Dear Parents/Carers.

We are now heading towards the summer holiday and still as busy as ever; I write to you with some revised dates, school events and information.

Sports Day and Fundraiser

Thank you to Mr Holland and Mr Zeb for coordinating this event and for your much-appreciated generosity to boost the school fund. £875 has been raised, so far. The parent feedback has been very positive and thank you for joining in! Well done to all the medal winners too! Catch all the memories of the day on our school website and Twitter pages.

Fun Afternoon

This will be on Friday 17th June (children only) and will include Hair Styling, Tombola, Face Painting, Sponge Throwing, Spin the Wheel. TuckShop, etc. The children can dress down for the day. Most activities will be 50p. Please advise the office if your child has any allergies to face paints/hair adornments, etc.

Sacraments

Congratulations to all the children who have recently received Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion. The P7 children will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at 10.00am Mass on Sunday 19th June. Please keep them in your prayers.

P7 Leavers' Party

This will be on Thursday 16th June from 7-9pm. The children have been kept informed of/chosen the dress code (informal, comfortable and casual) and they have lots to look forward to! Please collect your child and advise by letter if he/she is being allowed to go home unaccompanied by a parent/carer.

Blair Drummond outing

This will be on Wednesday 15th June and details have been issued separately. Please return the permission slip as soon as possible and note that if you wish your child to be provided with a Packed Lunch you <u>must pre order</u> in plenty time.



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This trip is heavily subsidised by the school and we ask for a £3 contribution to the cost. Thank you so much or your response to our request for Parent Helpers; we will be in touch soon, to clarify.

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We have secured visits from the RSPCA on Monday 20th June when the children will have assemblies focussing on caring for wildlife, especially over the summer.

Talent Show

This prestigious even has now been moved to Monday 20th June in the afternoon. I am sure the finalists have let you know who they are! The auditions were great fun!

<u>P7 Leavers' Mass</u>

Thank you to Fr. Francis, for helping us celebrate this special evening for our Primary 7 Leavers. It was a lovely event and a delight to have families return to the school. Thank you to Miss Degnan for organising it and I hope you all enjoyed!

Staffing and classification 2022-2023

It is with a heavy heart that I let you know that some of our wonderful staff will be moving on, due to temporary contracts, at the end of June. Mr Elder, Mr Holland, Mr McCusker and Miss Smith will leave and I am sure you will join me in wishing them all the very best. They have served our children and families with total commitment and hard work. Good luck and thank you, all!

Mr Perrie and Miss Bell will join us in August as new, permanent staff members and will receive a warm, OLOP welcome.

Pupil Equity Funding

It is important that this funding is shared with you, as key stakeholders. I have reported previously that the school receives Pupil Equity Funding every year. It is used to reduce poverty related attainment gaps. In summary the school will have:

- Pupil Equity Funding of £139,650 (April 2022 March 2023)
- Attainment Additionality constituting a full-time teacher and another for one and half days.

Report Cards

We aim to have these issued by Friday 17th June.

Classification

We aim to advise you of your child's class and teacher by Wednesday 22nd June.

School Tour

Parents of our current P1 and P2 children may not ever have been inside the school due to Covid restrictions. There will be an opportunity to visit for a welcome tour of the building, on Monday 20th June 3.15-3.45pm. Please advise of your planned attendance, via the school office.

End of Term Mass

On Tuesday 21st June at 10.00am in St Jude's church. Please join us if you can. It is fitting that we gather to give thanks for our great school and pray for lovely times ahead.

I wish you and your families a great summer and thank you immensley for your trust in us to work alongside you, in furthering your child's development. You are most supportive. Kindest regards, Mrs A M McDonald Headteacher

School closes on Friday 24th June at **<u>1.00pm</u>**.

