



DIARY DATES

SEPTEMBER HOLIDAY

The school will be closed to pupils on

Monday 18 September 2023

This is a staff In-service day

OCTOBER HOLIDAY

The school closes for the October holiday on

Friday 13th October at 3.00 pm.

and re-opens on

Monday 23rd October at 9.00 am.

NOVEMBER HOLIDAY

The school will be closed to pupils and staff on

Friday 17th November 2023

and

Monday 20th November 2023

St John Ogilvie Primary Newsletter



August/September 2023

Website:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/na/stjohnogilvieprimary/>

Twitter:

@SJOLrvine



It is our pleasure to extend a warm welcome to all our new pupils and their families. We are delighted that you have joined us at St John Ogilvie Primary and Early Years and hope that you will be very happy here. It is also a pleasure to welcome back all our existing pupils and staff members. We hope that everyone had a relaxing summer.

The Primary 1 pupils as well as new children in other classes, have settled in well and have quickly become part of our school community.

REMINDERS

At the start of our new school session we would like to take this opportunity to remind you of some of the ways in which you can help the smooth and safe operation of the school and ask for everyone's cooperation in carrying them out.

- If your child is absent from school for any reason please inform us if possible by telephone on the first day of absence before 9.30 am. If you are using the **Xpressions App** then you can also use this to contact the school. This ensures that we are aware of all the pupils who should be in school and that no one is unaccounted for. The safety and wellbeing of all our pupils is a priority.
- We recently sent out our annual data forms to all families. Please check this form for any errors especially if you have updated your telephone numbers or email address and return to school.

CONSENTS

We are keen to share what our pupils are learning using photographs and videos. We display this on wall displays, floor books, GLOW groups, our website and our twitter account. Your child will receive an envelope with various consent forms and your photo/video consent form will be included in this pack. No pupil will have their photograph/video taken unless you have signed the consent forms. This consent form also gives permission for NAC Active Schools and NAC Libraries to photograph and video your child for their social media accounts. We also issue a separate consent form for Tempest photographs and newspapers.

REDUCING THE COST OF THE SCHOOL DAY

We have a limited supply of quality recycled uniforms for any parent/carer who would benefit from some extra garments. These are stored in our foyer area at the main office. If you feel that you would like to view some of the items then please come to the school foyer for a browse.



If you would like to donate to the Uniform Recycling Scheme then we would ask that you only donate washed quality items. Due to limited storage space please do not donate items with stains, missing buttons or broken zips.

PARENT COUNCIL



If you are interested in joining our Parent Council then please contact the school and we can pass your details to our Joint Parent Council Chairs Mrs Darling and Mrs Simpson.

The first meeting of this session will be on **Wednesday 6th September at 6.15pm at St John Ogilvie Church**. All parents/carers are warmly invited to attend.

ST JOHN OGILVIE CHURCH LIVE STREAMING

As a faith school we attend our local church for mass. St John Ogilvie Church live stream their services on their YOUTUBE channel and their Facebook account. All pupils wishing to participate in the mass e.g. readings, bidding prayers and offertory procession must complete a GDPR consent form. If your child did not wish to do it last year but would like to be considered then please contact the school office for a new consent form. Previous consent forms last the duration of your child's attendance at our school. If you wish to withdraw consent then please contact the school to withdraw your consent.

DIGITAL COMMUNICATION WITH PARENTS/CARERS

We use 3 methods to communicate with our parents/carers in St John Ogilvie Primary School. We have a dedicated school **website** and we also use an app called **Xpressions** and also email if required. The website is a public website and the Xpressions app is linked to the **main contact's** details held by the school.

Groupcall Xpressions App

If you have not yet downloaded this free app then we would encourage you to do so. We know that our phone line can become very busy and getting through to us can be stressful. This app has the function for parents to communicate with our office staff. The app is monitored daily.

Groupcall Xpressions can be downloaded for free via Google Play, Play Store and Apple Store.



