

DIARY DATES

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

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

The school closes for Christmas on

Friday 22nd December at 2.30 pm.

and re-opens on

Monday 8th January at 9.00 am.



**St John Ogilvie Primary
Newsletter**



**September/
October 2023**

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★ **PARENTS' /CARERS' MEETINGS** ★

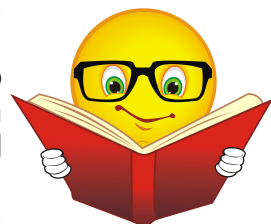
★ Parents'/Carers' Meetings will take place on: ★

★ **Thursday 12th October 2023** ★
★ **3.15 - 5.00pm & 6.15 - 8.00pm.** ★

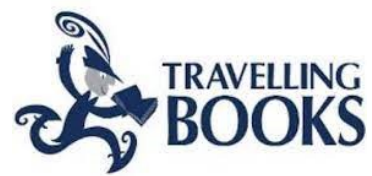
★ Appointments can be booked using our digital online ★
★ form. This was sent to the main contact for your child ★
★ via the **Xpressions** App or by **email**. If you have not ★
★ completed the online form please do so as soon as ★
★ possible. A slip confirming your appointment will be ★
★ issued via your child's school bags. ★

★ **BOOK FAIR** ★

★ Travelling Book Fair will be in ★
★ school from Monday 2nd October. ★
★ Children will have the opportunity to ★
★ look at the books with their class on ★
★ **Tuesday 3rd October and** ★
★ **Wednesday 4th October.** Pupils ★
★ will bring home a slip of paper with ★
★ the name and price of the book they would like. ★



★ **Money for books can be brought in from Thursday** ★
★ **5th October until Tuesday 10th October.** Please ★
★ note that unlike last year we will not have the Book Fair ★
★ for parents'/carers' evening. There is no pressure to ★
★ buy any books but we do receive commission on all ★
★ books sold and use it to buy new books for our ★
★ libraries. ★



★ **NON UNIFORM DAY** ★

★ We will have a Non Uniform Day on **Friday 13th October** ★
★ **2023.** Please bring either a bottle for the bottle stall, or ★
★ chocolate for the chocolate stall for our Christmas ★
★ Fayre. **Please note that children should not bring any** ★
★ **glass or alcoholic bottles to school.** If par- ★
★ ents wish to donate anything alcoholic they are asked to ★
★ bring this to the school office. ★

★ The following are suggestions which children could ★
★ bring to school: ★

- ★ • Soft drinks
- ★ • Diluting juice
- ★ • Chocolate bars / sweets

★ Please note that no football colours are allowed. ★
★ Hopefully we will have well stocked bottle and chocolate ★
★ stalls at our Christmas Fayre! ★

★ **TEMPEST PHOTOGRAPHS** ★

★ Our Tempest Photographer will visit our school to take ★
★ Family and Individual photographs **on Wednesday 22nd** ★
★ **November 2023.** ★

★ Only pupils who have returned our **Tempest Photograph** ★
★ **Consent** form will be included in the photograph. ★
★ Please contact the school if you are unsure if you have ★
★ returned this form or if you require a new one. ★

★ Due to limited space and time, Class Photographs will ★
★ be taken on a separate day. This has been organised ★
★ for **Monday 19th February 2024.** ★





PARKING AND ROAD SAFETY

A reminder not to park on the zig zag lines outside the school gate.

North Ayrshire Transport Hub have asked us to remind all parents that the Staff Car Park should only be used by staff or disabled drivers.

Local residents recently phoned the school to complain that parents/carers were parking unsafely. Please ensure that you only park in designated bays, do not block driveways or park at any corners. We promote the **Park and Stride** car park over at Bourtreehill shops to help reduce traffic congestion outside our school at drop off and pick up times.

Our newly promoted Junior Road Safety Officers Shay and Ellie Marie will be speaking to all pupils about Road Safety and will promote our school's travel plan this year. We hope that you will support their effort to make our community a safe place for our pupils.

DENTAL INSPECTIONS

Primary 1 and Primary 7 pupils will have a dental inspection on **Thursday 12th October 2023**.

FLU VACCINATIONS

NHS Ayrshire and Arran will carry out flu vaccinations on **Wednesday 15th November 2023** in our school. Please ensure that all paperwork is returned to our school office staff as soon as possible or your child will not receive their flu vaccination.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Our Parent Council Fundraising Committee are busy organising our Christmas Fayre which will take place on **Saturday 25th November** in St John Ogilvie Primary School from 11.00am onwards. Please put this date in your diary to ensure it is a success!

If you would like a stall then the cost is £20 plus a raffle prize donation. Please contact the school to book a stall.

In order to make the event a success, we would appreciate donations of home-baking or shop bought cakes. Please hand into our office on Friday 24th November.



