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**Church School Partnership working**

As a Catholic faith formation school, we work in close partnership with Father Jeremy, our parents and our parish community to provide a full programme of class masses and sacramental preparation. Please see class Masses listed overleaf. A full list of P4 and P3 Sacramental dates and meetings will be issued shortly.

Please help us all to help your children grow in their Catholic faith by taking them to Mass each Sunday

**School arrival and finishing information**

8.10am – Breakfast Club opens and closes 8.30am

8.20am – Playgrounds open and pupils should NOT be in

playgrounds before this time as there is no

supervision prior to 8.20am.

8.40am – School day begins with bell – all children line up.

3.00 pm –School ends children should be collected promptly.

Fridays – School finishes for pupils at 12.15pm

**Late arrival at school: Pupils agreed that Dojo points should be awarded to pupils each day who arrive on time for school to encourage good timekeeping. Please ensure your child arrives on time – if they are coming in late, they are missing valuable learning.**

# **School News**

**Children’s Masses in SS John Cantius & St Nicholas, Broxburn**

Please encourage your child to develop their faith by coming to the children’s masses. They are at 9.30am on:

**6th November 2016 2nd April 2017**

**4th December 2016 7th May 2017**

**5th February 2017 4th June 2017**

**5th March 2017**

**Parents as Partners**

**Parent Council:**

Minutes from the last parent council meeting are available on the school blog under Parents as Partners. If you have agenda items for the next meeting, please contact any member of the parent council (details on the blog under Parents as Partners).

**ATP (Action Team Partnership):**

This group is a Parent-Community-School group working in partnership to make St Nicholas even better.

**School Meals:**

Pay and order by parentsonline:

<http://www.ipayimpact.co.uk/IPI/mgslp?Bref=WLC>

Menu:

<http://www.westlothian.gov.uk/school-meals-menu>

NB Please order Christmas Lunch by Wed 30.11.16

**Message from the Office**

**School Meals**- Remember to order on line each week - details above. Please note, anyone requiring a packed lunch on Fridays must order their lunch by Wednesday morning.

**Milk** for term 2 (Jan – Mar 17) will be available on Ipayimpact from 18/11 to 18/12.

**Email** – We still have a few parents’ emails outstanding. Can parents please ensure that we have a valid email address by emailing the office on wl[stnicholas-ps@westlothian.org.uk](mailto:stnicholas-ps@westlothian.org.uk).

 **NUT FREE PACKED LUNCHES**

At St Nicholas, we take the utmost care to ensure our children are safe. To help us do this, we kindly ask parents not to pack nuts with their child’s lunch. Nuts are healthy and nutritious but we do have some children who have nut allergies. Many thanks.

 **Dog Safety**

**Can we please remind all parents that dogs are not permitted in school grounds and they should never be left unattended (tied outside the school gate). Please help us keep our children and your dogs safe from harm.**

**School Communication**

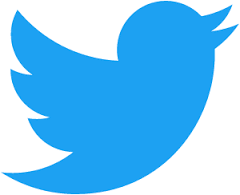
St Nicholas Primary School Blog- **bit.ly/StNicholasPS**

Remember to check our blog to see children’s learning across the curriculum.

Facebook:

Join us: www.facebook.com/stnicholas.broxburn

Twitter:

Follow@WLStNicholasPS

**FLU VACCINATION PROGRAMME – 21 November**

The school nurse will be available to administer the flu vaccine on this day.

**Our New Turning Point**

Opens for walkers only on Monday 14th November.


**St. Nicholas RC Primary School**

Head Teacher – Mrs. Brown

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# **Newsflash!**

**SCHOOL EVENTS**

**Holidays**: 2016/17 - 2017/18

[*www.westlothian.gov.uk/schoolholidays*](http://www.westlothian.gov.uk/schoolholidays)

**Holidays:**

Wed 21st Dec – Term ends 3.00pm.

