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Our School Values:

Kindness

Respect

Honesty

September News

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Welcome to the September newsletter.

Thank you for your continued support especially with our COVID procedures which the Scottish Government have put in place for all schools.

A special well done to all our children who have settled into the new school year, it has been lovely to see so many wearing our school uniform, I am sure you will agree the children are looking very smart. As you know the Scottish weather can be very changeable, please ensure your child brings a jacket to school. We also ask that all items of clothing are clearly marked with your child's name.

Just a reminder that our school uniform consists of:

Grey Skirt, trousers, formal shorts
White Polo Shirt or White Shirt and tie
Grey/Red Jumper Sweatshirt or Cardigan

Please can I ask that no joggers, cycling/sport shorts, leggings or tartan pinafores are worn to school. Thank you for your support.

Annual Data Forms

Thank you to parents/carers who have returned the consent forms to the school office. If you have still to return the annual data forms or the flu vaccination forms please can we ask you to do this as soon as possible. Thank you.

Loose Parts

Thank you to the Parent Partnership who purchased loose parts for the children to play with at lunchtime. The children are having a fantastic time creating, engineering and playing with the items. Keep an eye on twitter next week for some great photos of the children's inventions!

Active Schools

This session our Active Schools Coordinator will be Craig Newport.



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From Thursday 16th September – Thursday 7th October between 3pm – 4pm, there will be a Multisport Club available for any pupils in P5. If your child is in P5 and you would like to sign up for this club, please click on the following link:

<https://rl-stjohnogilvie.class4kids.co.uk/term/17>

We are currently looking for parent/carer volunteers to run clubs in our school. If you are interested in volunteering to run a club please contact the school office. We would be delighted to have your support! Craig from Active Schools is able to offer some training to parents/carers who are keen to take an after-school sports club.

Mass

Over the months of September and October Primary 4,5,6 and 7 will attend mass at St Mirin's Cathedral. Please note this trip is covered by the local area trip consent completed at the start of the school session. Primary 6 will attend 10am mass on Monday 13th September.

Communication

Each month you will receive a text with a link to the school newsletter. The newsletter can be found on the school website or app. If you are unable to access the online version of the newsletter please contact the school office.

Twitter- Next week our school will begin 'Twitter Tuesday'. This means that images and updates will be added by staff each Tuesday. Our school twitter account can be found at @SJOpaisley

School App – Our school app can be downloaded from the App Store or Google Play Store by searching for 'School App for Parents'. When prompted, select St John Ogilvie. Alternatively you can scan the QR Code at the top of this letter. The school app is a fantastic way to keep up to date with the school calendar and receive reminders about upcoming events. There is also a 'contact us' section on the app too.

Parent Partnership Facebook Page

If you have access to and use Facebook, please remember to follow, share and like the *St John Ogilvie Parent Partnership* page. This is a great way to keep up to date with events and join in discussions regarding fundraising. The next meeting of the Parent Partnership will take place on Monday 4th October at 4.30pm on Microsoft Teams. If you wish to join the meeting please contact the Parent Partnership via their facebook page or contact the school office for more information. It was great to see so many new members join our last meeting.

Parent Partnership 100 Club Winners:

Well done to:

1. 55 Sandrine Manoka £91
2. 36 Jennifer Thomas £45.50
3. 65 Anne Kavanagh £22.75

If you would like more information regarding joining the 100 club please contact the Parent Partnership via the Facebook page or contact the school office.

Bikeability

Pupils in P6 will begin Bikeability on Thursday this week. If your child is participating in Bikeability please ensure they come to school with their bike, bike lock and a cycle helmet.

Parents Appointments

This term Parents' Evening will take place between Tuesday 28th September and Wednesday 6th October. At this time parent appointments will be via the telephone and appointment dates and times will be communicated next week. If for any reason your appointment does not suit please contact the school office.



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Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

This session we hope that Primary 4 will make the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Tuesday 15th March 2022 and the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on Saturday 7th May 2022. Both Sacraments will be celebrated in St Mirin's Cathedral.