HALLOWEEN DISCO

Our Parent Council Fundraising Committee are busy organising a **free** Halloween Disco for all pupils which will take place in our school gym hall on **Monday 30th October**.

Times are outlined below:

Primary 1 – 3

6.00 – 7.00pm

Primary 4 – 7

7.15 – 8.15pm



Children will be given a free drink and packet of crisps. Please discuss with a parent council member/staff member any allergies/dietary needs when dropping your child off at the disco.

COLLECTION OF PUPILS AFTER DISCO

All pupils must be collected by a responsible adult

P1 - P3 pupils should be collected at the **infant door** that they normally enter and exit during a school day. Mrs McCulloch will hand over pupils to their responsible adult.

P4 - P7 pupils should be collected at the **main entrance** and Mrs McCulloch will hand over pupils to their responsible adult.

FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

All pupils will attend 11.15am Mass at St John Ogilvie Church on **Wednesday 1st November 2023**. We would be delighted if you were able to join us to celebrate the Feast of All Saints. This will also be a special Mass to welcome our new P1 pupils and other new pupils who have joined us since August. Pupils in P4 -P7 will be responsible for readings, bidding prayers and offertory.



If there are any changes to the information on the consent form for visits within walking distance of the school, please contact the school and we will provide you with a new form. If your child wishes to do readings then, due to the live streaming service, we require a GDPR consent form. Most children have returned these but if you require one then contact the school office.

If you are unable to attend the mass then it will also be live streamed via St John Ogilvie/St Mary's YouTube page. Please search for RC Irvine @rcirvine7238

HEAD LICE

Please remember to examine your child's hair for lice on a regular basis and carry out treatment if necessary.

REMEMBER TO:

Take a Peek
Once a Week

P.E.

We have noticed that an increasing number of pupils are not bringing the appropriate gym kit to school. We would recommend the following kit:

- **Shorts**
- **T- shirt**
- **A change of shoes: trainers or indoor shoes.**
- **Socks**

If you require support with a gym kit for your child then why not pop in and look at our uniform recycling rails.

We ask that pupils have access to their PE kit most days as timetables can change due to other events in our gym hall.

In the interests of safety no items of jewellery should be worn and will have to be removed to take part. Children who are unable to remove their own earrings are asked to bring plasters to school so that they can cover their earrings during PE lessons. Your support in this matter is much appreciated.

DOGS IN THE SCHOOL GROUNDS

Please note that no dogs (including those held in their owner's arms) are allowed in our school grounds with the exception of guide dogs. This is in line with North Ayrshire Council's Policy.



FAMILY LEARNING TEAM

The Family Learning Team recently invited parents/carers of P1 to join them for literacy support on a Tuesday between 3pm and 4pm. There is still time to join with 2 sessions remaining. Please contact Mrs McGuire DHT if you wish to register and she will inform Carol Young our Family Learning Worker.



Carol will be running Family Craft and STEM sessions this year. Primary 2 and Primary 3 will also be gifted their READ WRITE COUNT Bags by the Family Learning Team. All events will be sent to the main contact of your child via Xpressions App or email.

Why not follow the Family Learning Team on Twitter @NAC_FLT and learn about their work with families.

NUT FREE SCHOOL

We have noticed an increasing number of snacks for playtime having hazelnut products. We are a nut free school as we have 2 pupils who have a life threatening nut allergy. In order to provide a safe environment for these pupils I require your continued support. I would ask that children do not bring nuts to school or any other items that contain peanuts or tree nuts. Please also take this into consideration when creating packed lunches e.g. peanut butter and hazelnut chocolate spread. Parents of these pupils are extremely appreciative of your support. Please contact the school if you require any further information.



SCOOTERS AND BICYCLES

Although we encourage our children to ride their scooter / bicycle to school please note that they are not allowed to ride these within the school grounds. Children are asked to dismount at the gate, walk down the path and put their scooter / bicycle in the shed. Your support in this matter is much appreciated to avoid any accidents occurring.



SMARTIE TUBES

Our Parent Council Fundraising Committee would like to once again fundraise using a tube of Smarties. Every child in our school and Early Years will be given a tube. Please help your child to put as many 20p coins in these tubes as possible. Please note that these tubes do not have to be filled before the return date of **Friday 10 November**. Any money given will be gratefully appreciated. Any pupils with allergies will be given a Haribo sweet along with the Smarties Tube. We will issue an app/email message when they are ready to be given to pupils.

HOUSE CAPTAINS

Congratulations to the following House Captains:

St Andrew - Mylaa and Darcie
St Columba - Mia and Marcea
St Margaret - Olivia and Liam
St Ninian - Robbie and Evie



All House Captain speeches were of an extremely high standard. Well done to all P7 children who worked so hard on their speeches!