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Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to the October Newsletter. I hope you and your families are keeping well in these challenging times.

### **New School Values**

A reminder that our new school values selected by our children and school community are:

Kindness

Respect

Honesty

At the end of every month during our Awards Assembly, Mrs Heath and I will give out 'Well Done' awards to children in each class who have demonstrated the school values. 'Star Pupil' awards will also be given out. These awards will be decided by the class teachers and support staff to recognise where pupils have shown great effort and attitude towards learning.

We look forward to sharing these awards with you.

### **Fr Joe Burke**

We are delighted to welcome Fr Joe from St Mirin's Cathedral to our school community. Fr Joe is our School Chaplain and will be visiting the children soon.

### **Homelink**

At the summer Margaret McManus our Homelink worker retired. Margaret worked in the school for a number of years supporting children and families. We wish Margaret well as she moves on to the next chapter in her life and thank her for the wonderful support she gave to the community of SJO. Pamela McKechan is our new Homelink worker and more information about Homelink and the work that Pamela will do in our school can be found alongside this letter.

### **Primary 5 First Holy Communion**

Please keep Primary 5 in your prayers as some of the children prepare to make the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. The children are preparing in class and will receive a visit from Fr Joe soon. On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November the children will have an afternoon tea party to celebrate this special occasion.



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## **Keeping Safe**

The children have adapted very well to our safety measures including regular handwashing, staggered breaks/lunches and physical distancing. We make a plea to you, our parents and carers, to support us at the start of each day by moving away quickly once your child has entered the school playground. The children are supervised by support staff, the Janitor, Mrs Heath and myself.

At the end of the school day we ask parents/carers to keep a safe distance between households. Again, we ask that you move away from the school as quickly as you can.

Please allow P1 and P1/2 children to be collected safely from the MUGA before re-entering the MUGA, this also helps us to keep our staff safe.

These measures are in place as we try to keep you, our children and the staff safe during these difficult times. We hope you can support us.

## **Who Cares? Scotland**

On Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November, Who Cares? Scotland will be working 'virtually' with Primary 6 and Primary 7. Who Cares? Scotland is a national voluntary organisation, working with care experienced young people and care leavers across Scotland. The session will raise awareness of issues faced by care experienced pupils and encourage others to be more empathic and inclusive towards their care experienced peers. The session will also provide an important opportunity for care experienced pupils to learn about help and support available to them. More information can be found at <https://www.whocarescotland.org/>

## **Flu Vaccination**

The flu vaccination for pupils will take place on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November in the school gym hall.

## **Free School Meals/Clothing Grant**

A reminder that you can apply for free school meals and the clothing grant at <http://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/Freeschoolmealsandclothinggrants#Apply%20free%20school%20meal>

## **Best Start Grant**

More information about the Best Start Grant and how to apply can be found at <https://www.mygov.scot/best-start-grant-best-start-foods/>

## **Message from the Parent Partnership**

Our Parent Partnership are always looking for new members. If you are interested in becoming a member or would like to find out more information, please check out their Facebook Page at 'St John Ogilvie Parent Partnership'.

The Parent Partnership meet around 8 times in the school year and support the school in various ways including School Improvement Planning and Fundraising. All fundraising comes back to the school. So far this session the school have been able to purchase software to support learning across all stages and most recently the children were given their own mat to make outdoor learning more comfortable. At our last meeting the Parent Partnership were able to support the purchase of new goals for our school pitch. Please consider joining the Parent Partnership, you will be made most welcome by our chairperson Theresa Brogan and all current members.



## **100 Club Numbers**

Parent Partnership 100 Club September Winners:

1<sup>st</sup> - Kristal McDonald

2<sup>nd</sup> – Angela Boyle

3<sup>rd</sup> – Jennifer Thomas

\* If you would like to join the Parent Partnership 100 club please visit their Facebook page where you will be able to send them a message.

## **ParentPay**

Please can I ask you to log into your ParentPay account to ensure that you do not have any outstanding payments from last session or this school session. If you have any questions/concerns regarding ParentPay please do not hesitate to contact me via the school office.

## **Homework Survey**

Thank you to all parents/carers who completed the homework survey. Your feedback will help us to continue to improve the way we communicate homework and the areas that we can support you with homework. We will be in touch soon to help anyone who is having technical difficulties.

