



News Update

All of our Primary one children have settled well into daily school life, I am very pleased with their behaviour and enthusiasm in class.

Some of our P2 and P3 children have the opportunity to try out for a new C-Beebies programme in the next couple of weeks. Unfortunately, we can only extend this opportunity to children who are already aged 6 or only recently turned 7.

Our P6 children are participating in Renfrewshire Council's swim programme. They are received the first of two hour long lessons this week and are looking forward to going back next week. Please remember to provide your child with swimming costume, towel and £1 for a locker. P6 children have also now enrolled for the Pope Francis Faith Awards and we look forward to their participation in this.



Wed 13 Sept

P6 Swimming Lesson

Parents Info Evening

Thur 14 Sept

Primary 1 Photos

Thur 14/Fri 15 Sept

I am Me Cine-bus

Fri 22/Mon 25 Sept

School closed for
September Weekend

Fri 29 Sept

P7 Vocations Mass

Fri 13 Oct

No school for pupils -
the start of the
October holidays

St James' House System

We are pleased to announce the start of a new House System at St James' Primary School. Each child and member of staff will belong to a house and will try to gain points for their house throughout the academic year. The Pupil Council came up with a number of suggested themes relating to our local area and Scotland and our children have decided on our house names which are:

Barshaw

Brodie

Fountain Gardens

Robertson

We are also pleased to announce the vote is in for our winning House Captains and Vice Captains from Primary 7. Well done to:

House Captains- **Ava, Emma, Shaun and Nicole**

Vice Captains- **Iona, Lexie, Gabriella, Matthew.**

There will be winning houses identified weekly, monthly and yearly. Our House Captains and Vice Captains will have the responsibility of counting the house points, deciding on prizes and liaising with their peers to decide on house challenges.

Our new House System will provide opportunities where points will be rewarded throughout the school day when your child is recognised for making good choices and when they have displayed effort and achievement. The House System aims to promote achievement and self-esteem through rewarding and encouraging. Furthermore, this system will help build upon the positive learning environment we have at St James'.

Cinebus

The Renfrewshire 'I am Me' Cinebus will be visiting again on 14 and 15 September. All pupils will have the opportunity to visit and enjoy a film showcasing issues that children may face when in school including disability, dyslexia and issues of social inclusion.

Important Forms

There have been many different forms issued since the beginning of term, these are all important and we urge you to return them all fully completed to the office as soon as possible please. If you require duplicate forms then please contact the school office.





Parent Council

Our Parent Council Annual General Meeting was held on Tuesday 5 September at 5.30pm in our school staff room. We invite all parents to come along hear how we can work together to actively support our pupils and our school. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday October at 5.30pm.

The Family Fun Day BBQ was an outstanding success last Friday. We thank all our families and friends for wholeheartedly supporting our Parent Council! The fantastic total raised was £1177.

Parent Information Evening

On Wednesday 13 September we invite all parents to attend our Information Evening. P1 parents are invited to visit Miss Sheridan from 5.30-6.15pm. P2-P7 teachers will invite parents from 6.15-7.15pm. We look forward to seeing you there!

This event also provides an opportunity for many parents to experience the now completely refurbished and extended St James' Primary School and we hope you take the opportunity to come and look around our much improved learning environment.

Primary 1 Photos

The Paisley Daily Express and Renfrewshire Gazette will attend to take pictures of all our Primary 1 children. If you do not wish your child to participate then you need to inform the school office.

Masses

First Thursday Mass takes place at 9.30am in St James' Church on the first Thursday of every month. If any parents could volunteer to help us walk to mass, then please let the office know. Throughout the year, each of our P4-7 classes take turns participating in the masses through taking responsibility for readings, prayers of Intercession, the Offertory and choosing of Hymns. Our early years classes also contribute to each mass by singing the first hymn during Communion. I am impressed by the enthusiasm already being shown by the younger children for learning the words and actions for next month's hymn.

Our Primary 7 class will be attending a special Vocations mass at St Mirin's Cathedral on Friday 29 September at 11.00am along with P7 pupils from all other schools in Paisley Diocese.

We would also like to invite all children to attend the Children's Liturgy at St James' Church every Sunday from 8 October 2017 at the 10am Sunday Mass.

Allergies and Lost Property

Please remember we aim to be a nut free school and kindly request that you do not send any snacks for your child which contains nuts. Our Lost Property boxes are now located at the main reception. Please remember to label every item of your child's clothing!