

St. John Ogilvie Primary School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to the new school session

It is great to see all our children and families back after the Summer break. A warm welcome to new families who have joined our school community over the last few weeks, we look forward to working with you.

The children are all looking fantastic in their school uniforms, thank you for all your hard work in preparing the children for returning to school.

A newsletter will be issued before the end of the month, however in the interim there are a few items to share with you.

PE Days

Children will take part in Physical Education on the following days:

Primary 1	Monday	Wednesday
Primary 1/2	Tuesday	Friday
Primary 2	Tuesday	Thursday
Primary 3	Wednesday	Thursday
Primary 3/4	Tuesday	Friday
Primary 4	Tuesday	Wednesday
Primary 5	Monday	Wednesday
Primary 6	Monday	Thursday
Primary 7	Monday	Thursday

In order to ensure everyone is safe in the gym hall we ask that children do not wear jewellery to school on the days that they have PE.

A reminder that the PE Kit includes:

P1 – 4 – The polo shirt the children wear may double up as their t-shirt for PE.

Dark shorts

Indoor trainers/ plimsoles

P5 – 7 – White t-shirt

Dark shorts

Indoor trainers

We ask that no football colours are worn to school or for PE.

Homework

Homework will begin from Monday 28th August. Primary 1-4 will use a home/school diary to communicate their homework. Primary 5-7 will use Google Classroom to complete homework (there will also be a printed copy for those who prefer). The children will be issued with their Glow username and password from their class teacher. If you need any help with this please contact the school office.

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Seesaw

In St John Ogilvie we use an App called Seesaw to share aspects of your child's learning journey with you. Each child has their own unique learning journal which can only be viewed by their own parent/carer and staff. The teacher/child may use the journal to upload learning targets, latest and best work and/or photographs and videos of the child and their work. Primary 2- 7 parents/carers will be issued today with a QR Code to join. Primary 1 parents/carers will be issued with an account once all consents have been returned. If you need any help with Seesaw please contact the school office who will put you in touch with Miss MacNeil.

Mass/Photographs

On Friday 25th August, Fr Ryan will lead us in Mass in school to celebrate the start of the new school session. On this day we ask that pupils wear full school uniform (shirt and tie). On this day class teachers will take photographs of their classes to be displayed around the school. As we are in the process of gathering consent forms, if you have any objection to your child being part of their class photo, which will be displayed in the school, please let the school office know prior to Friday 25th August.

Thank you

Mrs Donnelly, who was one of our Classroom Assistants, retired in June. Mrs Donnelly is settling in well to retirement and has asked me to thank all our parents/carers for the very kind gifts and best wishes she received. We are missing Mrs Donnelly but know that she will pop in to see us soon.

Communication between school and home

We understand that the first few weeks of the school year can be overwhelming with lots of form filling and information being shared, therefore I hope the list of communication below helps any new families to the school.

P1-4 – Red diaries for detailing homework and class events throughout the week.

Seesaw – Parents/carers sign up by QR Code to see their child's targets and latest and best work (and just some photographs that children wish to share with you!).

Newsletters – Monthly Newsletters are issued via a text link to the main contact of the child. They are also available on the school website.

Twitter - This is where we celebrate achievements of the school and share some of the fun activities taking place across our school community. Our Twitter (X) handle is: @SJOpaisley

Letters (like this one) may be issued from time to time via a text link and are also available on the school website.

The Parent Partnership run a number of events throughout the school year including discos for pupils and fundraising events. You can find this information on the SJO Parent Partnership Facebook Page. The first meeting of the Parent Partnership will be held in school on Monday 28th August from 5.45pm – 6.45pm. Please consider coming along to the meeting, you will be made to feel most welcome. Theresa Brogan is the Chairperson of the Parent Partnership. Theresa will lead the meeting and discuss events and ideas which the PP wish to contribute to the life of the school. Tea and Coffee is also available.

Drop off and Pick up

The school gates open at 8.45am in the morning to allow the children a soft start. Support staff and P7 monitors are around the school to help the children get ready.

At the end of the school day:

Primary 1 and Primary 1/2 will be passed to adults at the large planters near the staff carpark.

Primary 2, 3 and 3/4 will be dismissed from the front of their classrooms in the front playground.

Primary 4 will be released from the area at the shed.

Primary 5, 6 and 7 will be dismissed from the gate at the shed.

Please note the gates in the playground will be closed at 3.10pm.

Please can I ask that adults collecting children do not park in the staff carpark or on top of the zig zag lines opposite the MUGA. A reminder to take care when crossing roads and walking through residential areas, as always we try to respect the houses and neighbours of our school.

Attendance

If your child is going to be absent from school, please can I ask you to contact Mrs Green or Mrs McCreadie in the school office. We understand that you are often dealing with a lot at this time but ask that you contact us by 9.30am. If we have not heard from you by then we will send a text and then try to contact you. This is part of our Safeguarding procedures in order to ensure the safety of your child. Thank you in advance for your support.

School Lunches

The menu for school lunches can be found at: <https://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/article/2880/Primary-school-lunch-menus> . We are currently on Week 1.

All pupils in Primary 1- 5 are able to have a school meal at no cost. Primary 6 and 7 parents/carers are able to apply to receive free school meals for their child at:

<https://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/article/3338/Free-school-meals-and-clothing-grants>

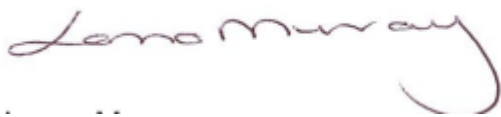
Clothing Grants are also available, the application can be found at:

<https://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/article/3338/Free-school-meals-and-clothing-grants#clothinggrant>

A reminder that all consent forms should be returned to the school by Friday 25th August.

Please note a Newsletter will follow before the end of the month outlining all the events and dates for September.

Yours,



Lorna Murray
Head Teacher



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