



## December Newsletter

### It's Christmas!

We would like to wish all our families and friends a very happy and holy Christmas this year. Many thanks for the many cards and gifts that have been sent in to staff. We really appreciate your kindness. We have had a really busy term. The children are the talk of the town with their wonderful performances this Christmas. They entertained us so well and got us all into the festive spirit.

Thank You to the Beacon for providing the children with the opportunity to see Jack and the Beanstalk this year. We are very grateful for the generosity. We had so much fun there. Oh yes we did!

This week is a busy week for parties and we will finish with Carols around the Tree on Friday. Our whole school come together to sing joyfully and celebrate together.

On Thursday we would like to invite you to our school Christmas Mass at **11 a.m. in the hall**. It is a wonderful time to come together as a school and parish community to remember the real reason why we celebrate Christmas, the birth of our saviour Jesus Christ.

St Laurence's Christmas masses are as follows:

Saturday Evening – 4.30pm

Sunday – 10am and 12pm

**Christmas Eve Mass – 4pm and 8pm**

**Christmas Day – 10am and 12pm**

A lovely way to pray together and give joy for the gift of our families at this time of year.



### P1 Registration

January is the time of the year when our new Primary 1 pupils for August 2025/26 enrol for school. Enrolment is done online **from 6-10<sup>th</sup> January 2025** at [Registering for school in Inverclyde](#). If you have any questions or wish to discuss more fully, then please contact Mrs McCabe or Mrs Bonnar through the school office.

### P7 Residential

If you haven't already paid this fully, then please do so through parent pay. If you wish to discuss payment then please contact the school office.

**A kit list will be sent out at the start of next session.**

## School Values

Our school values of **Respect, Honesty, Kindness and Determination** are recognised and celebrated throughout the year. We see children displaying these values every day and we endeavour for our whole school community to live by these values. Please use these values at home, the children can talk about what each value looks like to them and what it means in school.



## Breakfast Club

Our breakfast club is very well attended. It is free for all those in receipt of a clothing grant. If you have not applied for a clothing grant then you find out more at [Clothing Grant](#).

For those attending Breakfast Club and not in receipt of a clothing grant then the cost is £1 per day and should be paid through parent pay.

**PLEASE DO NOT USE THE MAIN ENTRANCE FOR BREAKFAST CLUB. ENTRANCE IS AT OUR AMPHITHEATRE AT THE BACK OF THE SCHOOL. BREAKFAST CLUB STAFF ARE THERE TO OPEN THE DOORS.**

## Attendance

Thank you for continuing to support your child's learning by ensuring they attend school regularly.

Absence from school affects your child's learning, relationships and self-confidence. They do not get the same opportunities of success that others do. When a child is regularly absent they continually have to play catch up with their learning and this affects the pace at which they learn and the progress they make.

We are aware that children often want to have a 'wee day off' however this can significantly impact on the progress they make. Children with poor attendance are found to have gaps in their learning and this is evident through assessments.

Don't be the barrier to your child's achievements. Every child deserves every chance to be successful.



## Latecoming

Being late for school has a significant impact on how your child presents at school each day.

Sometimes only being a few minutes late sets the child on a difficult journey for the day. At times they don't want to walk in class late or always be that one child who doesn't get to school on time and therefore misses the start of the day activities, including check in and registration.

Please get into a routine in the morning, set an earlier alarm, switch off the devices and perhaps even get into the routine of an early bed time. Many of our children report that they are tired as they don't go to bed until late. All of these things help your child become a successful learner.



## Parent Voice Group

Thanks once again to our parent voice group for organising the school Christmas Fete. This was very well supported by families. Our parent voice group need your help though as it is the same small group of parents who are continually giving up their time to ensure the children enjoy these events.

If you can help then please do so. Come along to our next meeting on a Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 6pm in the school. Helping hands are always welcome.

## Goodbye

On Thursday we will say goodbye to Mrs Friel, who has been a Class Teacher at All Saints for the past 14yr. She retires from teaching after working in Inverclyde for past 28yrs. We wish her all the best as she spends time relaxing with her family and friends.

We also say goodbye and good luck to Mr McGachy, Class Teacher at the CLB, who will also be leaving us and taking up a new job. We welcome Miss Docherty back to All Saints as Class Teacher at the CLB starting in January.

## Dates for your Diary

- **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025:** School reopens at 9am  
(breakfast Club as normal from 8am)
- **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> 2025:** P7 Residential – Lockerbie Manor
- **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2025:** P3A & P3B Performing in the Inverclyde Festival – Town Hall (more info to follow)
- **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2025:** P5 & P6 Choir Performing in the Inverclyde Festival – Town Hall (more info to follow)
- **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025:** P1 & P7 Dental Inspection in school
- **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2025:** School Holiday
- **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2025:** School Holiday
- **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2025:** School In-Service Day (closed to pupils)
- **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2025:** School reopens at 9am  
(breakfast Club as normal from 8am)



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