



Thursday
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 March
First Thursday Mass

Thursday 2 March
World Book Day
(vouchers given to children)

Monday 6 March
Smarties tubes to be returned to school

Tuesday 7 March
P3/4 to Paisley Museum

Thursday 9 March
Parent/Teacher Interviews (Children encouraged to attend)

Tuesday 14 March
P4 First Confession

Tuesday 21 March
P7 to St Andrews Academy

Tuesday 28 March
Parent Council Meeting

Wednesday 29 March
Parent Council Disco

Friday 31 March
School closes at 3pm

School Show

Staff are looking forward to getting our school show underway today. This after school club, which will run every Wednesday, is open to all P4-7 children including those who attend After School Care. After School Care children who choose to take part will be accompanied to the Beechwood Centre by teaching staff when the sessions end. Please return the consent slip to the office if your child wishes to participate. The final production will be held in the Beechwood Community Centre on Tuesday 20 June 2017.

School Uniform

We value your support in consistently setting a high standard in terms of the way the children present at school. It is wonderful to see so many children in the school uniform. Please try to make sure all items of clothing are clearly labelled. Recently we have had a number of items lost/found without names on them.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Our Primary 4 pupils will make their First Confession on Tuesday 14 March at 7pm in St James' Church. It won't be long until these same children make their First Holy Communion and we appreciate the support parents provide in preparing the children to receive the Sacraments.

Lent

The whole school will attend Mass every Thursday morning at 9.30am. We would invite any parent helpers who would like to join us to meet at school at 9.15am to accompany us to Mass. During Lent, the children are being encouraged to think of those less fortunate by donating to SCIAF.



Parents' Evening

On Thursday 9 March you will have the opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher to discuss their progress. If you are unable to attend please let us know so alternative arrangements can be made.

P7 St Andrew's Academy Visit

On the morning of 21 March our P7 pupils will visit St Andrew's Academy to visit the Maths department as part of their high school transition programme.



P1 & P2 Mother's Day Assembly

On Friday 24 March the children from St James' and Mossvale P1 & P2 will perform their annual Mother's Day Assembly at 1.30pm. We hope to have lots of mums and grans in attendance to hear the special message to them from the children.

Community Involvement

As part of helping our community our P6 and P7 children have been invited to visit Love St Disability Centre to plant potatoes in their garden and continue to monitor them until they are able to be harvested. These visits will happen throughout March. We hope the children will be able to dig up the potatoes in June and use them in recipes during our annual Health week.

Parent Council

The Parent Council have issued a tube of smarties to every pupil encouraging them to fill them with coins and return to school by Monday 6 March. The next PC meeting will be held in school on Tuesday 28 March from 5.30pm. Our Parent Council will also hold a disco for all pupils on Wednesday 29 March. Full details will follow soon.

P3/4 Museum Visit

Our P3/4 class have been studying ancient Egypt for their class topic. On 7 March they will visit Paisley Museum to see all the ancient Egyptian exhibits. If you are able to help accompany the children on this outing, please contact the school office.

Homework Club

We run our Homework Club after school on Monday and Wednesday from 3-4pm. All families are welcome to use our resources to help with homework including teaching staff, ipads, laptops etc.

Easter Holidays

On Friday 31 March school closes for our two week Easter break. We will hold an own clothes day, £1 per family.

St Andrew's Ladies' Night

St Andrew's Academy Parent Council will be holding a Ladies Night at St Charles' Church hall on Friday 3 March. It is a BYOB event with a free glass of Prosecco on arrival. There will be cash bingo, raffle and games. Tickets cost £5 and are available from St Andrew's.

Car Parking

We request that parents dropping off or collecting children by car avoid parking on the pavements and zig-zag lines. Recently we have had a number of complaints from parents, local residents and bus company. These include:

- Parking on pavements
- Parking on zig zag lines
- Driving wrong way around staff car park to nursery drop off zone

We are currently looking at how to address this issue with our Parent Council and the Wardens Service. We appreciate your help in ensuring the safety of all our children.

God's Loving Plan

The Scottish Catholic Education Service has developed *God's Loving Plan* - a revised programme for Relationships Education in Catholic Primary schools. *God's Loving Plan* guides teachers on how children can be helped to develop healthy and respectful attitudes to their bodies and to all aspects of God's gift of life so that they can form loving relationships, according to God's loving plan for their lives.

Our lessons on the *God's Loving Plan* programme of work for P1-P7 will begin after Easter. As the P6-7 content looks at issues relating to puberty and loving relationships, you will have the opportunity to review the materials which will be used at Parents Evening on Thursday 9 March.