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*Effective Contributors* ✨

# *St. John the Baptist Primary School and Nursery Class*

*March and April 2023*

*Newsletter*

*Please keep this newsletter in a safe place as it contains vital information regarding the school and remember that information is also available on our website:*

*[www.st-johnthebaptist-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk](http://www.st-johnthebaptist-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk)*

*Twitter: @stjohnthebapps*

*School App: Primary School App*



### Parent Council

The next meeting of the Parent Council is 7-8pm Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023.



### Joint Muiredge Summer Fete

We would welcome any support for the Joint Muiredge Summer Fete which will take place in Uddingston Grammar on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June. Please contact the school office if you can help in any way.

The Parent Council would also be extremely grateful for any donations of:

- raffle and tombola prizes
- pre loved teddies (Clean and preferably laundered.)
- pre loved books
- Pre loved toys
- Pre loved school uniforms (Clean and preferably laundered.)

These items should be handed into the school office as soon as possible.



### Uniform Swap Shop

In the interests of sustainability and the Cost of the School Day, we will introduce a Uniform Swap Shop. This will be located in the school foyer. Any parent, carer or grandparent is welcome to come and help themselves to any uniform which is required. This will be particularly useful for children who have outgrown their current uniform and parents do not want the additional expense of replacing this for a few weeks of the summer term. The uniforms will be taken from the lost property items which have been there for some time and which do not have names. Parents also do not need to swap any item of uniform. Please take advantage of this so that we can be sustainable and save money at the same time. There will also be uniform available to purchase at the Summer Fete.



### Parents' Night

A reminder that Parents' Night is on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June as stated in the annual planner. Letters informing you of your child's appointment will be issued in due course. We would encourage all parents to attend to hear about their child's progress and achievements for the session.



### School Uniform

Logoxpress, our uniform provider, will attend our Primary 1 Transition Event on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June. Arrangements have been made for them to stay on in school so that any parent who wishes can try on samples of uniform from 2.45pm.

Uniform can also be ordered directly online from:

[www.logoexpress-schoolwear.co.uk](http://www.logoexpress-schoolwear.co.uk)

In order to reduce the cost of the school day we do NOT insist that pupils wear uniforms branded with our logo so uniform can also be purchased from any retailer. Ties and school badges can be purchased from the school office if required. As a school, we have always prided ourselves on our smart appearance and smart attitude to uniform and learning and have always stood out in the community for this reason. Please help us maintain these high standards by sending your child to school wearing full school uniform, including blazers, if they have them.

In recent months we have seen a deterioration of standards of uniform and have spoken about this at school assemblies and in classes, requesting that children wear full school uniform including shirts and ties and then get changed into their gym kit. Senior classes in particular, have developed a more relaxed attitude towards uniform and some pupils are regularly coming to school in polo shirts and joggers or leggings. This is not our acceptable dress code. P4-7 pupils should bring their gym kit in their school bag and change at the appropriate time before their PE slot. We would be grateful for parents and carers support with this.

Thank you in advance for your co-operation with this matter.



#### Primary 7 Celebration Assembly

This will take place on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June at 2pm in the school Gym Hall. We will celebrate and share with parents and carers the children's progress and learning over the 7 years they have attended the school. Tea and Coffee will also be served in the school Gym Hall afterwards.

Please note the day in your diary!



#### Primary 7 Leavers' Disco

This will take place in the church hall on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June from 5-7pm.



#### Showcases of Learning

Post covid we have reintroduced Showcases of Learning so that parents can engage more in their children's learning. Each class will host a showcase this term if they have not already done so.



#### Outdoor School Visits

Each class will participate in school visits which should link in with what they are learning in class. Our Cost of the School Day Statement has stipulated that whenever possible we will keep the cost of an outdoor visit to a maximum of £15. However, due to the rising cost of transport

this has not always been possible. Next session, in order that we can subsidise school visits, we will arrange some kind of fundraiser.



### Parent Helpers for Next Session

We would like to appeal again for parent helpers next session. St. John the Baptist Primary has always had a tradition of welcoming parent helpers into the school to enhance learning experiences for our children. We would be grateful if you could contact the office for further information, including how to complete a Protection of Vulnerable Groups (PVG) form which South Lanarkshire Council would pay for.



### Water Bottles

Research has shown that children perform better when they are hydrated and so I would like to remind parents and carers of the importance of the need for children to bring a bottle of water to school to keep them hydrated.



### Sports Day

Sports Day will take place on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June. Further details will be issued nearer the time.



### Team Building Day

After a self evaluation exercise using the document "How Good is OUR School?" the senior pupils from the Pupil Leadership Team have decided to hold a Team Building Afternoon on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May. The children will take part in a range of activities with the other children and staff in their House to help strengthen their House identity and sense of belonging. On this day we would encourage pupils to wear their House colour instead of school uniform to help with this bonding exercise.



### Dates for Your Diary



Date	Event
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Public Holiday for the Coronation
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May & Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Mayday Holiday
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Parents' Night
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> & Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Primary 7 Transition Day at Holy Cross HS
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Primary 1 Transition Session 1
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Primary 1 Transition Session 2
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Schools Close at 1pm
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> August	Schools Re open at 9am