



St Mungo's Primary School and Nursery Class

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Term 4 Newsletter

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IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 7 th May	School closed (holiday)
Tuesday 8 th May	School closed (in-service)
Sunday 20 th May	Sacrament of First Holy Communion
Tuesday 22 nd May	Primary 7 at St Roch's
Thursday 24 th May	Primary 7 at St Roch's
Friday 25 th May	School closed (holiday)
Monday 28 th May	School closed (holiday)
Wednesday 30 th May	School trip (P3/2 - P7)
Thursday 31 st May	School trip (Nursery, P1 and P2/1)
Friday 1 st June	First Friday Mass
Thursday 7 th June	Summer Disco
Tuesday 12 th June	Sports Day
Thursday 14 th June	National Mass
Friday 15 th June	Primary 7 Leavers Day out
Wednesday 20 th June	Prizegiving
Friday 22 nd June	Leaver's Mass
Tuesday 26 th June	School closes at 1pm



Primary 1 Induction Dates

16th May

30th May

6th June

You should now have received a letter with more details.

HOMework

Following our consultation on homework, we have updated our Position Statement. Please read on for more information.

Whilst some research suggests that homework is not directly related to higher academic success (Harris Cooper) other research indicates that doing homework regularly throughout the year at school has roughly the same benefit as an extra year's schooling (Celia Burn).

In St Mungo's Primary, we consider that homework (or home learning) helps children to:

- Learn how to organise and manage their time
- Take more responsibility for their own learning
- Develop confidence to deal with frustrations, overcome difficulties and solve problems
- Learn and work independently in the future

Homework should be set which consolidates class learning, allows children to prepare for learning about to take place (for example research of a topic), or extend their knowledge of a

subject. Setting homework is also one of the ways of parents being kept informed about what is being learned in class.

From our Self-Evaluation information carried out in March 2018, we found that:

- 91% of parents think homework is important
- Almost all children think homework is important
- Less than half children enjoy doing homework

We do not believe that homework should be a negative experience or have a negative impact on any child, therefore as a guide, we support the '10 minute rule' as a maximum, for example:

Primary 1 10 minutes per evening maximum

Primary 2 20 minutes per evening maximum etc

We don't expect Children above Primary 4 to participate for longer than 40 minutes.

Participation of homework should be combined with play, fun and exercise as we believe that these are also fundamental to a child's growth, learning and development.

Class teachers have autonomy over when and how homework is set and collected as this flexibility enables a teacher to be responsive to a particular class or child's needs.

Some teachers set homework daily whilst other teachers may set homework weekly or even 4 weekly for larger projects. Homework may be fixed although most teachers set 'choice grids' where children can choose a learning style that suits them best.

Every child will be given a homework jotter at the start of the year and this is replaced when required. This is for children to take any notes or complete workings that are required.

If you have any questions about your child's homework please get in touch with your child's class teacher in the first instance.

We understand that there are barriers to some children completing homework, therefore we provide a combination of teacher led and support worker led homework clubs throughout the year as part of the Closing the Gap and Equity and Excellence for All agenda.

We also provide a number of Parental Engagement and Family Learning opportunities.

- ✓ It's the quality, not quantity of homework that matters.
- ✓ Children between the ages of 5 – 15yrs only spend 15% of their time in school therefore a supportive home environment is important for success.
- ✓ Even if you don't have the time, or knowledge about the homework subject, you can still help your child by having a positive and encouraging attitude; after all, homework is for children, not parents.
- ✓ How we learn is unique, so every child may approach homework differently.

You may also find the 'Engaging parents and families' (Education Scotland) document useful to read.

AYR



We are going to Ayr beach for our Summer day out.

P3/2 – P7 Wednesday 30th May

Nursery, P1 and P2/1 Thurs 31st May

There is **no cost** to you for the trip thanks to the fundraising of our Parent Council.

Please keep checking your child's school bag for more details!

CLUBS

Our weekly clubs have started back and are as follows:

	12.15pm	3pm
Monday		
Tuesday	PEEK (Upper)	Parkour Rock Climbing Homework Club
Wednesday	Athletics	Football Citywise Club
Thursday	PEEK (Infants) Football	Athletics

Please keep checking your child's bag for details of our clubs.

FAMILY LEARNING

Last term we ran very successful family learning clubs including Fun with Food and Together Time.

In Term 4, we will be delivering a Ready, Steady Read club for Primary 1 parents.

We are also extending our ESOL class to an international café. For more information please contact our family learning officer Nicola Boyle: Nicola.Boyle@glasgowlife.org.uk



Our School Crossing Patroller is called **Tommy**.

Please cross the road with Tommy and encourage your child to cross the road with Tommy.

He will help you cross safely and minimise the risk of an accident!