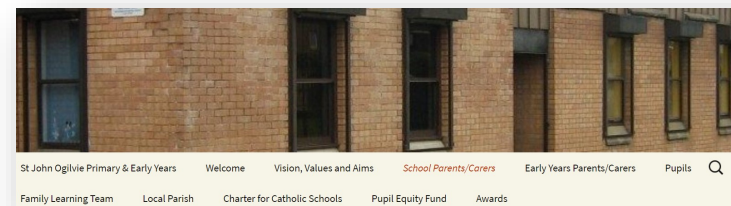
The icon for the app looks like this

Website

Our website can be accessed by clicking on the link below. You may wish to bookmark this on your browser.

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/na/stjohnogilvieprimary/>

Please click on the **School Parents/Carers** tab to access digital copies of all relevant school documents e.g. newsletters, school handbooks, etc.



We have also created an **update** sub heading for any general information from other agencies.

SACRAMENTS

Mrs McGuire, Depute Head is responsible for Sacramental Preparation for our school.

Primary 3 pupils will be making their Sacrament of Reconciliation this session. Please look out for a letter regarding registration in the next few weeks.



Primary 4 pupils will be making their Sacrament of Confirmation and also the Sacrament of First Holy Communion this session. Please look out for a letter regarding registration in the next few weeks.

If your child is in P4, P5, P6 and P7 and you would like to start their sacramental faith journey then please phone the school and ask to speak to Mrs McGuire DHT who will advise you of your next steps.

FLU VACCINATIONS

NHS Ayrshire and Arran will carry out flu vaccinations on **Wednesday 15th November** in our school. Please ensure that all paperwork is returned to our school office staff as soon as possible.

HOMEWORK

We received positive feedback regarding our draft Homework Policy which we issued to parents/carers last session. Thank you to those who responded. We have now uploaded a copy of our finalised Homework Policy to our school website. Homework will commence week beginning Monday 4 September. This will allow us time to issue our new Parental Homework Guide and Pupil Homework Packs. Please note that homework will no longer be explained via your child's Glow account.

PARKING

To ensure the safety of our parents/carers and pupils at drop off and pick up times please adhere to the following guidance.

- Parking in the turning bay near the main gate is not permitted. It is **not** a 2 car parking bay.
- Parking on the pavement at the corner before the yellow zig-zag lines is dangerous to both pedestrians and other road users. Parking on a corner obstructs the views of other road users which could cause a serious accident.
- Parent/Carers should not be dropping off or picking up their child/children on the painted **Zig Zag** lines.
- No car should be using the car park gate as a turning zone.
- The car park is for staff use only and those who require to use our disabled parking bay.

Please use the **Park and Stride** car park over at the Bourtreehill shops. This will prevent congestion at drop off and pick up times.

Park & Stride



HEAD LICE

Please remember to examine your child's hair for lice on a regular basis and carry out treatment if necessary. Eileen Murney our School Nurse can be contacted on 01294 468615 if you require advice and support.

REMEMBER TO:

Take a Peek
Once a Week

NUT ALLERGY

We currently have 1 pupil with a nut allergy. In order to provide a safe environment for this pupil we require your continued support. We would ask that children do not bring nuts to school or any other items that contain nuts e.g. Snicker bars. Please also take this into consideration when creating packed lunches e.g. peanut butter and hazelnut chocolate spread. We are extremely appreciative of your ongoing support.



SCHOOL PAYMENTS

Parents/carers will now pay for school lunches and school trips by using their child's iPayimpact account. Here is the URL web address for the website.

<https://www.ipayimpact.co.uk/IPI/Account/LogOn>

If any parent/carer is having trouble accessing their child's account then they must contact the dedicated helpline. The email address for issues is:

OnlineCashlessQueries@northayrshirecouncil.onmicrosoft.com



SCHOOL LUNCHES

All children in Primary 1 - 5 are entitled to a school meal for **FREE**. Our school lunches are nutritious and menus are on a 3 week rota.

Currently the link to NAC website for school lunch menus is not working. We have taken photos of the large poster in our lunch hall and uploaded these to our website and twitter account. Please note that when you login to your child's iPayImpact account the meal options are available for you to browse and discuss with your child.

Please ensure you have pre-ordered your child's meal the night before. All pupils who pre-order earn 50 house points for their HOUSE.