



# All Saints Primary & CLB August News



Welcome back to All Saints Primary & CLB. We hope you all had a lovely summer with your family and friends.

Our P1 pupils have settled well today and I am happy to say that there have been smiles all around the school as the children settled into their new classes with their friends and staff.

Please remember that one snack is enough for your child as the children love to play rather than work their way through a variety of snacks. All Saints Primary is a nut free school as we have children with nut allergies, so please be mindful when choosing a snack/lunch for your child. Our school lunches went down a treat, the lunch hall was buzzing with excited children and lots of chatter! Remember we have free school lunches for all children and our menus have been emailed to you. Packed lunches can still be eaten outside in the nicer weather but we need to watch out for the wasps at this time of year!

Can I remind you to send a full water bottle with your child. There are plenty of water stations where these can be refilled throughout the day. We encourage water rather than sugary drinks for snacks. Only water is allowed within the classrooms.

Please take time to read through our regular Monthly Newsletter which will be packed with information. The newsletter will be emailed to all families and will be posted on our website and on Twitter (now X)

Lesley-Anne McCabe

Head Teacher

## School Uniform



Thank you for sending your child back looking so wonderful in our beautiful school uniform. Please ensure that all items of clothing, even shoes are labeled with your child's name on them.

We are aware of the cost of buying uniform and we don't want our families going to additional expense have in the school a number of items of uniform. Please pop into school on a Friday morning when you can have a look through what we have recycled. Please remember when buying future uniforms that our school colour is grey **NOT** black. It is lovely to see all our children looking the same and with a real sense of belonging to our school community.

Hoodies are not part of our school uniform. If you have bought these already, please use them as a PE sweatshirt.

**We do not have a relaxed uniform so please ensure that your child does not come to school wearing leggings or tracksuit trousers.**

HELP US KEEP YOUR CHILDREN SAFE!



As many of you have noticed, pick up and drop off times are very congested on Blairmore Road.

Local residents, concerned parents and our pupils have expressed concern around the safety of our children and families.



The community wardens and police have informed us that they will make frequent visits to ensure parents are parking safely and not parking on Zig Zag lines. We have are also aware that the community wardens and police will issue tickets will be issued for those not parked appropriately.

**PLEASE DO NOT RISK YOUR SAFETY AND THAT OF ANY CHILD IN ALL SAINTS PRIMARY. PARK SAFELY AND GIVE YOURSELF PLENTY OF TIME. USE OUR PARK AND STRIDE FACILITY ON BLAIRMORE ROAD.**

***We look forward to welcoming our parents into school at various events throughout the year. Please look out for our calendar of Parental Engagement events coming soon!***



#### **Parent Voice Group**

**Please join our Parent Voice Group to get fully involved in the school's development and fundraising for the year ahead.**

Our meetings are friendly and informal and it's a good opportunity to meet up with others and make new friendships.

This year we have planned monthly meetings to help us become familiar with organisation of the Parent Voice meetings however moving forward we may only have six meetings a year. The meetings are held in the school at **6pm** on the following dates:

- **Thursday 24 August 2023**
- **Thursday 27 September 2023**

- Thursday 24 October 2023
- Thursday 30 November 2023
- Thursday 25 January 2024
- Thursday 29 February 2024
- Thursday 25 January 2024
- Thursday 28 March 2024
- Thursday 25 April 2024
- Thursday 30 May 2024

*Parental engagement focuses on ways in which parents, carers and families support and encourage their children's learning in school and in everyday life. Schools and partners can play a vital role in supporting families to do this effectively and with confidence.(2018 National Improvement Framework, 2017, p14)*



## Your Child's Learning Journey



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*Come into school and work alongside your child to get a flavour of what life is like for them in the classroom.*

*This will give you an opportunity to meet your child's teacher and find out what is in store for them in the year ahead.*

### ***Week Beginning Monday 18 September 2023***

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- ***Monday 18/09/23:***
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***P3: 1.15pm - 2pm and P6: 2pm - 2.45pm***

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- ***Tuesday 19/09/23:***
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***P4: 1.15pm - 2pm and P7: 2pm - 2.45pm***

