



All Saints Primary August Newsletter



UNCRC Article 28 Every child has the right to an Education

Hopefully you all had a lovely summer spent with family and friends. Everyone here at All Saints is delighted to be back and we are looking forward to what looks to be a busy term ahead.

All of our Primary 1 pupils in the mainstream and CLB have settled well into their new learning environments and have been getting familiar with the school building, helped along by their big buddies from Primary 7.

Our school values are **Respect, Honesty, Kindness and Determination** and as a community we endeavour to live by these values every day.

This year we welcome new staff to the school where the children receive the highest quality learning and teaching experience.

Class Teachers:

Miss O Keefe - Primary 2B

Ms Nelis Primary 3B

Mrs McLean - Primary 6A

Mrs Gray Primary 7A

Miss Wilkin – RCCT for P5-P7

Mr McGachy CLB

We have a new Pupil Support Assistant Miss Nicholas, who will work with Primary 1 pupils.

We will shortly be interviewing for a new Principal Teacher now that Mrs Hogan has taken up post in St Michael's Primary as Depute Head Teacher.

We also welcome Mrs Bonnar as our permanent Depute Head Teacher following Mrs McAvoy's retirement in June. Mrs Bonnar has been acting head teacher here since December and has already settled in well building positive relationships with our school community.

We look forward to welcoming our parents into school at various events throughout the year.

Tempest Photography

We have Tempest Photography coming in to the school on Tuesday 27th and Wednesday 28th August to take pictures of all the pupils. They will also take sibling pictures of those children in All Saints Primary only. The photographer is going to try get through as many photos as possible on the Tuesday but will maybe need to come back for the rest on Wednesday. We will update parents of those classes.



Attendance / Latecoming

Attendance at school is really important. Did you know that unsettled friendship groups, emotional and behaviour difficulties, unsuccessful learning and lower employment opportunities can result from poor attendance?



%	Days missed equivalent to	Impact
100%	0	Excellent Gives your child the best chance of success and gets them off to a flying
95%	9 days 1 week & 4 days	Good Gives your child the best chance of success and gets them off to a flying start
90%	19 days 3 weeks & 4 days	Poor Less chance of success. Makes it harder to progress.
85%	27 days 5 weeks & 2 days (Almost half a term)	Very Poor Serious implications
80%	36 days 7 weeks & 1 days (Half a term)	Unacceptable Serious implications on learning and progress. Unacceptable

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.

School Uniform

We are delighted to see our children return to school so smartly with their school uniform. We strongly encourage our children to wear our school uniform so that they feel part of our school community.

We have a number of items which have been donated to the school should you need help with school uniform. These are all freshly laundered and ready to be taken home. Please contact the school office.

Please see if you are entitled to apply for a clothing grant from Inverclyde Council by following the link [Clothing Grant Application](#). This will also give you free access to the Breakfast Club

Pick Up and Drop Off

UNCRC Article 3 The best interest of the child must be a priority

Our playgrounds are supervised from 8.45 a.m. by Pupil Support Assistants and members of the Senior Management Team. Please do not send your child to school before this time unless they are attending our school breakfast club which is open from 8.00 a.m.

To safeguard our children at all times, please do not enter the playground or gather on the side stairs of the school when dropping off and picking up your child.

In light of recent incidents surrounding safety of children, staff will ask you to leave the playground as we need all children to be safe from harm and we cannot guarantee this if there are adults in the playground who are unfamiliar.

We have elderly neighbours and ask that you be respectful of them when parking around the school. We have a park and stride facility on Blairmore Road.

Please use the school crossing patrol. We now have 2 crossing patrol staff. One at the top of Blairmore Road and the other on Kilmacolm Road. Children and families should use these crossings to ensure safe routes to school.

Please make sure your child knows end of day pick-up arrangements. Our school office currently has only one member of staff at the end of the school day who is required to ensure taxi children are picked up safely. **All other children will come out the school with their classes to ensure safety at all times.**

Our school office is staffed from 8.30 until 4.00 pm. If you call out with these hours you will be put straight through to answer machine where they will be picked up by office staff in the morning.

You can contact us by:

Phone – **01475 715640** (leave a message if answering machine on)

email - inallsaints@glowscotland.onmicrosoft.com

Message to groupcall - **07860004764**

Please return the annual data forms as soon as possible which will allow us to check your contact details and help us to keep in touch, particularly if we need to contact you in an emergency.

Cost of school Day

We are very mindful of the cost of the school day. So we make every effort to keep the cost of additional activities to a minimum and we are thankful to our Parent voice Group who are very supportive.

Last year we spent a total of £2464.00 on buses to various events within the school. The cost of this was supported by donations from the Parent Voice Group and St Laurence's Parish.

This year we will be unable to fully subsidise educational visits so we will be asking parents to contribute to this through adding funds to their [Parent Pay](#) account.

