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It is hard to believe we have almost reached the end of our first school term. It has been a challenging term for many families with periods of self isolation being required. We hope that life becomes more settled for everyone as we move forward.

Please continue to keep 2m distance at pick ups and drop offs and wear a face covering. Please do not send your child to school if they have any COVID symptoms and book a PCR test for them. A child must have a negative PCR test result before they can return or have undertaken 10 days self isolation.

I know people may be starting to get weary of the measures, but it is so important that we all do our best to keep each other safe.

Preparation for receiving the Sacraments

An email was sent last week inviting one family member for each Primary 4 and Primary 7 pupil to attend a meeting about the Sacraments on Wednesday 6th October at 6pm in Holy Family Church Hall. At this meeting we will talk about the role of families, the school and the church in preparing the children to receive the Sacraments. We will also share with you the key dates.



We look forward to meeting with you.

Feast of the Archangels



On Wednesday of last week we celebrated our patron saint's Feast Day. Our pupils from P6, Primary 7/6 and Primary 7 were able to be take part in Mass in our assembly hall which was led by Father Laurent. We look forward to the day when we can bring all the pupils together to participate as a whole community. Throughout the day the children took part in a fact finding mission about St Michael out in our school grounds. We are very grateful to Miss Davidson for creating this for us. The children ended their day with an ice lolly treat!

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Phone Calls to Parents



Our phone calls to parents are well underway. It has been lovely to speak with everyone and to talk about your child's progress. All calls will be concluded by the end of this week. Please check your child's schoolbag for a copy of their new learning targets for Term 2 and their attendance record for Term 1. These were issued on Friday 1st October.

School Uniform

Please remember that the relaxed uniform approach only applies to PE days or days when pupils are attending after school sports clubs. The relaxed approach allows pupils to wear joggers or leggings during the school day with school uniform still being worn on the upper part of the body. On all other days pupils should wear their formal school uniform. Our school uniform is

- white shirt with school tie
- white polo shirt – school logo is not compulsory
- maroon cardigan, jumper, slip over or sweatshirt – school logo is not compulsory
- grey skirts, pinafores, shorts or trousers

Tracksuit tops and branded sportswear are not part of our relaxed uniform and should not be worn to school.

Donations to charities



We were overwhelmed by your generosity in supporting our Compassionate Inverclyde appeal and have been asked by the charity to convey their thanks to you all for the much needed donations. Thank you!

This month we will be collecting in class to support the work of Mary's Meals. Please support this appeal if you can.



Maths Week Scotland

Last week the children took part in learning activities that helped them further develop their mathematical skills. We were very lucky to be able to take the learning outdoors at various times during the week. We are very grateful to Mrs Docherty and Mrs Neeson, teachers working as part of the Attainment Challenge in the local authority, for coming into the school and providing the children with additional fun, motivating learning experiences.



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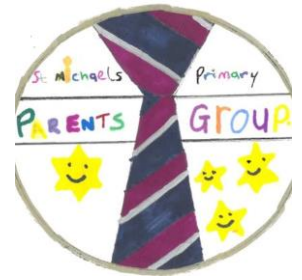
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Parents' Group

Our Parents' Group AGM will take place on Wednesday 20th October at 6pm via Webex. Please contact the school or Debbie McNaught, the Chair of our Parents' Group, for the link to attend. We hope we will see you there!



Recent Survey



Thank you to everyone who responded to our survey a few weeks ago. Your feedback is very helpful as we evaluate the work of the school. Some of our families who responded said they would be interested in James Kane, our CLD worker, getting in touch. James will do this during the October holiday. We are looking forward to providing some learning opportunities for parents of pupils in Primary 1 and Primary 4 in the new term. More information will be shared about this once we return after the holiday.

Breakfast Club

At this moment in time, it is unlikely that we will be able to run our Breakfast Club after the October break as we do not have staff to do this. If you are interested in working in the Breakfast Club, please contact the school and we will resend the information that was sent via email last week. Hopefully our recruitment will be successful.



Forthcoming holiday and In Service Day

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Our school closes on Friday at 3.05pm for the October break. The school will reopen to pupils on Tuesday 19th October at 9.05am as Monday 18th is an In Service day for staff.

We hope that everyone has a very enjoyable break and keeps safe during this time.

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