



St John Bosco RC Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

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

Dear Parents and Families

Welcome Back to School!

Welcome back to school everyone! I hope you all had a lovely holiday with your families over the last 6 weeks. Our children have returned to school looking relaxed, refreshed and incredibly smart in their new school uniforms. Thank you sincerely for the very strong support for our school uniform – it really makes a positive difference. We have enjoyed a hard-working start to our first week back at St John Bosco Primary; the good weather has helped with this, as everyone has enjoyed their outdoor play and learning in the sunshine ☀ (apart from this afternoon!) Next week, our homework programme officially commences – please check your child’s homework diary on a daily basis for updates. As always, the weekly newsletter will be issued on a Friday – this provides a comprehensive overview of school life and keeps everyone up-to-date with important issues / dates. Please continue to support our Parent Council and Nursery Parents’ Committee who work tirelessly to provide our children and families with a great range of social and fundraising activities. I look forward to working with you all this year; as always, please do not hesitate to contact me if there is anything I can help you with. *K MacKechnie, Head Teacher*

Community Update – Erskine Festival Gala Day – Saturday 20 August

Erskine Community Council have organised a **Gala Day TOMORROW - Saturday 20th August 2016**. All schools in Erskine have been asked to enter a **float** or a **parade** with an **Olympic theme**. Our school float will be leaving St John Bosco at **10am tomorrow** – children who are participating in the float / procession should meet at the main entrance of the school at **9.45am**. In addition, all schools have been asked to participate in the **Inter Schools Relay Event**. 4 senior pupils will represent St John Bosco Primary – please come along to support our runners at Park Mains HS at **12.30pm on Saturday 20 Aug!**

Colorfoto School Photographer see www.colorfoto.co.uk

The school photographer will be in school next **Tuesday, 23 August 2016** to take family, individual and class vista photographs. All children should wear **formal school uniform** (shirt and tie – no summer dresses) for these photographs. Hair accessories should be school colours only, please. **Family photographs will be taken from 9-9.45am**: if parents would like to be present for the family photograph (e.g. to organise younger siblings), please come to the main entrance and sign in with Mrs Gillespie, after which you may wait in the foyer / hall. *Please note that we are trying the Colorfoto service, as opposed to the Tempest service this year. All families will have the opportunity to take part in a customer satisfaction survey once you have received your photographs.* **All children will have their photograph taken by the school photographer on Tuesday 23 August – if you do not wish your child to take part in this, please telephone the school office on Monday morning.**

School Meals Update

School lunches are **FREE** for all children in P1-3. Please refer to the school lunch menu each day (have a chat with your child about preferred options each morning before school.) If you do not wish your child to have a school meal, please send in a packed lunch instead. Thank you. **Next week (22-26 Aug), we will be on Week 1 of the School Meals Menu.**

Parent Council Update

All parents are very welcome to our first **Parent Council meeting for session 2016-17**. This meeting will be held in the school staffroom on **Thursday 25 August from 7-9pm** – please use the main school entrance. We look forward to welcoming as many parents as possible! *Gemma McGoran (Chairperson)*

Class Organisation for 2016-2017

Class	Teacher/s	Support Teacher/Staff
P1a	Mrs O'Neill (M, T, W)	Mrs Fox (10.25am-1.10pm M-F)
P1b	Mr Martindale (M, Th, F) Mrs Willis (T, W, Th) Miss Kennedy (M-F)	Mrs Fraser (2-3pm W-F) Mrs McGoran (parent helper)
P2	Miss Macdonald	Mrs MacKechnie (am when req'd) Miss Fraser (student – Wed pm)
P3	Mrs Arbuthnot	Mrs Duffy (10.45-11.30 M-F) Mrs Fox (9-10.25am M-F) Mrs Fraser (11am-12.15pm W-F) Miss Carroll (student – Tues am)
P4	Miss McGregor (Principal Teacher)	Mrs Fraser (9-10.30am W-F) Mrs Duffy (1.05-1.45pm M, T, F)
P5	Mrs Paterson	Mrs Duffy (11.30am-12.15pm + 1.45-2.15pm M-F)
P6	Miss Fanning	Mrs Campbell (am); Mrs Fox (pm) Mrs Duffy (9-10.30am M-F) Mr House (Mon pm) Miss Steel (T, W, Th, F)
P7	Miss Hegarty	Mrs Gardyne (DHT – Friday) Mrs Duffy (2.15-2.35pm M-F)

Recorders

Recorders are now available for our P5 class (and anyone else who may have misplaced their recorder in P6 and P7). Should you wish to purchase a Aulos Descant Recorder from the school office, they are priced at **£6.00 each**. Recorder lessons with our new recorder teacher, Mr McFarlane, will commence on Thursday 25 August; **all pupils in P5-7 will require a recorder for these lessons.**

Flu Vaccination Forms

All pupils in P1-7 have been issued with **Flu Vaccination forms** from the NHS today. Please return these to school no later than **Friday 26 August 2016**. Thank you.

What's on w/c 22 August 2016?

DAY	TIME	WHAT'S ON? WHO'S IN / OUT?
Saturday 20 Aug 2015	9.45am 12.30pm	ERSKINE FESTIVAL GALA DAY ! SJB Float: pupils to meet at school at 9.45am Inter Schools Relay, Park Mains HS: pupils to meet at Park Mains Athletics Track at 12.15pm
Monday 22 Aug 2015	9am	Mr Stone (brass teacher) for P7 pupils Miss Claire Finn (BEd 3 student) in P5 for 4 weeks
Tuesday 23 Aug 2015	All day	School photographer for family, individual and vista photographs
Wednesday 24 Aug 2015	11.30am	P1-2 Assembly with Mrs MacKechnie
Thursday 25 Aug 2015	9-10.30am 7pm	Mr McFarlane (recorder teacher) for P5-7 Parent Council Meeting – all welcome!
Friday 26 Aug 2015	11.15am	P3-7 Assembly with Mrs MacKechnie Flu Vaccination forms due in for today

With best wishes for the weekend,
K MacKechnie
Head Teacher

