



Welcome back to a new school year! We hope you all had a marvellous summer. A warm welcome to all our P1's who have settled in extremely well last week. They will be joining us full time from Monday 5 September.

St James' and Mossvale Primary Construction Update



The continuing building and renovation works remain on schedule and we look forward to moving 3 classes into the new extension in October. We will update you with more details nearer the time. Please note that a new school telephone number will become operational from Monday 29 August. The new number is **0300 300 1330**. Also, as of now, the spelling of our school name has changed to **St James' Primary School** as the additional 's' has been removed.

Tuesday 23 August

Parent Council AGM
(5.30pm)

Monday 29 August

School telephone
number changes! **0300
300 1330**



Thursday 1 September

First Thursday Mass at
St James' Church

Wednesday 7 and 14 September

P6 Swimming lessons

Wednesday 14 September

Parent Information
Evening/Meet the
Teacher

Friday 23 and Monday 26 September

School Holiday

As many of you will be aware, completion of the extension was very last minute and a big thank you must go to all of our staff who put in a fantastic team effort over the In-service days and an extra shift on Sunday to ensure we were good to go on Monday morning. It was fantastic to see everyone pull together to make sure everything was right for the children returning to school.

P6 Swimming Lessons

As part of the Council swimming programme our P6 children will take part in two one hour swimming lessons on 7 and 14 of September. We hope they all have fun!



Staffing

We welcome Mrs Hillier (P3/4) and Mrs Gilmour (P6/7) to St James' Primary. Miss Gallacher was married over the summer and is now Mrs McKay.

PE Days

Our class PE days will be as follows:

P1	Tuesday and Wednesday
P1/2	Tuesday and Thursday
P2/3	Wednesday and Thursday
P3/4	Thursday and Friday
P4/5	Monday and Tuesday
P5/6	Tuesday and Wednesday
P6/7	Wednesday and Thursday

Please ensure all children have their gym kit on these days and any jewellery is removed in line with Renfrewshire Council Policy. Children are not allowed to participate in PE lessons if they are wearing earrings. Earrings must be removed and cannot be taped over.

Parent Information Evening

Every year we hold a Parent Information Evening where we invite all parents to come into school and meet their child's teacher and learn more about planned learning experiences, this will be held on Wednesday 14 September. P1 from 530pm to 615pm and P2-P7 from 615pm to 715pm.

P1 Baseline Assessment

We are required to assess our new P1 children at the beginning of the school year. It is a short test to be completed with their class teacher. Appointments will be issued soon. Please let us know if your appointment time is not convenient.

Snacks

We request that children avoid bringing any snack containing nuts as we have a number of children who have peanut allergies.



Parent Council AGM

Please note that the Parent Council AGM will take place on Tuesday 23 August at 5.30pm in the school. We have a very active Parent Council who represents the whole parent forum. Our Parent Council do a fantastic job supporting our school but they are always looking for new members. Please come along if you can.



Head Lice

Head Lice can be upsetting for children, please continue to check your child's head regularly. We ask that in the unfortunate event that your child has head lice to contact us at the school. We also ask that long hair is tied back to help prevent further spreading. Should you need any further advice please contact the school and we can put you in touch with the school nurse.

Access to Playground

We would be grateful if all parents and children enter and leave the school playground by the school gate on Fullerton Street and not the nursery gate beside Mossvale Nursery. Although this might provide a shortcut, we ask that you avoid taking this route to minimise disruption to Mossvale and Rainbow Nurseries. We also ask this to ensure everyone's safety by not walking through the car park at Rainbow Community Nursery



Dinner Money

Please note that the cost of school dinners has now increased. The new costs are £2.10 for a hot lunch and £1.90 for a "Grab & Go" lunch.

In an emergency when children forget their lunch money they will be given money from the school office and a text/note will be sent home to let you know. Please ensure that money is returned the next day.

Annual Data Checks/Permission Slips

Last week children were given an envelope with a variety of important forms. Please complete these forms and return them as soon as possible if you have not already done so. This will allow our office staff to update our records in case of emergencies.



Head Teacher Interviews

Interviews are scheduled to take place on Tuesday 30 August to appoint a permanent Head Teacher to the school. We will inform you of the outcome of these interviews as soon as possible.

School Uniform



Please ensure that your child continues to wear school uniform. A number of children are wearing hooded tops/leggings etc. These are not part of our school uniform and we ask you to support us in this matter. We are sure you will agree that our children look incredibly smart in our school colours (green and grey) and that it gives them a sense of belonging and pride. Shirts and ties should be worn on days where children do not have PE. On days when children have PE we understand that polo shirts and sweatshirts are more appropriate.

Upcoming Masses

On Tuesday 30 August at 7pm, Bishop John will celebrate Mass in St Mirin's Cathedral to ask for blessings on the new school year. We welcome all families to attend. *First Thursday Mass* will take place at 9.30am in St James' Church on Thursday 1 September. If any parents could volunteer to help us walk to mass then please let the office know. Thank you.

