



ST. MICHAEL'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Many thanks to everyone who has sent kind messages my way following the announcement of my early retiral. Leaving St. Michael's was a difficult decision to make and as the end of June approaches the reality will no doubt sink in!

St. Michael's is a truly unique school that I have had the privilege to work in for over 30 years and the opportunity to lead for the last 12. I felt a certainty that my vocation as a teacher was within St. Michael's. I have been extremely fortunate to work with a dedicated child centred team within a supportive community. However, the most important part of the school and nursery are the children. It has been the greatest part of the job to watch them learn and grow. I will most certainly miss all their chat.

Before I move on to a new chapter, with two grandchildren on the way it will be a busy one, there is still a term ahead. I intend to enjoy all of this busy term. Further details can be found in this newsletter.

CHARITIES LENTEN DONATIONS

Thank you to everyone for supporting our Lenten Appeal. Your generosity was greatly appreciated and the fantastic amount of £788.00 was raised. We were delighted to donate £388 to Mary's Meals and a further £400 to MISSIO which will be given to Bishop Toal at the Confirmation. St. Michael's children should be very proud.

'MATILDA'

Our senior children are working very hard towards the school show on Tues 19th and Weds 20th May. Further details and ticket information will be sent separately.

HOUSE WINNERS

The children of Vatican House will enjoy an outing to Tenpin Bowling on Friday 24th April as a result of coming out top for house points in the first term of our new house system. The children are fully engaged in gaining points for their house every week and there will be a further outing for the winning house at the end of this term.



OUTDOOR LEARNING

This term we will return to allocated days for outdoor learning. Pupils should come dressed in their school P.E. kit with joggers/leggings and their school fleece or Leavers hoodie. As always, no football colours or new clothes.

The timetable below will begin on Monday 27th April.

MONDAYS - P.7/6 & P.7

TUESDAYS - P.5

WEDNESDAYS - P.1A & 1B and P.6/5

THURSDAYS - P.4/3 & P.4

FRIDAYS - P.2 & P.3/2

VALUES LUNCH

Children who showed our value of Success were treated to a special value lunch in the dinner hall on Thursday. Congratulations to them all.

ACCENSION THURSDAY

The whole school will attend Mass in St. Michael's Church on Thursday 14th May at 1.30 p.m. If you are available to walk with us from the school, please arrive at the main door for 1.00 p.m. Many thanks in advance.

PHOTOGRAPHS

Please check your child's class TEAM to see the photographs which will soon be taken under our blossom tree while the weather is kind.

PRIMARY 7 ARRANGEMENTS

This is an extremely busy term for our Primary 7 children. There are many events planned and I ask that you take note of all the important dates and times.



Sacrament of Confirmation - Tuesday 28th April at 7.00 p.m. in St. Michael's Church. More detailed arrangements have been sent by e-mail. Bishop Toal visited our Confirmandi children on Wednesday and they delivered a special assembly for him.

York Trip - We are very much looking forward to our trip from Tues 26th - Fri 29th May. All payments should now have been made in full and £100 spending money should be handed into school in a marked envelope by Monday 11th May. Please ensure the breakdown is **3 x £20 and 4 x £10 notes.**

If your child will require any medication while they are away from home, including travel sickness or inhalers, please e-mail Mrs Rand nrandp@northlan.org.uk

Swimming - Our swimming lessons will continue on Thursday mornings. Please ensure your child brings a costume and towel each week.

Transition - The Transition Days to St. Maurice's High School will take place on Weds 3rd and Thurs 4th June. Children will be transported to and from St. Michael's by bus. We look forward to welcoming our cluster primaries p.7 children to St. Michael's on Friday for a Sports Event. A final transition visit to St. Helen's Primary will take place during the school day on Friday 15th May.

Leavers - The Leavers Party for all our P.7 children will be held on Weds 17th June in the Auchengeich Miners Club. Time to be confirmed.

