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**May Newsletter 2023**

Dear Parent/ Carer,

Welcome to the May newsletter.

We are rapidly heading towards the summer holidays with little over 30 school days left but still with lots to do and lots to organise. End of term reports are being worked on just now and will be getting issued in June.

**Staff Changes and updates**

Leaving

We will be saying goodbye for a while to Miss McDonald as she starts her maternity leave at the end of this month and to Mrs Gallacher who will start her maternity leave in August. I’m sure you will join with me in wishing both a happy and healthy addition to the St Saviour’s family. We look forward to hearing their good news.

Returning

We will soon be welcoming back Mrs Frew, Mrs Macdonald and Mrs Rogan at the end of their maternity leave.

Wedding Bells

Two of our staff will be getting married during the summer holidays. Our best wishes and congratulations go to Miss Kennedy and Miss Johnston. Let’s hope the sun shines for them on their special day.

**Traffic Safety**

Parking at the front of the school building continues to be a safety concern with children and adults crossing between parked cars. This area is a no parking zone and the local Police have identified this as a hazard. They have informed the campus that they will be patrolling this area and performing routine checks on illegal parking. Please do park on the yellow lines at the front of the school.

**Attendance**

Since Covid lockdowns there has been a general dip in attendance across Scotland and here in St Saviour’s we are no different. It has been well proven that any attendance falling below 90% has a detrimental effect on a child’s attainment and although a few days here and there don’t seem much at the time they do add up. To give you some perspective this list gives you an idea of how much school is missed over the course of a school year.

If attendance is 90% or less that means that 20 days have been missed (a full school month)

If attendance is 80% or less that means that 39 days have been missed (almost 2 full school months)

If attendance is 70% or less that means that 59 days have been missed (almost 3 full school months)

If attendance is 60% or less that means that 78 days have been missed (almost 4 full school months)

We currently have 71 children below 90%, 38 of whom are below 80%,with 27 of them below 70% and 9 below 60%.

There are obviously times when it is unavoidable for children to miss school and we understand that so next term there will be a big focus on attendance. The school along with the parent Council will be exploring ways we can support parents / carers to help improve their child’s attendance. If you are worried about your child’s attendance or need some help please talk to a member of staff or contact the Parent Council. If your child is absent for any reason please inform the absence line or our school office to avoid the absence being recorded as unauthorised.

The number for the absence line is 0141 287 0039

**New Primary 1 intake**

Our induction sessions for the new P1 intake are now well underway and are proving to be very successful. The children have enjoyed their visits and look ready for starting in August.

**Parents Night**

Parents night was a great success with an excellent turnout on the night. Thanks to everyone who took the time to complete the survey and give their opinions on how the school is serving their children. It seems we are on the right track as almost every comment was positive. As always if you have an idea you would like to share please don’t hesitate to get in touch.

**Sacraments**

**First Communion;** This will take place on Saturday 13th May during 10am Mass in St Anthony’s Parish. With restrictions now lifted on Church numbers we will be reserving a row for each family. (This usually hold @10 people). There will be extra spaces available behind the reserved rows and these will be on a first come basis.

**P7 Leavers Functions**

As they approach the end of their time at St Saviour’s our P7 class will be having a couple of special events to mark their leaving.

On Monday 19th there will be a P7 leavers Assembly at 9.30am in the GP room. Parents are warmly invited to attend. On Wednesday evening (21st) there will be a Leavers disco in the school hall between 6 and 8pm, then on Thursday (22nd) at 10am there will be an end of term leavers Mass in St Anthony’s Parish Church.

**Music In St Saviour’s**

This year has seen a noticeable increase in the musical activities in St Saviour’s. Our P1-5 classes have all been taking part in a programme called ‘Baby Strings’ and have been learning how to play violins, violas and in some cases even cellos. This started in October and has been happening every Friday morning with Mrs Ranieri and Mrs Oldfield. Some of the P4 children even took part in The Glasgow City Music Festival at the City Halls.

This year has also seen the formation of a school choir and Mrs Rodgers has been working with them over the year. They performed at The Fairfield halls recently and have been asked to perform at A World Culture and Diversity Performance in Govan & Linthouse Church at 1.15pm on the 19th May. They have also been asked to join the celebration Mass for St Anthony’s Parish where Archbishop Nolan will lead the service.

Both of these initiatives have been heavily supported by Paul MacAllindin from The Govan Barons.

To celebrate this we will holding a special concert on the last day of term in The Govan & Linthouse Parish Church. Paul will bring his own musicians and they will play and support our young strings players and our choir. Parents and family will be able to attend this and more details will follow once times have been arranged.

**Govan Fair**

This year sees St Saviour’s supplying the Queen and her attendants for the Govan Fair. The fair is a long-standing tradition and will take place on Friday 2nd of June. Primary 7 pupils were invited to put a short presentation together to persuade the panel of judges why they should be the Queen or one of her attendants. After much deliberation Karly McCrear was chosen to be the Govan Queen and her assistants will be Grace Callaghan, Alisha Okoko, Kingsley Brown and Alex Fita.

The queen will be crowned at the Pearce Institute at 6pm before her and her assistants lead the parade around Govan in a horse drawn carriage . The Parade will start at Fairley Street @7pm and finish at Arklet Road at around 8.30pm

At the end of the procession the queen and her attendants will then be invited to a small function back in the Pearce Institute.

We will be walking as a school in the procession so it would be great to have as many pupils in school uniform as possible. The pupils should assemble in Fairley Street for 7pm. Staff will be there to welcome them but please walk along with your child in the procession. If your child is walking unaccompanied they will need to be picked up at Arklet Road at about8 - 8.30pm.

**Term 4 Diary Dates 2023**

* Saturday 13th May -First Communion Mass 10am
* Friday 19th May Choir performing at Govan & Linthouse Church
* Tuesday 23rd May -- P7 Induction Day at Lourdes
* Wednesday 24th May -- P7 Induction Day at Lourdes
* Thursday 25th May - In-Service Day (Pupils not at school)
* Friday 26th May - Holiday
* Monday 29th May - Holiday
* Tues 6th & Wed 7th June - Lourdes P7 Parents’ Information Evenings
* Tuesday 13th June -P7 Induction Day at Govan High
* Wednesday 14th June -P7 Induction Day at Govan High
* Thursday 15th June - Whole School Trip to Calderglen
* Friday 16th June - Awards Assembly
* Monday 19th June - P7 Leavers Assembly
* Wednesday 21st June -P7 Leavers Disco
* Thursday 22nd June - End Of Term Mass
* Friday 23rd June - Music Celebration at Govan & Linthouse Church
* Friday 23rd June - 1pm Finish and start of summer holidays

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As always if there is anything that you wish to ask or inform me of please don’t hesitate to get in touch by phone or e mail 0141 445 8904 or Headteacher@st-saviours-pri.glasgow.sch.uk

Best Regards

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