Wed 4th Jan - Pupils return to school

**School Events:**

1st Nov – Mass All Saints Day

7th Nov – Parent Council 6.30pm

8th Nov – P6 to school camp

P2 Outing to Tall Ships - Ggow

11th Nov – P3 Assembly and café – 11.30am

13th Nov - Remembrance Day Service 1.30pm

14th Nov – Parent Partnership Mtng – 6.30pm

15th Nov – P7 transition event Brox Acad

Parents Evening 4.00 – 6.30pm

16th Nov – P7 outing to St Mgts Dunfermline

Parent Consultations 4.00 – 6.30pm

Brox Acad P7 open evening 6.00pm

18th Nov – Hibernian FC Persevere Assembly

21st Nov – Flu Vaccination Program

Nursery, P1 andP7 individual photos

P5 Brox Acad handball festival

22nd Nov -Travelling Art Gallery

23rd Nov – P1 trip to Owl Centre

Brox Acad pantomime PM for P7s

JRSO meeting Brox PS

24th Nov – Nursery Parents Evening 4.00pm

28th Nov – P4 Benchball Festival - Brox Acad

30th Nov – 40th Jubilee Concert – 1.30pm

2nd Dec – Jubilee Mass – Arch Cushley – 11am

Jubilee buffet and Memory Lane

5th Dec – Cinderella Panto in school 1.30 pm

Parent Partnership Mtng – 6.30pm

7th Dec – P1 Christmas Craft Parents PM

12th Dec – Brox Acad transition concert PM

Nursery Nativity 10am / 2pm

13th Dec – Christmas Lunch (order by 30/11)

14th Dec – Nursery Christmas PartiesAM/PM

15th Dec – P1 and P2 Nativity 9.30 am/ 1.30pm

16th Dec – P1 Christmas Party

19th Dec – P2/3/4/5 Christmas Parties PM

P7 to Holmes View Nursing Home PM

20th Dec – P6 and P7 Christmas Party PM

21st Dec – Christmas Carol Service 1.30 pm

All welcome

Coffee / mince pies

Nov/Dec 2016

**St Nicholas is 40!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

St Nicholas Primary School will be 40 years of age in this current building, on 26th November. We plan to celebrate this event in two ways.

* On Wednesday 30th November, we will have a whole school concert in school at 1.30 pm, looking back over the decades from 1976- 2016.
* On Friday 2nd December at 11.00 am, Archbishop Leo Cushley will celebrate a jubilee Mass in our new school hall, followed by a buffet lunch and a trip down memory lane in the form of display boards and artefacts from the last 40 years of St Nicholas Primary School.
* All of the school and parish community are welcome to attend both of these events.

Please contact all your family and friends and ask them to look out old photos and any other memorabilia you may have relating to one of these decades. All of these will be logged and labelled by Mrs Langton, and will be returned to the owner following the open day. We are looking forward to an exciting and fitting tribute, and one which sets the scene for the next decade.

If you or your neighbours were pupils at St Nicholas at any point in the last 40 years, please pass on the details of our celebrations.

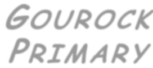
We will be looking for help with home baking for the buffet lunch on the 2nd December. More details to follow in the next few weeks.

**Christmas is Coming!**

Following our jubilee celebrations it will be full steam ahead to Christmas. Primary 1 and 2 will perform their nativity concert on 15th December. In addition the whole school will sing carols, followed by coffee and mince pies on the last day of term on Wednesday 21st December at 1.30 pm.

**Details of all other school parties/events etc. opposite in School Events.**

Looking forward to an exciting few weeks of celebrations! Please join us.

“GETTING IT RIGHT FOR EVERY CHILD”

Communication/Information

Please be advised that communication/information will continue to be done through the school website, email, text and twitter. The school website is updated regularly, so you can check the website on a weekly basis for notification of events happening or for any changes during the following week. The website now has a wealth of information about Gourock primary and we would encourage you to visit the website and become familiar with your way around it.

http://gourock-pri.inverclyde.sch.uk

Do you know you can access our website by scanning our QR Code below into your phone?

and also follow us on twitter:-

@gourockpr

Responsible Citizens

Easter Service

Many thanks for your generous donations at our Easter Service. The amount collected was £120.40 and this will be donated to “Inverclyde Starter Packs”.

