



St John Bosco RC Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Families

Water Disruption Update

I am pleased to confirm that the water pipe has been fixed and that all nursery and primary school services will return to normal as of Monday 24 October 2016. All nursery children should report to their usual nursery door at St John Bosco on Monday 24 October and all primary school children should report as normal to their class teacher in St John Bosco Primary on Monday 24 October. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all children and families for your patience during this difficult period. In particular, I would like to thank the staff team at St John Bosco for their dedication to making the 'decant' work and for the additional hours they put in to ensure as smooth a transition as possible for our children. In addition, a huge thank you to the Bargarran Primary School staff team and to the Bargarran Community Centre staff team for constantly working to find solutions and to make the very best of a difficult situation! I wish everyone a very well deserved break and look forward to getting back to normal on Monday 24 October! K MacKechnie

School Closed for In Service Day on Friday 14 October 2016

A reminder to all families that school and nursery will be **closed on Friday 14 October 2016** for the 3rd in service day (staff training). Staff will be working on *The New National Benchmarks for Literacy and Numeracy* and *Developing in Faith*. This precedes the October holiday, so children do not return to school until **Monday 24 October 2016**.

Colorfoto School Photographs

The second batch of Colorfoto photographs have been sent home this week (individual and family photographs). If you would like to order any of these photographs, please put the exact money in the Colorfoto envelope and return to school by **Friday 28 October 2016**. The class vista photographs are being taken again on **Thursday 27 October** – please ensure that all children in P1-7 come to school wearing **FORMAL SCHOOL UNIFORM** on this date. For clarification, formal school uniform is blue shirt, SJB tie, grey shorts/trousers (boys) and grey skirts/pinafores (girls). Absolutely no summer dresses or checked skirts or pinafores or any other combination of schoolwear is allowed for this formal photograph. Hair accessories should be school colours only – blue / white / grey. Thank you for your co-operation.

Parent Council Update – meeting tonight in school, 7pm

Family Hallowe'en Disco: The Family Hallowe'en Disco will take place on **Friday 28th October** in **Bargarran Community Centre** from **7.30-10pm**. This is a very popular annual event – please join us if you can! We can only **allocate 150 tickets** in total; these will be issued on a first come first served basis. **All pupils must be accompanied by an adult and no tickets will be sold on the door.** A flyer and ticket booking form have been issued this week - please have a look for this in your child's bag. If you would like tickets, please complete the booking form and return it, with the money, to the school office by **Wednesday 26th October 2016**.

The Annual Bag Back: This Fundraising Event will take place in **Morrisons, Erskine on Tuesday 20th December** from **11am-8pm**. It is one of our biggest fundraisers and last year we raised £1217.50, with the help and support of staff, parents and pupils. Once again we really need your support, even for a short period of time and it would be helpful if you could make a note of this date in your diary. Remember the more money we raise, the more money we have to purchase extras for our children. Further details will be issued in due course.

Christmas Fair: The St John Bosco Christmas Fair will take place in school on **Sunday 27th November 2016** between **1-4pm**. This is a popular event in the local community and is usually attended by approximately 400 people. As in previous years, there will be a Christmas Market where many local businesses take a stall and sell a variety of festive gifts. If you or any of your family and friends would like to take a stall, please email rosie@piggot.com for further details and a booking form.

With the Christmas Fair approaching, if you have any **unwanted soft toys that are in good condition**, we would appreciate it if you could send them into school for the soft toy tombola. We are also having a bric-a-brac toy stall and would welcome donations of **toys, games, dvds and books** that are in good condition. Thank You!

****Quick reminder – Parent Council Meeting in school tonight, Thursday 13 Oct, 7pm – all welcome!**** Gemma McGoran, Chairperson, St John Bosco Parent Council

SMS Messages from School

Please note that we can only text ONE family member per pupil. We have been asked if we could add other people onto the sms messaging facility, however, the SEEMIS system can only function with ONE family contact. SEEMIS is a national information system and we cannot change it. Apologies about this.

Parents' Night – Thursday 03 November 2016

Our first set of 1:1 parent appointments with class teachers will be held in school on **Thursday 03 November 2016, 3.30-9pm**. Please complete and return the attached slip to school by Monday 24 October 2016. As always, a crèche for children aged 2+ will be available throughout the evening, staffed by our very own nursery officers (thank you to the Parent Council for funding the crèche).

Congratulations!

... to Claire McLaughlan (P6), Ewan O'Donnell (P6), Cara McLaughlan (P4) and Emma O'Donnell (P3) who completed a very competitive ULTM8 Warrior Course at Mugdock Park in August. The team raised **£360.78** for school funds! Well done Team SJB!

What's on w/c 24 October 2016? School Meals Week 2

DAY	TIME	WHAT'S ON?	WHO'S IN / OUT?
Monday 24 Oct 2016	9am	Back to school Menu change this week – Monday's lunch has been swapped for Thursday's lunch and vice versa	
Tuesday 25 Oct 2016	10.45am 11.15am 1.30pm	NYCoS music lesson for P3 NYCoS music lesson for P4 Fr David to visit P3	
Wednesday 26 Oct 2016	11.30am	P1-2 Assembly with Mrs MacKechnie	
Thursday 27 Oct 2016	9-10.30am 9.15-10.30am	Mr McFarlane (recorder teacher) for P5-7 Colorfoto – class vista photographs for P1-7	
Friday 28 Oct 2016	11.15am 7.30-10pm	P3-7 Assembly with Mrs MacKechnie Family Hallowe'en Disco – Bargarran Community Centre	

With every best wish for a relaxing October break with your families,

K MacKechnie
Head Teacher

