



## "News Update"

Our new House points system is up and running and congratulations go to Brodie House who were the September winners. All of the children from Brodie House were treated to a climbing wall experience as their reward. All of the children are responding well to the new points system.

Over the course of the year, we will have University of Strathclyde students joining us in Primaries 1, 3, 5 and 6. If you see a new face, taking in the lines in the coming weeks, it will most likely be one of the student teachers.



### St James' Parish Church

Bishop John will celebrate Mass at St James' Parish on Sunday 8 October. All families are invited and, if possible, it would be nice if the children wear their school uniform. Children's Liturgy will also start again at this Mass.

All Saints Day Mass will take place in St James' Church at 10am on 1 November. It is with sadness that we will soon be saying goodbye to Fr Jude who has served as Administrator to St James' & St Fergus' churches for the last year. We wish Fr Jude all the best in his new role as Parish Priest at St Mary's.

### Parent Council



Our next Parent Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 10 October at 5.30pm in our school staff room. We invite all parents to come along and hear how you can actively support our pupils and our school.

The Parent Council have organised Discos on Wednesday 25 October, more details to follow.

### Parents Evening

Our first parent evening of the new school year will be on Thursday 9 November. Appointment times will be issued soon.

### Lost Property



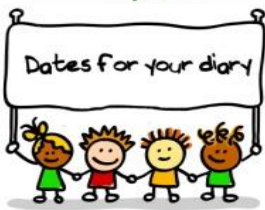
Unfortunately our Lost Property pile is growing by the day! There are many, many lost items in our lost property box in the main entrance. **Please ensure your child's name is written on all their belongings!** It is your child's responsibility to be in charge of their own belongings and if they lose an article they will be directed to our lost property box to find it. If your child returns home with another child's belonging then please ensure it is returned to school the next day.

### School Health Checks

Our P7s will have a health check on Wednesday 11 October, and our P1 to P4 will receive fluoride varnishing on Thursday 12 October.

### Curriculum Rationale

We are currently consulting all parents, staff and children about what constitutes our shared vision, values and aims for the school. Thank you to those who have recently taken a few minutes to complete our Survey Monkey questionnaire on this subject. To date we have received 51 replies. There is a link to the questionnaire on the Parent Council Facebook page and we would be grateful for people who have not completed it to try to do so as we value everyone's opinions.



### Sunday 8 October

Mass with Bishop John at St James' Church 10am

### Tuesday 10 October

Parent Council Meeting  
5.30pm

### Wednesday 11 October

P7 Health Checks

### Thursday 12 October

P1-P4 Fluoride Varnish

### Friday 13 October

In Service Day - no school for children

### Monday 16 October to Friday 20 October

October Week

### Monday 23 October

School reopens

### Wednesday 25 October

Parent Council Discos

### Wednesday 1 November

All Saints Day Mass,  
10am at St James' Church

### **Parent Helpers**

We are always on the lookout for parents who can lend support to help enrich the learning experiences of the children. Currently, we are searching for a parent who would be willing to run a Digital Leaders club during a lunchtime. The role would involve supporting some of our older children with developing their skills in the use of computers and digital technology.

If you have any particular skills or talents, you would be willing to share, please let us know.

### **Playground Issue!**

We would like to request that adults refrain from communicating with the children through the school fence at playtime/lunchtime. We are sure you will understand that as we teach the children about Stranger Danger, most adults are just that to lots of children from both schools.

If you need to deliver an item or a message to your child during the school day we ask that you do so through Mrs Stewart in the school office.

### **Credit Union**

Credit Union collections will now take place on a Friday morning at assembly time. Children wishing to deposit savings should bring money each Friday.

Mrs Connell collects the money and deposits it with the Credit Union. This is an excellent opportunity to help encourage your child to develop a lifelong skill in looking after money and hope that it is one taken up by lots of children. If you require more information about this, please contact the school.

### **Car Parking**

We are grateful for everyone's ongoing co-operation with regards to dropping off and parking around the school. The autumn/winter months always see a rise in the number of children travelling to school by car, understandably as the weather is not as good. We ask for your continued co-operation to help ensure the safety of the children.