Absence

A reminder to contact the school office if your child is going to be absent for any reason. We understand that in the morning you are often dealing with a sick child or making arrangements for care, however we would ask you to call the school office no later than 9.30am.

Music Tuition

This session we welcome Andrew Horn (percussion teacher) and Julia Barron (woodwind teacher). Andrew and Julia will be working with some pupils from P6 and P7. We also welcome Ron Jappy back to SJO. This term we will be offering guitar lessons to any pupil in P7 who wishes to learn the guitar. This is funded through the PEF funding. A letter will follow to P7 parents/carers this week. This session we also hope to offer guitar lessons to pupils in P6.

Garden Level 3

I am delighted to share with you that we have received the Gardening Level 3 Award. Mrs Benton and the Gardening Committee hope to get going again with the garden this term.

Holidays

Please note the school will be closed on Friday 24th September and Monday 27th September. We will reopen as normal on Tuesday 28th September.

Medicine

In line with Renfrewshire Council Policy we are unable to administer any medication which has not been prescribed. If your child requires medication, please ensure it has been prescribed and that you complete a medical administration form available from the school office.

Relationships Policy

At a recent Parent Partnership meeting I shared that we are currently reviewing our Relationships Policy. All classes have been focussing on Health and Wellbeing and as part of this they have been sharing their thoughts and ideas regarding our school rules, our values, our vision and our reward systems. We would also like your views. If you are able to spare a few moments please click on the link or scan the QR code to complete the questionnaire below.

Proposal

This year we would like to change the way we celebrate success. In the past our school celebrated success in various ways including Pupil of the Week, Ace Achievers and Monthly Certificates including The Well Done and Star Pupil Award. Through feedback we recognise that children do not always receive a certificate frequently enough and we would like to be more responsive in celebrating success.

As a school we propose the following:

1. All classes will display Recognition Boards - staff will set a target and as children achieve the target their name is added to the board. The target can be changed as and when works best for the class.
2. Hot Chocolate Friday – children and staff who consistently demonstrate our school values of Kindness, Honesty and Respect are invited to have a hot chocolate and a biscuit with the HT. Photographs will be shared of children enjoying a hot chocolate via Twitter #SJOHOTChocFri and will take home a sticker.



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3. The Positive Note - this is high level recognition. Celebrating children who go above and beyond! A special note will be sent home from the school to the parent/carer. Children who receive the note will be celebrated through the school newsletter and get a free pass to Hot Chocolate Friday. These notes can be sent home weekly.

We would also like to keep the Ace Achiever Certificates. If your child has been recognised for an achievement outside of school and received a certificate, award or a medal then we would ask that they bring the award, or a photo, or a note from home into school and we will add them to our Ace Achiever Book. Children's achievements will be celebrated through the monthly newsletter.

As a big part of our school community, we would value your thoughts and ideas on our proposal. In order to do this please click on this link or QR Code where you will be able to share your thoughts.

<https://forms.office.com/r/BNPwTySpuZ>



COVID Update

Currently in schools we are still following physical distancing and wearing face coverings, especially at the start and end of each day where our school gate becomes crowded. Could I please ask all parents/carers, when dropping off and picking up, to leave the area as soon as possible and not congregate in groups. Thank you in advance for your understanding. A reminder of the staggered start and end times:

Class	Start Time	End of Day
P1a, P1b, P2, P2/3 and P3	8:50am	2:50pm
P4, P5, P6 and P7	9am	3pm

In line with the wider changes to self-isolation guidance, in the event of a positive test, schools are no longer involved in contact tracing. This is now conducted by the Test and Protect team. You should continue to inform the school of any positive test results or if a pupil has been identified through Test and Protect and asked to isolate and go for a PCR test. Those with a positive test should continue to follow the guidance and isolate for 10 days. Those children who receive a negative PCR result can return to school, even if a household member tests positive, as long as they do not display any symptoms and are clear of a temperature by 48hrs. We understand that these are challenging times for everyone but by working together we can continue to keep our school community safe.

As always if you have any questions regarding this letter or indeed any aspect of your child's education please do not hesitate to contact me at the school office.

Yours,



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