

PARENTS' /CARERS' MEETINGS

This week we will have our October Parents'/ Carers' Meetings, It will take place on **Thursday 10 October 2024 between 3.15 - 5.00pm & 6.15pm - 8.15pm.** If you have not yet made an appointment to speak to your child's teacher then please phone the school to organise this.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

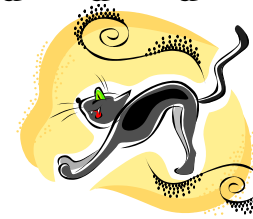
The Scholastic Book Fair will arrive in our school on Thursday 10th October 2024. To support our school funds we would ask you to consider purchasing a book for your child at our Parents'/ Carers' Meetings. We receive 50% of overall sales.

LATEX AND KIWI ALLERGY

We would like to inform you that a child in our school has a severe latex and kiwi allergy. These allergies can cause serious life threatening reactions. Latex is a natural rubber found in a variety of everyday products e.g. balloons, rubber gloves and certain comfort/ stress fidget toys. As a school we no longer use latex gloves and will be mindful of the products purchased in relation to fidget toys. We will now only use foil balloons for display purposes. We would ask for your understanding and cooperation and that you be mindful of this allergy in relation to toys coming into school and snacks. The parent/carer of this child is extremely grateful for your support in this matter.

October Holiday

School closes on Friday 11th October at 3pm



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HALLOWEEN

Our Parent Council Fundraising Committee are busy organising **free** Halloween Discos for all pupils,



P1 - P3 disco will take place during school hours on **Thursday 31st October** from **1.45pm until 2.45pm** in the school gym hall. School staff will supervise this disco and our Parent Council will supply treats. Pupils will be given a small chocolate treat and flavoured water. Any child with an allergy will be catered for according to our school records. Children can come to school in their Halloween costume that day if they wish. Please ensure that all costumes are age appropriate and that no weapon props are included in the costume.



P4 - P7 disco will take place on **Wednesday 30th October** in **St John Ogilvie RC Church Hall** from **6pm - 7pm**. This disco will be supervised by Parent Council members. If you wish to volunteer and supervise at this disco then please advise Mrs McCulloch, HT. Again, please ensure that all costumes are age appropriate and no weapon props are included in the costume. **Please note that all children must be collected at the end of the disco by an adult.** This is to ensure that all children get home safely as it will be dark outside. We would ask that the adult enters the Church Hall to collect their child.

A huge thank you to our Parent Council Fundraising Committee for organising these discos for our children.



PRIMARY SCHOOL FLU IMMUNISATIONS

NHS Scotland will visit our school on **Thursday 21st November** to deliver the flu vaccine to all P1 - P7 pupils who have parental consent.

If you would like further information then please visit this website: <https://www.nhsinform.scot/childflu>



TEMPEST INDIVIDUAL/SIBLING PHOTOS

We have organised TEMPEST PHOTOGRAPHERS to visit our school on **Monday 11th November** to take individual photographs and sibling photographs. Please note that due to our increasing school roll, Early Years pupils will have their individual photographs taken on another day.

If you wish a sibling photograph with a child in Early Years then this will take place on the day Early Years have TEMPEST.

PARENT COUNCIL CHRISTMAS FAYRE CHANGE OF VENUE.

Our Parent Council are currently organising our Annual Christmas Fayre for **Saturday 30th November 2024**. Due to changes to Lets for School Premises at weekends, the Christmas Fayre will take place in **SJO Church Hall and The Relief Church Hall**. More information will be sent out closer to the event.



P7 VISIT TO ST MATTHEW'S ACADEMY

All P7 pupils will visit St Matthew's Academy on **Tuesday 12th November 2024** to participate in a variety of STEM activities (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics). The children will be accompanied by Mrs McLaughlin, Mrs Waugh and Mrs MacNaughton. **Pupils will leave school at 9.15am and return to our school for their lunch.** Please ensure that all EV5 consents forms are returned to the school office.

P6 VISIT TO THE SCIENCE CENTRE

We wish to thank Glasgow Science Centre for funding our Primary 6 visit to their venue on **Thursday 7th November 2024**. Pupils will leave the school at **9.15am and return to school for approximately 2.55pm**. All pupils will require a packed lunch. If you wish to order a school packed lunch then please indicate this on the EV5 consent form. Mr Reid, Mrs Waugh and Mrs Jackson will accompany our pupils on the trip.

P5 DAY OF DANCE

Once again, our pupils in Primary 5 are having professional dance input from Scottish Ceilidh Dance Instructors in preparation for North Ayrshire's Day of Dance event.



Mrs Goodwin will accompany her Primary 5 pupils to **The Portal on Friday 29th November**. Pupils will leave school at **9.15am and return in time for school lunches**. Consent letters will be sent to parents of these children nearer the time.

SCHOOL GATE

In the interest of safety for all our children please ensure that you close the gate behind you if entering or exiting the school grounds between 9.00am and 3.00pm. Your support in this is much appreciated.

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*

NON UNIFORM DAY

We will have two NON UNIFORM DAYS on **Friday 11th October and Friday 22 November 2024**. We ask that pupils bring either a bottle for the bottle stall or chocolate for the chocolate stall for our Christmas Fayre on Saturday 30th November 2024. **Please note that children should not bring any glass or alcoholic bottles to school.** If parents 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



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

FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

All pupils will attend Mass at St John Ogilvie Church on **Friday 1st November at 11.15am**. We would be delighted if you were able to join us to celebrate the Feast of All Saints. If you would like to volunteer to support walking our pupils over and helping during mass then please contact Mrs McGuire, DHT who will be delighted with your support.



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.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Sacramental letters were issued to all Primary 3 and Primary 4 pupils a few weeks ago. If you wish your child to make their Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Holy Communion then you must return the form to Mrs McGuire, DHT. If your child is in P5, P6 and P7 and you wish them to start their Sacramental Faith Journey then please contact Mrs McGuire who will advise you of your next steps.



LEADERSHIP ROLES

We are keen for our pupils to take on leadership roles within our school. We wish to congratulate the following pupils on their recent appointments.

HOUSE CAPTAINS

<i>St Andrew :</i>	Gracie and Maisie
<i>St Columbus:</i>	Kayla and Logan
<i>St Margaret:</i>	Nathan and Orlaith
<i>St Ninian:</i>	Daniel and Sofie

DIGITAL LEADERS

Evan, Savannah, Callum and Kody

JUNIOR ROAD SAFETY OFFICERS

Emily and Deacon

RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL

We are now working towards achieving our SILVER: RIGHTS AWARE AWARD. Our Pupil Steering Committee has lots of ideas to promote and embed the UN Convention of the Rights of the Child in our school's policies and culture. Please talk to your children about the different articles they are learning about. If you wish to know more then please visit the following website:

<https://www.unicef.org.uk/rights-respecting-schools/>