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- ***Wednesday 20/09/23:***
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***P2, CLB1 & CLB3: 2.15pm - 2.45pm***

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- *Thursday 21/09/23:*
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*P1: 2pm - 2.45pm and P5 & CLB 2: 2.15pm - 3pm*

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Here are some dates in the diary that we have so far:

- **Tuesday 22/08/23 - Tempest Photographers for all classes**
- **Wednesday 30/08/23 - Welcome mass in school at 11 am**
- **Thursday 12/10/23 Parents' Evening**
- **Wednesday 1/11/23 - All Saints Day Mass in St Laurence's Church with Bishop John**
- **Sunday 26/11/23 - Mass of Enrolment at 10 am in St Laurence's for P7 pupils receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation**
- **Thursday 7/12/23 - Christmas Lunch**
- **Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday 12-14 December - Christmas Shows**

- **Wednesday 13, Thursday 14 and Friday 15 December - Beacon Pantomime - Beauty and the Beast - All Classes**
- **Monday 18/12/23 - School Reports issued this week**
- **Thursday 21/12/23 - Christmas Mass in School**
- **Sunday 3/3/24 Mass of Commitment at 10am in St Laurence's for P4 children receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Communion**
- **Monday 4/3/24 First Confessions in School**
- **Wed 28/03/24 - Parent's Evening**
- **Thurs 28/03/24 Easter Mass in School**
- **Sat 11/05/22 First Holy Communion for P4 children**
- **Fri 17/05/24 School Reports issued**
- **Wed 22/05/34 Sacrament of Confirmation for P7 pupils.**
- **Thurs 13/06/24 Sports Day**
- **Fri 21/06/24 P7 Leaver's Mass**

## Welcome New Staff



This year we welcome a number of new members of staff to join our team.

- Miss Docherty P2 Teacher
- Miss Brown P2 Teacher
- Mr Watt P5A Teacher
- Miss Duffy P4A Teacher
- Mrs McCauley has joined the mainstream school from the CLB
- Mrs Kane has joined the staff in the CLB
- Ms Edit Csoz - CLB2 Teacher

We currently have vacancies advertised for 0.2 teacher and Pupil Support Assistant for the CLB.







## P.E. Information and Kit



- **Dark Self-Coloured Shorts/Tracksuit bottoms/leggings.**
- **School Polo Shirt/T-shirt.**
- **School sweatshirt**
- **Trainers**

These should be brought in bags for PE and the children will change into them. We have excellent changing room facilities within the school and time is allocated for children to change.

To make things easier and quicker for changing, children could wear polo shirt and sweatshirt on PE days rather than shirt and tie.

Please make sure all items of clothing are labelled with your child's name on them.

Children will be going outside for one period of PE this term so please make sure your child has a waterproof jacket.

Primary 4 pupils will be taking part in the Inverclyde Council Swimming Programme this term so will therefore only have one period of PE.

**Following Inverclyde Council Health and Safety procedures, all jewellery must be removed for PE lessons, including all piercings. If your child has difficulty removing earrings, then we advise that they do not wear them to school on PE days. Pupils cannot take part in PE lessons if they have false nails. Please be mindful of this.**

## School Committees



Please actively encourage your child to join our school committees. Our committees will consist of pupils and staff and meetings will be held on the last Wednesday of every month. Children will be told more about our school committees by their teachers during the week ahead.

## Home, School and Parish Links



To allow the children to foster links with the parish community, P 5, 6 and 7 will have the opportunity to attend First Friday Mass in St Laurence's Parish at 10a.m. on the dates below.

Friday 1st September - Primary 7

Friday 6th October - Primary 6

Friday 1st December - Primary 5

A form will be sent requesting parent volunteers to walk to and from Mass with the children. Your support with this is greatly appreciated.

**First Holy Communion Date - Saturday 11th May 2024 - P4A at 10am and P4B at 12pm in St Laurence's Church**

**Confirmation is Wednesday 22 May 2024 in St Mirin's Cathedral Paisley at 6pm**

## School Holiday Dates



### September 2023

- Schools close at 3pm on Thursday, 21 September 2023
- Friday, 22 September 2023 & Monday, 25 September 2023 (September weekend)
- Schools return on Tuesday, 26 September 2023 at 9am, breakfast club from 8am.

