ST. JOHN’S PRIMARY SCHOOL and EARLY YEARS’ CLASS

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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to our Term 2 newsletter. I hope you have enjoyed the October break with your child/ren. Term 2 is always very busy with lots of excitement and celebrations. We look forward to sharing these with you and your children.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at any time if there is anything you wish to discuss.

**HALLOWE’EN – 31st October**

We will be holding Hallowe’en parties in school for P1-3 and P4-7. The Parent Council are providing drinks and treats for the parties.

Children can come to school dressed in their Hallowe’en costumes, please do not send accessories to school that may be lost or broken.

**PARENT COUNCIL**

The Parent Council held their AGM earlier this month. The office bearers for the Parent Council are:

Chairperson – Christina Scally

Treasurer – Dora Kane

Secretary – Lisa Bryden

The Parent Council are always looking for helpers and volunteers at events throughout the year. They would be delighted to hear from you if you can help out.

**ABSENCES**

It is important that children attend school every day. I understand that illness can occur at any time and it is very important that you contact the school office if your child is going to be absent. This will ensure that we know that your child is safe.

Our current attendance rate is below the North Ayrshire average. Please contact us if we can support you in getting your child/ren to school.

**PARENT HELPERS**

Do you have a spare hour? We are always delighted to welcome parents to help with our activities. If you are able to help please speak to your child/ren’s teacher or contact the school office.

**BREAKFAST CLUB**

Our Healthy Start Breakfast Club is continuing to run every morning in the school lunch hall.

The club starts at 8.00 am until 8.45 am. Last entry into the Breakfast Club for breakfast will be 8.25 am to allow the ladies time to get everything tidied away.

The Breakfast Club is currently free for all pupils. Children are provided with a healthy breakfast and then enjoy games and activities with their friends.

Come along and enjoy breakfast and some fun.

**50th ANNIVERSARY**

During November the children will creating tea towels to commemorate our 50th Anniversary. We will be selling these once they are ready. Details will follow.

**50th ANNIVERSARY SCHOOL LOGO**

Thank you to everyone who took part on our 50th Anniversary School Logo Family Challenge. The standard was incredible. The Pupil Council had the very difficult task of choosing the winners and we have joint winners!

Piper Hawkins - P3 and Mia Monaghan – P4

The logos will be used on all of our 50th Anniversary celebrations.

**P1 REGISTRATION FOR AUGUST 2024**

Registration for P1 for children commencing school in August 2024 will take place online between Monday 13 November 2023 and Sunday 26 November 2023. Parents/carers will be required to complete an online form from the link provided in the parent/carer information sheet or by visiting the Council website.

**PLEASE REMEMBER**

Your child/ren are our priority and we are always here to help.

**DATES FOR THE DIARY**

Please find below dates for the term ahead. New events and dates will be added as the term progresses and all dates are subject to change.

**October**

23rd P7 Library visit

24th P2/3 Library visit

24th Whole school walk 9.30 am

27th P6 Pope Francis Faith Award Commitment Service 1.30 pm

27th Teddy Bear Day

31st Hallowe’en

**November**

1st All Saints Day Mass 11.00 am St John’s Church

1st P7 Lockerbie Parents’ Meeting 6.00 pm on Teams

3rd P1 and P7 Dental Inspections

8th P1-3 Stay and Play 9.15 am

8th Remembrance Mass 1.30 pm in school

13th Book Week Scotland

13th Anti-Bullying Week

15th P7 STEM focus visit to St Matthew’s Academy

15th P7 Parents Open Night at St Matthew’s Academy 6.00 pm

16th Catholic Education Fortnight

16th Non uniform day

17th Holiday

20th Holiday

21st Rights Focus Week

21st Whole school walk 9.30 am

30th St Andrew’s Day

**December**

5th P7 Social Night and Parents Information Meeting at St Matthew’s Academy 6.00 pm

11th P1-3 Christmas Party 1.00 pm

12th P3 Reconciliation 7.00 pm at St John’s Church

13th P7 Christmas Party 1.00 pm

14th Christmas Concert 1.30 pm

15th P4-6 Christmas Party 1.00 pm

19th P1-3 Nativity 1.30 pm

20th P1-3 Nativity 10.00 am

22nd Christmas Mass 10.00 am at St John’s Church

22nd School closes for holiday at 2.30 pm

**January**

8th School reopens at 9.00 am