## **Seesaw/Esspresso/Glow Update**

Our school has now purchased Espresso to support learning in the classroom and at home. Alongside this letter you will find enclosed a letter from Mrs Heath with instructions of how to access Espresso.

Glow is the Scottish Intranet for Education. It offers a range of tools to support learning as well as access to Microsoft Office. If you would like to download Microsoft Office, Mrs Heath has included a help sheet explaining how to do this. At the top of this newsletter you will find a copy of your child's Glow username and password (please note this has changed since P2-P7 used them last session).

As you are aware, we have been using the Seesaw Apps to share aspects of your child's learning journey and provide homework tasks each week.

There are two Seesaw Apps available to you – Seesaw Class and Seesaw Family.

### **Seesaw Class App**

You will have received your child's own unique QR code for the Seesaw Class App. This app will allow the children to access any homework and activities set by their teacher. Please use the QR code to access your child/children's account.

**Please note:** If you have more than one child using the same device to access the Seesaw Class App, they will need to log out each time they have finished using it in order to allow the other child to log in. For this reason, it is important to keep the QR code as the children will need to use it, each time they log in. For further information on how to use the Seesaw Class App please follow the link below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OHB24Y-ALLY&feature=youtu.be>

### **Seesaw Family App**

The Seesaw Family App is a way of communicating and sharing aspects of your child/children's learning with you. This app can also be used to send a message through the inbox to your child's teacher, Mrs Heath or Miss Murray.



You can turn on/off the notifications for the Seesaw Family App in your phone/device settings.

Should you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Heath at the school office.

### **Annual Data**

A reminder that all annual data forms should now be returned to the school office via your child. It is very important that we have the most up-to-date information for your child.

### **Parents Appointments**

This session Parents' Evening will look a little different. Teachers will be making telephone calls to update you on your child's progress. Letters detailing dates and times of appointments were issued via a letter on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October. If you are unable to receive a telephone call at your allocated time, please contact the school office and we will try our best to accommodate a new appointment.

### **Pupils Absence**

A reminder that if your child is absent from school please contact the school office before 9.15am. We also ask that you contact the school office before your child returns to school. Thank you for your support with this.

### **Halloween**

On Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October the children are invited to wear a Halloween costume to school. Please ensure the costume your child wears does not include any props and is comfortable and manageable for them to wear all day.

### **Bikeability**

Mrs Heath will be working with Primary 6 to deliver Bikeability. A reminder that children must bring their bike with a lock and a helmet.

### **School Library**

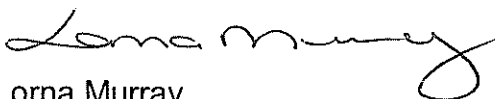
We will be opening our school library after the October holiday. Books will be able to come home however upon returning to school, books will be quarantined for 72 hours in line with current guidance.

### **Electronic Newsletters**

As you will be aware our school newsletter is posted on the school website and a copy on Seesaw. If you require a paper version, please complete the tear-off slip at the end of this letter and return it to the school office before Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October.

As always if you have any questions regarding this letter or indeed any aspect of your child's education please contact the school office.

Kind regards,



Lorna Murray  
Head Teacher



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Dates for diary at the time of print:

Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> October	Primary 6 bike checks P5 letter return regarding First Holy Communion due in by today
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> October -Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Holiday
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	In-Service Day – school closed to pupils
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	School reopens for pupils
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	P5, P6 and P7 Parent telephone appointments
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	P5, P6 and P7 Parent telephone appointments
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> October	P1/2 and P3 Parent telephone appointments
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	P7 Flute lesson P1/2 and P3 Parent telephone appointments
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> October	P1, P2 and P4 Parent telephone appointments
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> October	P1, P2 and P4 Parent telephone appointments
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> October	P6 – Bikeability Level 1 (all day) <b>Thereafter every Thursday 1.15pm-2.45pm until Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December</b>
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	Fr Joe visiting P5 for Confession
Saturday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Primary 5 – Sacrament of First Holy Communion
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Who Cares? Scotland working with P6 and P7
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	P5 First Communion Party (Children in P5 can wear their own clothes to school)

### Paper Newsletter

Please can I receive a paper copy of the school newsletter.

Pupil(s) Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class(es) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/carer signature: \_\_\_\_\_