Responsible Citizens

Green Flag

To maintain our Green Flag status we must show how learning all about ECO is being sustained and developed within the school and community. At the end of May we have to submit evidence of all that has been achieved. Miss McCready is busy collecting and organising evidence to email to “Keep Scotland Beautiful” for us to be assessed. Many thanks to Miss McCready, Mr. Sinclair and all of the committee who, with great zest and enthusiasm, continue to lead and drive this agenda forward. All of the pupils involved in the ECO committee take their job very seriously – especially the younger children who are the best pot washers in the country (empty water bottles, juice cartons etc. to be recycled) !

Well done boys and girls!

Responsible Citizens

UNICEF

Friday 13th May is the UNICEF Day of Change. To support this worthy cause we would ask children to bring any loose change to school which will be sent to UNICEF to help them protect children affected by the conflict in Syria. This year the UK Government will match all donations penny for penny.

Responsible Citizens

Community Event

Some of you may remember the community event organised by staff and pupils last year when elderly people from the community were invited into the school for an afternoon tea. The children baked the cakes, made the sandwiches etc. and chatted to all of our guests. A similar event will take place this year on Wednesday, 25thMay at 2:00pm.

Successful Learners

Fischy Music

On Monday 25thApril the children from P1 to P6 had a great time in workshops conducted by “Fischy Music”. One of our P2 children, after the workshop and concert said, that it had been the best day of his life! This was funded by “Gourock Schools and Churches Together”. Some of you who have attended our assemblies may recognise the songs produced by this company “Welcome Everybody” which we sing at the beginning of our assembly. The children of primaries 5, 6, and 7 have also been invited to attend a concert on Friday 29thApril at Old Gourock & Ashton Church with fellow pupils from Moorfoot primary and St. Ninian’s primary.

Successful Learners

P1 Inductions

The children who will be starting school in primary 1 in August are invited to come to the school on the afternoons of 26th May, 2nd June and 9th June.

They will have the opportunity to spend time in the classroom with staff on each of the afternoons and experience learning in a primary school. Parents and carers are invited to stay each afternoon and find out about life in Gourock primary from Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. McKay and some of our pupils.

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Successful Learners

Late-Coming

Please ensure your child is in school before the bell rings at 9 o’clock. This gives your child the opportunity to play with their peers, line up with their peers and be ready for the day ahead.

Successful Learners

Magic of Literacy

Primary 5/4 pupils were lucky to be involved in a literacy project this term. Paul Bristow of Magic Torch company led these workshops on the subject of Granny Kempock and the children worked on their own ”class comic strips”. Paul’s knowledge of local history and folklore really brought the characters to life and the children thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Successful Learners

Outings

P3 children will visit the Science Centre on Thursday 12th May P4 children will be visiting Vikingar on Thursday 26th May

Confident Individuals

Football

All children from Primary 2 & 3 have been invited to attend a Cluster football festival at Cappielow park on Monday 9th May. This is supported by Tesco bank and organised by our SFA Football Development Officer, Stuart Rafferty. They will travel by coach accompanied by school staff. Parents and carers are invited to spectate from the terraces.

P2 will be there at 9:15am and P3 will be there at 11:00am.

Confident Individuals

Dance

The primary 3 children are invited to attend an after school Dance club during this session. They will have the opportunity to practise their moves, learn some new ones and boogie on down! More information will be sent to P3 parents.

Confident Individuals

Physical Education

It is vitally important that all pupils remember to bring their PE kit. Unfortunately, for some time now there are some children who are not participating in PE and are therefore missing out on a valuable part of Health & Wellbeing – healthy body, healthy mind. PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD HAS THEIR P.E. KIT WITH THEM ON THEIR ALLOCATED DAYS.

Successful Learners

Peter Pan

This year the primary 7 children are performing the Disney musical “Peter Pan”. This will take place on Tuesday 21st.June and Wednesday 22nd June in Old Gourock and Ashton Church Hall. The hall accommodates more people and therefore we will be able to sell tickets to other parents or members of the community who would like to attend. All of the children will see the performance but are also welcome to come in the evening with their parents.

