is £2.60 which must be paid through iPayImpact. Can we please ask that you do not send food into school containing nuts (including hazelnut chocolate spread) as we have children with severe nut allergies. Thank you for your continued support in keeping our children safe.

SeeSaw

New classes have been set up in SeeSaw and teachers are posting photographs of your child's learning as well as other information that you may need through this communication

tool. Your child's learning targets for the term will also be shared with you in the coming weeks. Please also 'like' our X (formerly Twitter) page where regular updates of our children's learning and activities will be shared.

P7 Substance Misuse Workshop

On Tuesday 16th August our Primary 7 children will participate in a substance misuse workshop supported by their teacher and delivered by Barnardo's. The P7's from Holy Name will join us for this event. This annual course highlights to our oldest children in our school the dangers of misusing drugs

Internet Safety

We would remind our parents of the importance of children's online safety and using the internet responsibly. Can I remind our parents to check their child's online interactions regularly as well as their interactions on texts, WhatsApp and other social media to ensure that our boys and girls are being responsible digital citizens? I am currently working with Fife Police to arrange our annual Internet Safety talk for our P6 children.

Dates for Diary

Please find below some initial dates for your diary:

September

15th September – Fluoride Varnish P1-7 16th September – P7 Substance Misuse Workshop

<u>October</u>

2nd October – Flu Immunisations 7th and 8th October – Parents Evening 10th October – Last day of term 27th October – School resumes after the October break 27th October – Halloween Disco

<u>November</u>

14th November – In-Service Day

December

10th December – Christmas Show – 1.30pm 11th December – Christmas Show – 6.30pm 15th December – Christmas Party – P1/2 16th December – Christmas Party – P3/4/5 17th December – Christmas Party – P6/7 18th December – Christmas Party – Nursery

January

5th January – School resumes after the Christmas break 29th January – Scottish Afternoon

February

11th February – In-Service Day 12th & 13th February – Mid-term break 17th February – Shrove Tuesday 18th February – Ash Wednesday

March

24th and 25th March – Parents Evening

<u>April</u>

2nd April – Last day of term 20th April – School resumes after the Easter break

May

4th May – May Day holiday 5th – 8th May – P7 Camp week 7th May – In-Service Day

<u>June</u>

1st June – Bank Holiday 3rd June – Sports Day 5th June – Nursery Sports Day 17th – 19th June – P7 High School Transition visits

<u>July</u>

2nd July – Leaver's Mass and Assembly – 1.15pm 3rd July – Last day of term

Details around individual events will be provided nearer to the time of the event. Please note that dates may be subject to change. We are planning to invite parents to share in their children's learning in the classroom this term and I will send out the dates for this as soon as they are confirmed.

Many thanks for your continued support and I look forward to working in partnership with you for the coming academic session.

Best Wishes,

Donna Mulholland Headteacher