### October 2023

- Schools close at 3pm on Friday 13 October 2023
- Monday, 16 October 2023 to Friday, 20 October 2023 (October week)
- Monday, 23 October 2023 (Return date for Teachers & In-service day)
- Tuesday, 24 October 2023 (Return date for pupils)

### December 2023

- Schools close at 2.30 pm on Friday, 22 December 2023
- Monday, 25 December 2023 to Friday, 5 January 2024 (Christmas & New Year)

### January 2024

- Schools return on Monday, 8 January 2024



#### February 2024

- Schools close at 3.00 pm on Friday, 9 February 2024
- Monday, 12 February 2024 & Tuesday, 13 February 2024 (Mid-term break)
- Wednesday, 14 February 2024 (Return date for Teachers & In-service day)
- Thursday, 15 February 2024 (Return date for pupils)

#### March/April 2024

- Schools close at 2.30 pm on Thursday, 28 March 2024
- Friday, 29 March 2024 to Friday, 12 April 2024 (Spring Break) (Good Friday – 29 March 2024 & Easter Monday – 1 April 2024)
- Schools return on Monday, 15 April 2024

#### May 2024

- Schools close at 3.00 pm on Friday, 3 May 2024
- Monday, 6 May 2024 (May Day)
- Tuesday, 7 May 2024 (Return date for Teachers & In-service day)
- Wednesday, 8 May 2024 (Return date for pupils)
- Schools close at 3.00 pm on Thursday, 23 May 2024
- Friday, 24 May 2024 & Monday, 27 May 2024 (May weekend)
- Schools return on Tuesday, 28 May 2024

#### June 2024

- Schools close at 1.00 pm on Friday, 28 June 2024

2023-2024 Calendar (1)

# Inverclyde Council ~ Education Services

## 2023-2024 School Calendar

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May 2024							June 2024							July 2024						
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School Closed/ Holidays
  Teacher In-Service Day (no school for students)
  School Open

In-service days – 5  
 Teacher days – 195

Pupil days – 190

## Attendance and Late Coming



We place a real importance on attendance and last year we successfully raised attendance throughout the school.

**Unsettled friendship groups, emotional and behaviour difficulties, unsuccessful learning and lower employment opportunities can result from poor attendance.**

**Here at All Saints we support our children to:**

- grow confidence and self esteem
- experience success in their learning
- gain qualifications
- understand responsibility
- learn the benefits of contributing to school/community life
- have fun and make friends
- to experience new things

**We understand that there will be times when your child can not attend school** however our school vision is that every child has every chance to succeed. Please help your child to grow as a successful learner, confident individual, responsible citizen and effective contributor by ensuring they are at school every day and attending on time.

**Our school hours are 9.00 a.m. - 3.00 p.m.** Please do not make arrangements to take your child out of school early as they miss out on valuable learning time.

## Ask your child about school



**Sometimes it's easy to get caught up in the moans about school.**

**Or sometimes as parents we feel children just don't talk to us about school.**

**Here are some questions that may help with conversations about learning.**

What did you learn today?

How did you do?

What do you do if you don't understand?

How can you improve or get better with your learning?

What are you most proud of?



## Breakfast Club



**Our breakfast club is on every morning from 8 o'clock and it is free for those in receipt of a clothing grant.**

Access to the Breakfast Club is through the doors at the canteen at the back of the school. From 8 a.m. there will be someone there to let the children in. **Please do not use the front door to access Breakfast Club.**

Even though all children get free school meals this does not give them access to free breakfast club.

**You need to be in receipt of the Clothing grant for free breakfast club access.** If you don't qualify for a clothing grant then the breakfast club costs £1 per day, paid through [Parent Pay](#)

As well as a healthy breakfast, Lee, our sports coach plans fabulous activities for the children to participate in. These include team games, archery, problem solving challenges and fitness activities.

We would like to see more children attend, particularly now the mornings are lighter.

We may even get up on the pitch for some outdoor breakfast challenges.

**If you haven't applied for a clothing grant, follow the link below to find further information and apply now:**

[Free School Meals and Clothing Grant Application](#)