



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. I am sure there were a few very tired children by the end of last week!

St James' and Mossvale Primary Construction Update



The building work is now complete. We hope our new school environment and playground enhances the learning experiences of the children. We greatly appreciate your co-operation in working around the many changes with each phase of the building works for the last 18 months.

P6 Swimming Lessons

As part of the Council swimming programme, our P6 children will take part in two one-hour swimming lessons on 6 and 13 of September. We hope they all have fun! Consent forms will go to P6 parents.



Staffing

We welcome Miss Traynor (P6), Miss Harper (P7) and Mrs Kopytiuk-Zych (Support for Learning) to St James' Primary.

PE Days

Our class PE days will be as follows:

P1	Tuesday & Wednesday
P2	Monday & Thursday
P3	Wednesday & Thursday
P4	Tuesday & Wednesday
P5	Tuesday & Thursday
P6	Monday & Thursday
P7	Tuesday & Wednesday

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. Please ensure all long hair is tied back.



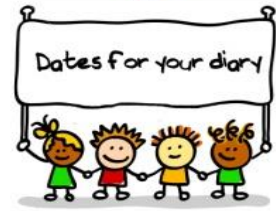
Snacks

We request that children avoid bringing any snack containing nuts as we have a number of children who have peanut allergies. A morning snack and drink should be provided for your child to have at break as we no longer provide a tuck shop.

Parent Council AGM



Please note that the Parent Council AGM will take place on Tuesday 5 September at 5.30pm in the school. We have a very active Parent Council who represent 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.



Thursday 24 August

Mass for Feast of St James' 9.30am

Friday 1 September

Family BBQ 5-7pm

Wednesday 6 and 13 September

P6 Swimming lessons

Monday 4 September

Welcome to new school session Mass at St Mirins, 7pm, all welcome

Tuesday 5 September

Parent Council AGM 5.30pm

Thursday 7 September

First Thursday Mass at St James' Church

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.



Dinner Money

Annual Data Checks/Permission Slips

All children have been 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.



Please note that the cost of school dinners are £2.10 for a hot lunch and £1.90 for a "Grab & Go" lunch.

If your child does not have money to pay for their lunch one will be provided. Please ensure that money is returned the next day.

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. **ALL CLOTHING SHOULD BE MARKED WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME.** Our lost property box is located in the GP area.

Masses

Parish celebration of St James

Throughout the school year, the whole school community gather to celebrate special days in the Liturgical Calendar. The Feast of Saint James, our schools patron saint, falls on the 25th July, which is during our summer holidays. This year, we will have a celebration mass for St James on **Thursday 24 August at 9.30am in St James' Church.** We invite you to join us in this celebration.

We will continue with our "*FIRST THURSDAY MASS*" every month and invite all families to attend. Our first "*First Thursday Mass*" will take place at 9.30am in St James' Church on Thursday 7 September. If any parents could volunteer to help us walk to mass then please let the office know. Thank you.

Home lunches

If your child is going home for lunch then please let the teacher know either by writing it in your child's homework diary/send a note/speak to them in the morning or phone the office.