PE Kit

UNCRC Article 24 Every child has the right to the best possible health



We have wonderful changing facilities so the children can bring PE Kit to get changed. Children often benefit from changing out of their PE kit. To help with pace, children should wear school polo shirt and sweat shirt on these days. Please label all items of clothing. Please only wear dark leggings or joggers for PE and avoid stripes or branded logos as items often get left behind.

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.

There have been a few changes to the PE Timetable, please see below for your child's class:

CLASS	PE DAYS	
P1A - Miss Sinclair	Mondays	Wednesdays (outdoors)
P1B - Miss Brown	Wednesdays	Fridays (outdoors)
P2A - Miss McBride	Mondays (outdoors)	Thursdays
P2B - Miss O'Keefe	Mondays (outdoors)	Fridays
P3A - Miss Shields	Tuesdays	Fridays (outdoors)
P3B - Miss Nelis	Tuesdays (outdoors)	Fridays
P4A - Miss Murray	Thursdays - SWIMMING	Fridays
P4B - Mrs Devenney	Thursdays - SWIMMING	Fridays
P5A - Miss Kershaw	Wednesdays (outdoors)	Fridays
P5B - Mr Coyle	Tuesdays	Thursdays (outdoors)
P6A - Mrs McLean	Tuesdays	Thursdays
P6B - Mrs Deafley	Mondays	Wednesdays (outdoor)
P7A - Miss Gray	Mondays	Thursdays (outdoors)
P7B - Miss Simpson	Tuesdays	Thursdays (outdoors)

Breakfast Club

Our breakfast club runs from 8 a.m. until 8.45 a.m. every day. **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](#). Applications for clothing grants can be accessed through Inverclyde Council's: [Clothing Grant Application](#)

Entrance to the breakfast club is through the side gates of the school and down the stairs at the amphitheatre and in the door at the school canteen. NOT the front door.

Lunches

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Please look over the lunch menus with your child and help them to choose what they would like. We are on week 1 of the menu which has been sent out.

Snacks

Please provide your child with water for the classroom and a small healthy snack for playtime. Fizzy drinks are not allowed as we are a health promoting school.

Nut Free School

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As we have children in school who have a nut allergy, we are a nut free zone. Please do not send your child to school with snacks containing nuts or with Nutella on sandwiches. This helps us to ensure that we keep all of our children safe at all times.



Toys in School

Please don't send your child to school with toys as they can often get lost or damaged and children become upset. They can also be a distraction during learning time. These items should be left at home.

Active Schools

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We work closely with our partners Active Schools to provide a range of after school and lunchtime clubs. Details of these will be sent out shortly. Last year 72% of pupils in the school benefitted from participation in activities with Active Schools which were supported by our very own school staff.

P7 Residential

Last year our P7 Residential Trip was fully funded from Educational Scotland Pupil Equity Funding and cost £9940.00. This year our funding is completely committed to additional staffing including one Full time teacher, one part time teacher, a part time Nurture Teacher and Health and Wellbeing Coach, so we will not be able to fund a Residential trip for P7.

We will shortly be in touch with our P7 parents through a Microsoft Form and along with consultation from staff and pupils, we will look to provide alternative outdoor learning experiences for our pupils.

Dates for your diary:

- Tuesday 27th and Wednesday 28th August: **School Picture Day** (Tempest Photography)
- Thursday 29th August – **Swimming will start for Primary 4 classes** (until Thurs 10th Oct)
- Thursday 29th August – **Papal Nuncio Mass in St Mirin’s Cathedral** – 7pm, All Welcome
- Friday 30th August – **Parent Voice Cuppa in the Hive** – All Parents Welcome – 9am
- Saturday 31st August – **Cross Country Event** – Tower Hill, Gourock (P5-P7 Classes)
- Wednesday 11th September – **P1 Parental Workshop** with Parent Voice and Mrs Bonnar
- Saturday 14th September – **Cross Country Event** – Tower Hill, Gourock (P5-P7 Classes)
- Wednesday 18th September – **P4 First Holy Communion Meeting for Parents** - 2.15pm
- Friday 20th September – **Welcome Mass at 10am in St Laurence’s Church** – 10am
- Saturday 21st September – **Cross Country Event** – Tower Hill, Gourock (P5-P7 Classes)
- Wednesday 25th September – **P7 Confirmadi Mass** – St Mary’s Church – 10am
- Wednesday 25th September – **P7 Confirmation Meeting for Parents** - 2.15pm
- **School Closed – Friday 27th September and Monday 30th September** – (Sept. Weekend)
- Tuesday 2nd October – **Parents’ Afternoon/ Evening for Whole School** (details to follow)
- **Friday 11th October – School Closes for October Holidays**
- **Monday 21st October – In-service Day for School Staff**
- **Tuesday 22nd October – Pupils Return**

School Holidays for 2024/25

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