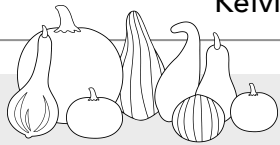




# St Gerard's Primary Newsletter

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## PTA Family Halloween Night

The school PTA recently met and have organised the Family Halloween Night for Friday the 30<sup>th</sup> October. Tickets will be available from the school office on Parents Evening and thereafter at breakfast club from 8.30am. Tickets will cost £3 for adults and £1.50 for children. The Family Halloween Night has always been a great success and there is a prize for the best pumpkin, so keep your diary free and look out those costumes.

The next PTA meeting will be on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November at 6.30pm at St. Gerard's Primary.

The school Halloween Day will be on Friday 30<sup>st</sup> October. Children should come along dressed for the entire day as it coincides with £1 Non-uniform Friday.

## Dear Parents and Carers,

Autumn has arrived disguised as Summer and is the loveliest Autumn I've experienced in many a year. I know our children are enjoying play in such unseasonably warm and sunny conditions. I hope you enjoyed September weekend and lets hope the sun keeps shining as we approach October break.

### School Car Park

I would like to thank every one for your support in parking appropriately outside of the school gates and for respecting the car park as a staff only area. There has been a significant improvement and I think as responsible drivers you should be commended. Keep it up and thank you.



### Rights Respecting Schools

Many thanks to Mrs. McIloney for all her work in leading the school in our Rights programme. We recently renewed our Relationships Policy and the new Class Charters have been created and shared with your child/ren. Please remind and discuss "Rights and Responsibilities" with your child/ren.

### School Garden

Well done to everyone who helped clear the weeds and debris from our school and nursery garden. It is beginning to look lovely. A few more developments and our children will have a fabulous place to play and explore. Well done also to our P7 gardeners and our Eco committee for all their hard work in filling our planting areas.



## School Questionnaire Feedback

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In the feedback as part of the recent questionnaire parent comments reflected that the text messaging had stopped and that they wanted more detailed communication between school and home.

This year North Lanarkshire Council will be charging schools for every text message sent out. This would be a significant cost to the school so we have suspended this service. We are currently looking into alternative electronic communications and after October break we are beginning a pilot use of twitter that will be reviewed after Christmas. Details will be announced after the coming holiday.

## Glasgow 10k 5<sup>th</sup> October

Last year Fr. McGoldrick and I completed the Glasgow 10k and already it is time to do it again! I have given my excuses to Fr. who will complete the task this Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October raising funds for St. Andrew's Hospice. If anyone wishes to support Fr. McGoldrick with a donation they can send it into the school office and we will pass it on. We wish him well. Go Padre!

## Playground

With October break approaching can I ask that after the holiday, parents make the effort to drop off their children at the school gates and allow them to enter the school without you. Please remind your child during the holiday that you will drop them off at the gates and then leave.

## St Gerard's Feast Day

As many of you will know, St. Gerard's Day is the 16<sup>th</sup> October and is always during the October Holiday. We will be celebrating as a school at the Feast Day Mass on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October with Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October being a dress down fun day. As part of our fun day children will be taking part in a sponsored Skip for school funds and we would be grateful if could send in any skipping ropes with your child on that day to help supplement our own.

