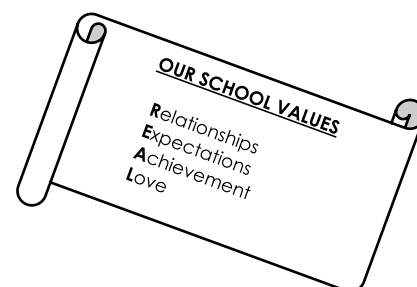
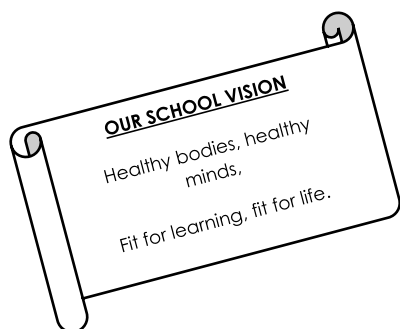




## ST MARK'S PS AND EARLY YEARS CLASS

### TERM 2



*Dear parents and carers,*

*Welcome to Term 2! I hope you all had a fantastic break.*

*The children had a very positive start to the school year and all settled so well. Many thanks to our staff who work continuously to ensure our children experience creative and fun learning.*

*We look forward to working with you again over the coming term.*

*Many thanks in advance for your support!*

*Gemma Strain*

*Head Teacher*





## **Breakfast Club**

We can't thank the volunteers enough for their hard work and dedication in running our breakfast club each day. It is completely free, open to all school children and on every day (no need to book!).

## **Our new look website!**

Our website has had a revamp! If you haven't, pop over and have a look. Here you can find information on classes, newsletters and lots more!



[St. Mark's Primary School | Welcome to Our Website \(glowscotland.org.uk\)](http://glowscotland.org.uk)

## **Halloween**

Letters were issued earlier this week detailing our Halloween events. Many thanks to the Parent Council for organising the disco on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October. We are still looking for donations of fun size sweets or crisps (no lolly pops please).



## **RRS**

Our Rights Respecting School Committee is up and running with Mrs Griffin at the helm. They will lead our assembly later this week. We look forward to seeing what our champions have in store for us!

## **Parent Council**

Our Parent Council meet a few times each year and discuss ways of supporting our school community. They are particularly keen on raising funds to enhance our children's school experience. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact the school office for more details.

## **P7 Arran**

Our Primary 7 children are looking forward to their upcoming residential trip to Arran. Many thanks to those who donated to our cake and candy which raised £333 which will go towards the cost of the trip.

## **Parish Links**

As a Catholic school, we have strong ties to our local parish of St Mary's and our Chaplain Fr Boyd. Fr Boyd visits the school each week and is a fundamental part of our school community. This session all classes will have the opportunity to attend Mass in St Mary's church. During our class trips to Mass, family and friends are welcome to walk along with us and join our children in celebrating. In September Primary 7/6 attended and this week Primary 7 will participate in Mass.

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Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November is All Saints Day and we will celebrate Mass at 1.30pm in school. Family, friends and parishioners are welcome to join.

Congratulations to the Primary 6 children who participated in the Ecumenical Service at St Mary's on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October. You were a credit to the school and to your family.



### FLT

Carol Young is our Family Learning Team worker. She delivers a variety of activities to families within our school. On term 1, she organised an internet safety session and a lego therapy group.

This session she will deliver a Family Wellbeing club, Read, Write, Count to P2 and 3 and STEM club. Further details will be sent out very soon.



### Our Leaders

Many thanks to the team of buddies who not only helped our Primary 1 children to settle in, but continue to support younger children throughout the school. We are so lucky to have you.

Congratulations to our House Captains and Vice Captains, selected by our children. We have every confidence you will have an impact on our school this session.

Good luck also to our Junior Road Safety, Eco and Digital Leaders with their leadership roles this session.

### Keeping Healthy

Please remember to send your child with a water bottle to school each day. **Juice should not** be sent as it is not good for children's teeth and can damage resources if spilled.

### Snack

Please send your child to school with a healthy snack each day. We purchase a small supply of fruit each week for those who have forgotten their snack.

### Clubs

We have a variety of clubs on the go at various points throughout the day. This includes athletics, football, netball, and multi sports. As well as taking part in PE and Fit 15 every day, we have continued to enjoy Fit Fridays, with a special Fit Friday once per month.





### A few reminders...

- Breakfast club starts at **8.30am**. Children should not arrive before this time and should enter through the office door.
- Pupils not attending breakfast club should arrive between **8.45am** and **9.00am** and wait in playground. Please note the playground is not supervised until 8.45am.
- P1-3 children should be collected from their classroom door from 2.50pm. Children in P4-P7 will be dismissed by their teacher at 3pm.
- Please ensure you notify the school if your child is absent and the reason for the absence. We will continue to monitor attendance and late comings in line with North Ayrshire Council's Attendance Policy.

### Parking

- **The staff car park is closed.** This is to ensure the safety of our children crossing.
- If you require to park in a disabled space, please have your blue badge clearly displayed. If you are accompanied by another adult please park in the main car park to keep our spaces free for those who require them.
- Please only park in the marked bays. Parking on the grass is not allowed.
- All children **must be collected by 3pm** to allow our school to be cleaned.
- **Non-school transport** taxis should use the parent car park and drivers cannot collect children from the school office/playground.



### Important Dates

#### October

- Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> Parent Council meeting, 6pm
- Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Primary 7 Family Mass, leaving school 9.15am walking to St Mary's
- Mon 30<sup>th</sup> Family Learning Team Wellbeing Group 9.15am  
Family Learning STEM club 3pm  
Parent Council Hallowe'en Disco  
P1-3 6pm – 7pm, P4-7 7.15pm – 8.15pm
- Tues 31<sup>st</sup> Hallowe'en activities

#### November

- Wed 1<sup>st</sup> All Saints Mass, 1.30pm, St Mark's
- Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Family Learning Team Wellbeing Group 9.15am  
Family Learning STEM club 3pm

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Wed 16<sup>th</sup> P7 STEM transition event to St Matthew's  
P7 Parents meeting at St Matthew's 6pm

Fri 17<sup>th</sup> HOLIDAY

Mon 20<sup>th</sup> HOLIDAY

Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> Target Setting Afternoon

Mon 27<sup>th</sup> P2 Read Write Count 9.15am  
P3 Read Write Count 2pm  
P3/4 Read Write Count 3pm

### December

Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Christmas jumper day

Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> Sacrament of Reconciliation, 5pm St Mary's Church

Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Primary 7 go to Arran

Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> Primary 7 home from Arran

Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Christmas jumper day

Tues 12<sup>th</sup> Christmas show (afternoon performance)

Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Christmas show (morning performance)

Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> Christmas lunch

Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Christmas jumper day

Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Primary 3 Christmas party (am)  
Primary 6 and 7 Christmas party (pm)

Tues 19<sup>th</sup> Primary 4 and 5 Christmas party (pm)

Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Primary 1 and 2 Christmas party (pm)

Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> Christmas Service

Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> Early Years Christmas party  
Christmas jumper day – 2.30pm finish for the holidays!

*Dates for clubs and sporting events are sent out separately.*

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