

 **Dream, Believe, Endeavour, Achieve**

We are looking forward to an exciting term with many opportunities to engage in stimulating learning opportunities.

Building Works

The car park next to the front entrance of the school has had repairs carried out to the surface and is looking so much better. The roof above the nursery and infant classrooms will be undergoing essential maintenance. It is hoped to have the work carried out over the October break.

 Parent Council Hallowe’en Parties

P1-3 party will take place from 1.30 pm on Thursday 26th October.

P4-7 Party will take place from 6.30 -8.00 pm on Thursday 26th October.

Pupils can come in fancy dress and take part in the fun. We have a number of pupils with nut allergies so please avoid nut products and scary masks as these can upset pupils. Pupils must be collected by an adult at 8pm from the front entrance. Tickets cost £1 and will be on sale during morning breaks after the October holiday.

Uniform

Uniform order forms can be found at the front entrance to the school. Please return these to the school office by the end of the month as orders will be placed with suppliers on the last Friday of the month. You can also order on line

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The Big Scary Read

The school will be focussing on raising attainment in Reading this session and will be aiming to increase pupil engagement in reading for enjoyment. To launch this initiative we will be holding a Hallowe’en themed Big Read. Parents and pupils are invited to come to school in their Hallowe’en costumes and read together in the classroom. The event will run from 8.30 – 9.00 am. If you wish, you may bring a Hallowe’en themed book.

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Bark and Read

We are taking part in a Bark and Read project to encourage pupils to read aloud with confidence. A number of pupils will be able to read stories to specially trained dogs. Building relationships and trust in this way enables the pupils to relax and become more confident in reading out loud. The project will take place from Wednesday 25th October ffor 6 weeks.

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The School Office

To tackle essential administration and financial work, the office will remain closed on a Wednesday afternoon. Any enquiries will be dealt with at another time. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Independence in Learning

We are actively encouraging pupils to take increased responsibility for their own learning. This includes making sure that they have the correct equipment with them each day. We ask pupils to bring their PE kit in a gym bag on a Monday and take it home to be washed on a Friday.

Pupils are developing their independence and organisational skills through learning to copy and complete their homework, following instructions from their teacher. We realise that this can take practise and value your support and patience.

Sacramental Preparation

Please note the following dates for your diary regarding our P3 & P4 pupils preparing for the Sacraments

4th October meeting for the parent of P3 pupils in Sacred Heart and St Anthony’s Church

5th October meeting for the parents of P4 pupils in St Joseph’s Church

22nd October 10 am P3 Signing of the Cross St Joseph’s Church

29th October 10 am P4 Rite of enrolment St Joseph’s Church

12th November 10 am P4 Presentation of the Gospels St Joseph’s Church

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 St Joseph’s School 50th Anniversary Mass

St Joseph’s Primary School opened on the 6th of December 1967. Archbishop Leo Cushley will be celebrating Mass with our school community in St Joseph’s Church at 10 am on 5th December. There will be a Tea in the school hall afterwards to mark this special event in the life of our school. If you have any photographs or documents from your time in St Joseph’s please bring to us to be photocopied and displayed. It will be great to take a look at photographs of the school and its community through the decades. ![C:\Users\Frances.burns2\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\KRCQGFUK\golden-anniversary-banner-eps-2528768[1].jpg]()

 Dates for diaries

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 4th October 7pm Parent Council AGM and Meeting

11th October Flu Vaccines

12th October 4-8pm Parental Consultations

13th October Nursery Parents Coffee morning

 October Break

23rd October In-service Day

25th October Bark and Read Project begins

26th October 1.30pm P1-3 Hallowe’en party

 6.30-8.00 pm P4-7 Hallowe’en Party

27th October Junior Road Safety Training

31st October 8.30 am Big Scary Read Event

1st November 10 am All Saints Feast Day

14th November 7pm P7 Open Evening St Kentigern’s Academy

1st December 11amSchool Enterprise Fayre

5th December 10 am 50 th Anniversary Mass in St Joseph’s

 Church followed by Tea in St Joseph’s School

13th December Christmas Lunch

18th December Nursery Parties

19th December P1,P1/2 and P2 Party AM

 P3 and P4 Party PM

20th December P5 and P6 Party AM

 P7 Party PM

Dates to be confirmed

Parent Council Christmas Fayre

End of Term Reward

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.**Interruptions to learning**

Can parents please ensure that children know arrangements for collection at the end of the day and come with equipment, letters, snacks and lunches etc. On an average Wednesday there were 44 interruptions to lessons not including phone call messages.

**Credit Union**

The credit union come into school every Wednesday morning. It is a great to see the children getting into the habit of saving. This facility can also be used for saving for school camps and gala days etc. Please contact the office with any enquiries

Extra- curricular Clubs

P4 and 5 have been fortunate to have taken part in swimming lessons with the support of Ben Boatman Active Primary School co-ordinator and Mrs Paterson our PE specialist. Thank you to both of them.

Pupils are able to take part in a variety of sports clubs before and after school hours and have recently experienced success in local sporting festivals. Well done, we are very proud of you!