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

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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to the first newsletter of session 2025 -2026. 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. All of the pupils have settled 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 Practitioner

Mrs Kowalski – Early Years Practitioner

Miss Dewar - Early Years Assistant

Miss Blackley – Early Years Assistant

**School**

P1/2 Mrs Wilson

P3 Mrs Griffiths

P4 Miss Rintoul – Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday

Miss Adam - Thursday

P5/6 Mrs Gallagher - Monday – Thursday

Miss Shepherd - Friday

P7 Mrs Friels – Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

Miss MacGillivray – Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

Support for Learning – Mrs Cavani - Monday - Friday

Nurture – Miss Adam – Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday

Pupil Support Assistants – Mrs Gilmour, Mrs Cursley, Mrs McGuire (mornings only)

**P.E. TIMES**

Class teachers will inform you of PE days and times. 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.

**SNACKS**

Please be mindful that all snacks that children bring from home should be as healthy as possible. Lollipops should be avoided due to the chance of choking. Nuts and oranges should not be brought to school as people in the school are allergic to these foods.

**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. The AGM will take place on Tuesday 30th September at 1.30 pm. We would love to see you there.

**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 your child is safe.

The attendance since we have returned to school has been excellent, I hope we can continue this through the whole session.

**PARENT/GRANDPARENT HELPERS**

Do you have a spare hour? We are always delighted to welcome parents and grandparents 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. Thank you to everyone who has already returned their forms.

**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 they 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

* Young Leaders of Learning
* Numeracy and Maths
* Sustainability
* My Happy Mind

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.

**VISION, VALUES and AIMS**

We have a focus school value each week and we celebrate these 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 –September 2025
* Parents’ night –September 2025
* Interim report – January 2026
* Parents’ night – March 2026
* Final report – May 2026

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.

**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 year ahead. New events and dates will be added as the session progresses and all dates are subject to change.

**September**

8th Pupil Committees to start (take place fortnightly)

10th P1 photos for Ardrossan and Saltcoats Herald

12th Report 1 issued to parents/carers

12th P5-7 Champions for change

15th P3 Reconciliation meeting 6.00 pm (St John’s Church Hall)

15th P4 Confirmation and First Communion meeting 6.30 pm (St John’s Church Hall)

18th School photographer

22nd In-service day

22nd Maths Week Scotland

22nd Fairtrade Fortnight

23rd Flu immunisations

23rd P6 Pope Francis Commitment Service 2.30 pm (P6 parents/carers welcome)

25th Parents’ Night

26th P1-3 Stay and Play 1.15 pm

26th P4-7 Learning Café 2.00 pm

26th ‘My Happy Mind’ Parent Workshop throughout the afternoon

29th P1 and P7 Dental inspections

30th Parent Council AGM 1.30 pm

**October**

1st Open afternoon for parents and carers 1.30 pm. Come along and see the learning in your child’s class.

6th World of Work Week

7th P4 Big Hit Badminton at the Portal

10th Non uniform day

10th School closes at 3.00 pm for holiday

20th Pupils return to school 9.00 am

31st Hallowe’en parties (details to follow)

**November**

1st All Saints Day

7th P1-3 Stay and Play 1.15 pm

7th P4-7 Learning Café 2.00 pm

10th Anti-Bullying Week

11th Some P6 and P7 pupils at Sports hall Athletics

13th P7 STEM morning at St Matthew’s

14th Fluoride varnish

16th Catholic Education Fortnight

17th Road Safety Week

17th Book Week Scotland

20th Non uniform day

20th Universal Children’s Day

21st Holiday

24th Holiday

25th In Service Day

28th P5/6 at Day of Dance

30th St Andrew’s Day

**December**

1st P7 Social evening at St Matthew’s 6.00 pm

3rd Christmas Concert

3rd P3 Reconciliation 7.00 pm at St John’s Church

5th P1-3 Stay and Play 1.15 pm

5th P4-7 Learning Café 2.00 pm

8th P5-7 Christmas Party 1.15 pm

9th P4 Christmas Party 1.15 pm

10th Christmas Lunch

11th Reconciliation Service for Advent 1.30 pm

12th P1-3 Christmas Party 1.15 pm

16th P1-3 Nativity 9.30 am

17th P1-3 Nativity 1.30 pm

19th Christmas Mass 10.00 am at St John’s Church

19th School closes for holiday at 2.30 pm

19th Non-uniform Day

**January**

5th School reopens at 9.00 am

21st Open afternoon for parents and carers 1.30 pm

23rd Report 2 issued to parents/carers

30th P1-3 Stay and Play 1.15 pm

30th P4-7 Learning Café 2.00 pm

**February**

2nd Children’s Mental Health Week

5th Non uniform day

6th Holiday

9th Holiday

10th In service day

12th Burns Competition 9.30 am

18th Ash Wednesday Mass at St John’s Church 11.00 am

27th P1-3 Stay and Play for parents/carers at 1.15 pm

27th P4-7 Learning Café for parents/carers at 2.00 pm

**March**

5th World Book Day

9th British Science Week

19th Parents Night

27th P1-3 Stay and Play for parents/carers at 1.15 pm

27th P4-7 Learning Café for parents/carers at 2.00 pm

**April**

1st Easter Mass St John’s Church 11.00 am

2nd Non uniform day

2nd School closes for Easter holidays at 2.30 pm

20th School reopens at 9.00 am

23rd P4 Pre-Communion Mass in school 1.30 pm

**May**

4th Holiday

5th P1 Induction 1 at 9.30 am

7th Open morning for parents and carers 9.15 am

9th First Communion 11.00 am at St John’s Church

12th P1 Induction 2 at 9.30 am

14th Ascension Thursday Mass St John’s Church 11.00 am

19th P1 Induction 3 at 9.30 am

19th P7 Induction day at St Matthew’s

20th P7 Induction day at St Matthew’s

22nd P1-3 Stay and Play for parents/carers at 1.15 pm

22nd P4-7 Learning Café for parents/carers at 2.00 pm

25th In-service day

26th P1 Induction 4 (Lunch)

27th Sports Day

29th Reports issued to parents/carers

**June**

2nd P1 Induction 5 9.30 am

16th P1-6 Prize givings (times to follow)

17th P7 Final Assembly 10.00 am

29th Mass for St Peter & St Paul 11.00 am at St John’s Church

30th Non uniform day

30th School closes for Summer holidays at 1.00 pm

**August**

19th In-service day

20th Pupils return to school

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