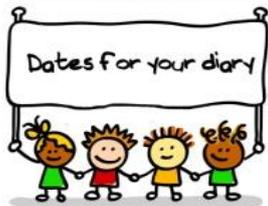




News Update



September has been a busy month with our P1s settling into the routine of whole days in school; P6s attending swimming lessons; P6 & P7s going on a visit to a farm at Loch Lomond and Mrs McKay leading a group of children on a local area clean up. Highlight of the month for most people though must have been the Roald Dahl Day celebrations. Well done to all the children, parents and staff for their costume efforts. Special well done to Miss Dooris for co-ordinating the events for the day. Thanks also to those who attended our 'Meet the Teacher' evening earlier this month.

Tuesday 4 October

Parent Council Meeting
(5.30pm)

Head Teacher Appointment



Thanks to all for the kind words and messages since I was appointed as permanent HT at the start of the month. I am delighted to have the opportunity to lead our school community and look forward to doing so for many years to come.

Thursday 6 October

1st Thursday Mass

P7 Vocations Mass

One of the first tasks I want to undertake is a review of our vision, values and aims and create a curriculum rationale. We will do this by consulting all stakeholders. It is important that our vision, values and aims reflect the community we learn in and also that we update this at least every 7 years to accurately meet the needs of our children.

In Service Day

Friday 14 October

October holiday

Monday 17 October to
Friday 21 October

Return to School

Monday 24 October

Tuesday 25th October

P1 - P4 Fluoride
Varnish

Wednesday 26 October

Coffee Morning in
Church 9.30-10.30

Parent Council Disco

Thursday 27th October

Flu Immunisation



Parent Council

Our next Parent Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 4 October at 5.30pm in our school staff room. We invite all parents to come along and hear how we can actively support our pupils and our school.



The Halloween Disco will take place on Wednesday 26 October. Due to the increasing school rolls at St James' and Mossvale our Parent Council have decided to hold our own disco separate from Mossvale. In order to ensure the disco goes ahead as planned, our Parent Council require volunteer parent helpers. If you can assist and help ensure the success of the event please do so.

Father Oliver



Congratulations to Father Oliver who is moving on to St Mirin's Cathedral! We welcome our new parish priest at St James' who will be Father Jude Okorie, he is joining us from Holy Family in Port Glasgow.

We are very grateful to Fr Oliver for everything he has done to support our children and staff. We plan to formally thank him by inviting him back to celebrate Mass in school one last time and to present a gift as a token of our appreciation.

If you would like to contribute towards this, please give donations in a sealed envelope to Mrs Stewart or Mrs Connell in the office.



St James' and Mossvale Primary Construction Update

We have been informed that the building and renovation works are running about 4-6 weeks behind schedule. The reason for this is down to a delay in delivery of steel. We look forward to moving 3 classes into the new extension in November. We will update you with more details nearer the time. Please note that the new telephone number is **0300 300 1330**.

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.



Recently, Mossvale and Rainbow Nursery staff have been faced with ongoing issues re contractors and parents from both schools using the nursery car park disabled parking spaces. There have been recent occasions when people who require use of these spaces to access the nurseries have been unable to do so due to cars parked in the allocated disabled areas.

Upcoming Masses



First Thursday Mass will take place at 9.30am in St James' Church on Thursday 6 October. If any parents could volunteer to help us walk to mass, then please let the office know.

Our Primary 7 class will be attending a vocations mass at St Mirin's cathedral on Thursday 6 October at 11.00am along with P7 pupils from other schools in Paisley Diocese. P7 will not attend First Thursday Mass that morning as they will be leaving for the Cathedral at 10.25am.

On Wednesday 12 October our P6 and P7 pupils have been invited to attend a 'Faith, Hope and Freedom' Mass with Bishop John at St Mirin's Cathedral. The Mass will take place at 7.00pm. Our P6 and P7 children have been invited by Bishop John who hopes that they will take part in a procession along with children from St Charles' Primary. This is an excellent opportunity for P6 & P7 children working towards their Pope Francis Faith Awards.

Parent Group

Trudy Rossi, our Home Link worker will be starting a drop in Coffee Morning group on Wednesday 26 October. It will be held in the hall at St James' Church every Wednesday from 9.30-10.30.



The Coffee mornings are open to everyone and are an opportunity to chat with other parents. Trudy will also be on hand to help with any advice issues anyone might have.

Dietary Requirements/Allergies

Recently we sent out a letter asking for information regarding special dietary requirements/food allergies. If your child has a dietary requirement for health or religious reasons please return the form as soon as possible. If we do not receive a return, we will assume your child has no special dietary needs or food allergies.

Credit Union

Our credit union collections will be starting soon for all pupils. They will be collected by Mrs Connell on a Friday at assembly. The Cash Cub will be visiting our pupils on Friday 7 October to explain all about Credit union.



Health

P1-P4 will have their fluoride varnishing carried out on 25.10.16.
P1-P7 will receive their flu immunisation on 27.10.16.