Leavers Mass and Prizegiving - This will take place on Tuesday 9th June at 6.00 p.m. in the school hall.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Arrangements have been sent out separately to the children celebrating their First Holy Communion on Sat 16th May at 12 noon. We would welcome P.4 - 7 siblings or other attending pupils to join our choir on the day.

SPORTS DAY

This will take place in the afternoon of Thurs 11th June, weather permitting. Parents/carers are invited to attend and cheer on the children from 1.00 p.m. Please remember that dogs are not permitted within the school grounds.



PRIMARY 1 TRANSITION

A varied number of events are planned for our new intake for August 2026. Again, full details have been forward to all our families. Induction dates are noted below.

Tuesday 12th May from 1.30 - 2.30 p.m.

Wednesday 3rd June from 9.15 - 10.30 a.m.

Thurs 21st May from 1.00 - 2.30 p.m. (Extra for children currently attending partner nurseries)

WHOLE SCHOOL TRIP

We plan to take the whole school to Blair Drummond Safari Park on Wednesday 10th June for our Summer Outing. A letter with further details has been sent to all parents. The payment of £15.00 per child should be made via iPay by Monday 11th May. This trip is being subsidised by school fundraising.

A separate form will be sent out via e-mail requesting parent helpers.



P.6 ACTIVITY WEEK

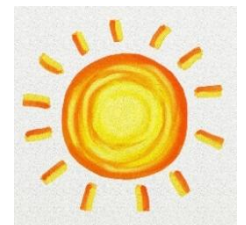
Our P.6 children will take part in an Activity Week at Palacerigg Country Park from Monday 11th May. The payment of £126 is now due to be paid in full via iPay.

STAY AND PLAY

We continue to hold our Toddler Sessions on a Friday morning. Parents and preschool children will be made most welcome from 9.15 a.m. and can enjoy play, stories and snack. Please pass this on to any families who may be interested.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

As we are now firmly in Spring, girls are invited to wear green summer dresses and green cardigans to school should they wish to do so. Please remember pupils should always wear a school tie with a white shirt. As an alternative to school trousers pupils can also wear brown shorts. Please also ensure that all clothing is clearly labelled with your child's name, particularly their school fleece, to avoid mix-ups. On particularly hot days, P.E. kits can be worn.



HOLIDAYS/INSERVICE

Please find detailed below the remaining dates:-

Monday 4th May - School closed, May Day

Thursday 7th May - Inservice Day, staff only

Friday 22nd & Monday 25th May - School closed, May Weekend

Friday 26th June - School closes at 1.00 p.m.



TERM TIME HOLIDAYS

In line with North Lanarkshire Council Attendance Policy any holidays taken during term time will be marked as 'unauthorised parental holiday' on your child's absence record.

All Report Cards will be issued during the final week of term.

As always, if there is anything in this newsletter that you would like to discuss or indeed any aspect of school life, please contact via e-mail addresses stated below.

Yours sincerely



Mrs K Greechan
HEAD TEACHER

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 4 th May	School closed - May Day Holiday
Thurs 7 th May	School closed - Inservice Day
Mon 11 th - Fri 15 th May	P.6 Activity Week at Palacerigg
Tues 12 th May	P.1 Induction Event 1.30 p.m.
Thurs 14 th May	Ascension Thursday Mass at 1.30 p.m.
Sat 16 th May	First Holy Communion in church at 12 noon
Tues 19 th & Weds 20 th May	'Matilda' School Show
Fri 22 nd - Mon 25 th May	School closed - May weekend holiday
Tues 26 th - Fri 29 th May	P.7 Trip to York
Weds 3 rd & Thurs 4 th June	P.7 Transition at St. Maurice's High
Weds 3 rd June	P.1 Induction Event 9.15 a.m.
Tues 9 th June	Leavers Mass & Prizegiving at 6.00 p.m.
Weds 10 th June	Blair Drummond Safari Park Trip
Thurs 11 th June	Sports Day from 1.00 p.m.
Weds 17 th June	Leavers Night in Auchengeich Miners
Fri 26 th June	School closes at 1.00 p.m.

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