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Dear Parent / Carer,

As we reopen today after the September weekend holiday, I hope that you have all had an opportunity to spend some time with your families.

I will share with you some of the news from in school and plans for our Newman Week celebrations in school.

Parent Council

The AGM of the parent council took place in school on the 8th of September. Office bearing roles were decided and I shared with them a summary of our attainment in the SQA exams and the school improvement plan. We are always looking for additional members and the next meeting is due to take place on Monday 10th November at 6pm, all welcome.

Study Skills

After consultation with pupils, we have had study skills sessions in school for all S3, S4, S5 and S6 pupils. Feedback from the pupils has been very positive. We also hosted a parent's session for parents of S4 pupils, thank you to everyone who came along.

Fire update

After the small electrical fire in school last week, the area concerned was reopened the next day. All appropriate work has been carried out and we will have a follow up meeting with the Fire and Rescue service in the coming weeks. Our evacuation procedures worked very well, and the pupils have been commended for their behaviour during the evacuation.

S1 Welcome Mass - Wednesday 1st October at 7pm

Tomorrow night we celebrate our S1 welcome Mass. This is a chance for all S1 pupils and their parents to celebrate Mass together as part of our school community. We look forward to seeing you all tomorrow.

Sacred Heart Primary School - Mass of Thanksgiving

A small group of pupils will represent the school at the Mass of thanksgiving in Sacred Heart church on Friday 3rd October. We wish our colleagues well as they move into their new school within the Orbiston Community Hub later next month.

Duke of Edinburgh

Staff are accompanying a group of young people who are taking part in their first Duke of Edinburgh event on Thursday 2nd October. We wish them good luck and hope the weather is kind.

Tracking

The first S2 and S3 tracking reports will be issued over the next week on parent portal for you to access. S4, S5 and S6 tracking will be ready to access at the beginning of November.

S1 parents evening

Just a reminder that the S1 Parent Evening will take place on Tuesday 21st October. Further details will be issued before the October break.



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Rosary

Senior pupils from the school will lead the Rosary in Carfin Grotto on Monday 6th October, Thursday 9th October and Monday 27th October.

We extend an invitation to all our families to come along and join us on these evenings.

Newman Week 2025

During the week beginning 6th October we have activities planned for young people celebrating our Patron St John Henry Newman.

Topics in RE that week will celebrate St. John Henry Newman, some pupils will take part in a retreat with the NET ministry team, we will host our whole school award ceremony and celebrate our Patronal feast day Mass with S4, S5 and S6 pupils. The Mass will take place on Wednesday 8th October, celebrated by Bishop Toal.

The Rosary will be led by our Caritas Pupils in the Oratory at lunchtime during Newman week and for the month of October.

The first two Reward Events this year will take place during Newman Week for pupils who have demonstrated a consistent commitment to our AABOUT programme.

On Wednesday afternoon these pupils will have an opportunity to watch our annual talent show, Newman's Got Talent. The tickets cost is £2. A tuck shop will be available at the talent show and pupils can bring a small amount of cash for this if they wish.

On Thursday, these pupils will have a fun period on inflatables within the PE department, the tickets will cost £2. All pupils can wear non uniform and those involved in the inflatable fun should wear suitable clothing. Water will be available to purchase on the day.

Friday will be a non-uniform day. All pupils will be attending two sessions of fun activities with their teachers. The theme is sharing our talents.

While school uniform is not required on the Thursday and Friday of Newman week, we kindly ask that clothing choices remain suitable for a school environment. Please ensure outfits are practical, modest, and respectful — for example, no cropped tops, offensive slogans, or unsafe footwear. Thank you for your support in helping us keep the days safe, positive, and enjoyable for all pupils.

I hope that Newman week will be an exciting and enjoyable week for all of us. There are opportunities for everyone, and we can honour our Patron in many ways throughout the week.

Canteen Menu for Newman Week

The canteen menu has changed for Newman week to some of our best sellers. The finalised menu will be sent to you in due course.

I wish you all a lovely October break when it comes and school will reopen on Monday 20th October at 8.55am.

Kindest regards



Mandy Murray
Acting Headteacher