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

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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to the first newsletter of session 2023 -2024. I would like to extend a special welcome to our new Primary 1 pupils, new pupils throughout the school and our new starts in the Early Years’ Class. I am sure all of the pupils will settle quickly into their new classes with their new teachers.

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

**CLASSES**

Our class structure this session is

Early Years – Mrs McLaughlan – Senior Early Years Practioner

Miss Montgomery – Lead Practitioner

Miss Dewar and Mrs Belas - Early Years Practioners

Miss Sutherland – Early Years Assistant

P1/2 Mrs Cavani – Monday - Wednesday

Mrs Friels - Thursday and Friday

P2/3 Mrs Griffiths

P4/5 Miss Shepherd – Monday

Mrs McGarry – Tuesday - Friday

P6 Mrs Wilson

P7 Mrs Gallagher - Monday – Thursday

Mrs Boyle – Friday

Support for Learning – Mrs McCulloch – Tuesday

Nurture – Miss Adam

**P.E. TIMES**

Class teachers will inform you of PE days and times through Seesaw. It is important that pupils are able to participate fully in P.E. Our P.E kit consists of shorts, T-shirt and gym shoes. All jewellery must be removed or taped over to avoid any accidents or injuries.

**PLAYGROUND SUPERVISION**

Our classroom assistants and janitor supervise in the playground during playtime and lunchtime. Supervision in the morning begins at 8.45 am. There is no supervision before 8.45 am and it is important that no child is in the playground before this time.

**PARENT COUNCIL**

Our Parent Council are eager to welcome new members. I will send details of the AGM in due course.

**SCHOOL UNIFORM**

The children look wonderful in their school uniforms. Thank you to all parents/carers for supporting our uniform. If you require to purchase any other items they are available online at schoolwearmadeeasy.com or visit our pre-loved uniforms in the school porch.

**ABSENCES**

It is important that children attend school and every school day counts. 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.

**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.

**UP TO DATE INFORMATION**

Please return all data check information to the school as soon as possible to ensure that we have the correct information for you and your child/ren.

**HEALTHY START 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. 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.

**SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

Every session every school produces a School Improvement Plan. We identify areas that we are going to focus on as a school. This session we, at St. John’s, are focusing on

* Numeracy and Maths
* Health and Wellbeing

I will be gathering your views and the views of your child/ren during the session and will keep you up to date on our developments in the above areas.

**PLEASE REMEMBER**

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

**VISION VALUES AND AIMS**

We have a focus school value each week and we celebrate these each week at assembly with certificates. Our school values have been agreed by our whole school community and we aspire to live out these values every day in school.

Our values are:

* Respect
* Creativity
* Involvement
* Community
* Teamwork
* Faith

**REPORTING TO PARENTS/CARERS**

An important aspect of school life is reporting children’s progress, success and achievement to parents and carers. We do this throughout the year through written reports and meetings.

* Settling in report – Thursday 21st September 2023
* Parents’ night – Thursday 28th September 2023
* Interim report – Thursday 18th January 2024
* Parents’ night – Thursday 14th March 2024
* Final report – Friday 31st May 2024

We are happy to discuss your child’s progress at any time during the school session. Please contact the school office if you would like to make an appointment.

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Kind regards

Karen McAllister

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Head Teacher

**DATES FOR THE DIARY**

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

**September**

12th Whole school walk 9.30 am

12th Mass for children in school 1.30 pm

13th Roald Dahl Day

15th Non uniform day

18th In Service Day

19th Rights Focus Week

19th P3 Reconciliation meeting 6.00 pm (St John’s Church Hall)

19th P4 Confirmation and First Communion meeting 6.30 pm (St John’s Church Hall)

21st Report 1 issued to parents/carers

25th Maths Week Scotland

26th European Day of Languages

28th Parents’ Night

**October**

9th Eco week

12th Flu immunisations

13th Non uniform day

16th – 20th Holiday

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

3rd P1 and P7 Dental Inspections

13th Book Week Scotland

13th Anti-Bullying Week

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

24th Day of Dance

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

18th Report 2 issued to parents/carers

23rd Whole school walk 9.30 am

**February**

5th Children’s Mental Health Week

6th Burns Competition 9.30 am

6th Cluster Mass at St Matthew’s Academy 6.00 pm

8th Non uniform day

9th Holiday

12th Holiday

13th In service day

14th Ash Wednesday Mass 1.30 pm in school

27th Whole school walk 9.30 am

**March**

6th Lent Reconciliation Service 1.30 pm

7th World Book Day

11th British Science Week

14th Parents Night

26th Whole school walk

27th Easter Service

28th Non uniform day

28th School closes for Easter holidays at 2.30 pm

**April**

15th School reopens at 9.00 am

30th Whole school walk 9.30 am

**May**

1st P1 Induction 1 at 9.30 am

2nd P4 Pre-Communion Mass in school 1.30 pm

6th Holiday

8th P1 Induction 2 at 9.30 am

9th Ascension Thursday Mass 11.00 am at St John’s Church

14th Sports Day

15th P1 Induction 3 at 9.30 am

18th First Communion 11.00 am at St John’s Church

21st P7 Induction at St Matthew’s Academy

22nd P7 Induction at St Matthew’s Academy

22nd P1 Induction 4 (Lunch)

23rd Non uniform day

24th In service day

27th Holiday

28th Whole school walk 9.30 am

29th P1 Induction 5 at 9.30 am

29th P7 Welcome Mass 6.00 pm at St Matthew’s Academy

**June**

10th Rights Focus Week

19th P7 Final Assembly 10.00 am

28th Non uniform day

28th End of term Mass 10.00 am at St John’s Church

28th School closes for Summer holidays at 1.00 pm

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