Confident Individuals

World of Work

The primary 6 children will be involved in various activities during week beginning 9th May. This will give them the opportunity to think about the skills and attributes they will need for their work place in years to come. This is always enjoyed by all children and some already have their sights set on their future career/job. They enjoy listening and talking to adults who will be invited into school to discuss their chosen career/job with the children

As an introduction to the World of Work week our primary 6 children had a great day at the BBC studios organised by Fiona Lawrie, Chair of the Parent Council.

Effective Contributors

Sports Day

Our annual Sports Day this year will be held on Wednesday 18thMay (weather permitting). You will already have received information about the day’s events. Let’s hope that the sun shines for all to have an enjoyable day!

Effective Contributors

Clydeview Academy

Our primary 7 pupils will attend Clydeview Academy on 11thMay a.m. They will walk to/from Clydeview Academy accompanied by staff and meet fellow pupils from Moorfoot primary and Ardgowan primary. They will be involved in activities and workshops organised by Clydeview staff all about the skills they have/need for preparing them for life in a secondary school. The children will return to school for lunch.

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IN THE INTEREST OF PUPIL SAFETY, PLEASE DO NOT USE THE BUS BAY FOR PARKING

Effective Contributors

Lockerbie

Our primary 7 children this year are travelling to a centre in Lockerbie for their residential trip. We look forward to hearing about all of the different experiences and activities they will encounter in this new setting.

Highland Games

The Gourock Highland games take place on Sunday 8th May at Gourock Park. This year a group of P6 & P7 children will take part in the mini Highland Games with children from Moorfoot primary and St. Ninian’s primary. All are welcome to come along and enjoy the celebrations. Good luck Gourock !

Responsible Citizens

Rag Bag Collection

Our next Rag Bag Collection will be on Friday 29th April and we would ask you to send filled bags to the school any time before then.

The bag provided can be filled with - all types of clothing - bags, shoes, hats, belts, towels, curtains and bed linen.

(No bric-a-brac please)

Absences

If your child is to be absent for any reason please telephone the school 01475 715824 by 9.30am. We ask this to ensure your child’s safety. If the school has not received a telephone call by this time, we will telephone you.

Please ensure that your child returns from an absence with a note so that the absence can be recorded as authorised.

Holiday

School closes on Friday 29th April at 3:15pm and re-opens to pupils on Tuesday 3rd May

School Funds

Many thanks to the parents who contribute to school funds. We would appreciate if every child could make a voluntary contribution of 50p to school funds on a weekly basis. This is collected on a Monday morning and is used to provide extra activities for all of the children.

This year we have used the money for curricular materials, many class educational visits were subsidised and buses to various sporting events were paid for. Many thanks!

Walk to School Week

Walk to School Week will take place on 13th– 17th June and our “walking buses” will be in operation every day that week.

Times are as follows:-

Larkfield Road/Manor Crescent 8.40am depart King Street/Broomberry Drive 8.40am depart

Prizes will be awarded to the winning class.

April 29th Mon 2nd Sun 8th Fri 13th

Wed 18th Wed 25th Thur 26th Fri 27th Mon 30th Tue 31st

Thurs 2nd Fri 3rd Wed 8th Thur 9th Thur 9th Fri 10th Fri 17th Tue 21st Wed 22nd Mon 27th Tue 28th Wed 29th

Dates For Your Diary

May

Rag Bag Collection HOLIDAY Gourock Highland Games – all welcome UNICEF Day of Change

Sports Day (depending on weather) Community Event P1 Induction - pm HOLIDAY

HOLIDAY IN-SERVICE

June

P1 Induction – pm P2 assembly with parents P5 “World of Wonder” P1 Induction – pm P7 Clydeview Academy Induction P7 Clydeview Academy Induction P1 assembly with parents P7 Performance ‘Peter Pan’ P7 Performance ‘Peter Pan’ P7 Party – 6:45pm End of Year Church Service – 10:00am School closes at 1:00pm

Mrs. Patricia Robertson Head Teacher

Mrs. Taylor

Head Teache,r