



St John Bosco RC Primary School

Weekly Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Families

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Meet the Teacher – Wednesday 21 September 2016

Our informal MEET THE TEACHER sessions will run in 25 minute slots so that parents with more than one child (in this school) can have the opportunity to visit each class and to hear from the class teacher/s. The 25 min slots will run from **3.30-3.55 ; 4.00-4.25 ; 4.30-4.55 ; 5-5.25**. Class teachers have prepared a brief session on the annual learning overview for their class with some helpful tips about how to support your child's learning at home. This is not a parents' night, it is a family learning night – please choose a slot to attend after which you are welcome to stay for refreshments in the school hall. **Classrooms will remain open until 6pm** for any parent who cannot manage to attend within the allocated 'presentation slots'. **We look forward to welcoming everyone into the classrooms on Wednesday 21 September 2016.**



Primary 4 Sacrament Update

We would like to invite all **P4 pupils and their families** to a '**Rite of Commitment Mass**' where the children will 'sign-up' to the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. **This Mass will be held in St Bernadette's Church, Erskine, on Thursday 29 September 2016, 7pm.** After this Mass, there will be a Sacrament Meeting for parents which will be held in St Anne's Primary School (which is next door to St Bernadette's Church). All P4 pupils wishing to be presented for these Sacraments this session must be in attendance on Thursday 29 September. Formal school uniform should be worn. The actual Sacrament dates are as follows:

Date	Time	Location	Sacrament
Mon 28 Nov 2016	6.30pm	LOL, Bishopton	Reconciliation
Tues 29 Nov 2016	6.30pm	SJB Church, Erskine	Reconciliation
Sun 07 May 2017	9.30am	SJB Church, Erskine	First Holy Communion
Sun 14 May 2017	11.00am	LOL, Bishopton	First Holy Communion

Colorfoto School Photographs

We don't seem to be having much luck with the school photographers recently... Please have a look in your child's schoolbag for their Colorfoto school photographs. **Some of the photographs are beautiful; some are less than satisfactory.** If you are happy with your child's photograph and you would like to purchase it, please follow the instructions on the Colorfoto envelope and return to school by Friday 30 September with the payment enclosed. **If you are NOT happy with the photograph, please let us know using the attached form and we will arrange for your child to have another photograph taken on Thursday 22 September 2016.** Regardless of your decision, please complete the attached photograph form and return it to school on Monday 19 September so that we can make the necessary arrangements. **Sincere apologies about this!** ☹



All pupils in P1-7 should bring a bottle of water to school each day. Thank you!

P5-7 Recorder Lessons

Our new recorder teacher, Mr McFarlane, is in school every Thursday morning to teach our P5-7 pupils. We fund this from our school budget - it is a very worthwhile learning experience for our senior pupils. Please ensure that your child brings their recorder to school every Thursday and support the homework for this subject (recommended practise = 5-10 mins each day). Thank you.

Parent Meeting – New School Build Update

Enabling works for our new school and nursery building were successfully completed during the summer holidays; the new drainage system is now in place and Scottish Power and Scottish Water have completed their interim works. Building work will commence in January 2017. All parents are invited to a meeting at Park Mains High School (Erskine) to view the most up-to-date plans for our new school and nursery and to hear from the Project Team on **Wednesday 05 October 2016, 6.30-7.30pm OR 7.30-8.30pm.**

Parent Council Update

50/50 Monthly Lottery: We have started the 50/50 monthly lottery draw again this year. This is a voluntary lottery where the money raised is split evenly between the school and the winner. The more families who participate, the bigger the cash prize.

Each family will be issued with an envelope on the first Monday of each month. If you wish to be involved, simply return £2 in the envelope provided by the Thursday. The draw will be made on the First Friday of the month and the lucky winner will be announced in the newsletter. Thank you to everyone who participated in the September draw – you raised £96! This month's winner is Skye Cartin (P4) – you have won £48!

What's on w/c 19 September 2016? **School Meals week 1**

DAY	TIME	WHAT'S ON? WHO'S IN / OUT?
Monday 19 Sep 2016	9am	Mr Stone (brass teacher) for P7 pupils
Tuesday 20 Sep 2016		
Wednesday 21 Sep 2016	10.30am	P6 swimming lessons at Erskine Pool
	11.30am	P1-2 Assembly with Mrs MacKechnie
	3.30-6pm	MEET THE TEACHER EVENT – all welcome!
Thursday 22 Sep 2016	9-10.30am	Mr McFarlane (recorder teacher) for P5-7
	9.30am	Colorfoto School Photographer to re-shoot some pupil photographs
	10.45-11.45am	P3 Eco Schools Workshop – 'The Worm' (classroom) (Food Waste and Biodiversity)
	1.30-2.30pm	P1 Eco Schools Workshop – 'The Worm' (classroom) (Food Waste and Biodiversity)
	11.45am	P3-7 Assembly with Mrs MacKechnie
	7-9pm	Parent Council Meeting – all welcome
Friday 23 Sep 2016	School closed	September Weekend Holiday
Monday 26 Sep 2016	School closed	September Weekend Holiday
Tuesday 27 Sep 2016	8.45am	School and nursery re-open

With best wishes for the weekend,
K MacKechnie
Head Teacher

