

St. Joseph's PS & NC

October School News Update

An excellent start to the new school year! Well done to all children for working towards settling to learning. All of the staff fully appreciate their commitment to following our Covid-19 safety measures. Many thanks to parents/carers and families for supporting the children and school to mitigate the risk of Covid-19 transmission and for encouraging the children to engage quickly in learning and develop independent personal care skills.

Congratulations to Our New Pupil Representatives

We are delighted to celebrate the success of all children who participated in school and class elections for a wide variety of roles and responsibilities. Huge congratulations to:

Head Boy Jayden C **Head Girl** Lucy M

Dickson's Red House Team

Kieran Mc (Captain), Conor McL (Vice Captain) and Mia H (Junior Captain)

Auchentibber Green House Team

Niamh D (Captain), Ellie F (Vice Captain) and Krista S (Junior Captain)

Craighead Yellow House Team

Tialily C (Captain), Shay R (Vice Captain) and Conley McE (Junior Captain)

Priestfield Blue House Team

Harris I (Captain), Mya C (Vice Captain) and Erin C (Junior Captain)

House Administration Team Dylan F and Tyler S

Junior Road Safety Officers Miley C and Orlaith McC

Pupil Council

Rm 1 Ember H **Rm 2** Sean M **Rm 3** Lloyd McG **Rm 4** Max W **Rm 5** Rhian C
Rm 6 Olivia H **Rm 7** Ella M **Rm 8** Jude P **Rm 9** Charlotte N **Rm 10** Jackson Mc

Plans for Parental Engagement

Interim school reports will be issued to parent/carers on 7th October 2020. Given Covid-19 restrictions, there will be no planned Parents' Evenings, Open Afternoons or Curriculum Evenings until further notice. As a result, school staff are currently considering alternative methods of communicating information.

The School Leadership Team **provisionally** hope to offer an online **P1 ZOOM MEET** for parents/ carers of Primary 1 pupils on Tuesday 3rd November 2020 from 2pm to 2.40pm and a **P2-7 ZOOM MEET** for parents/carers of P2-7 on Wednesday 4th November from 6pm to 6.40pm. The purpose of the Zoom Meets would be for the School Leadership Team to continue to foster positive parent partnerships in these highly unusual times in which our normal open door policy is not possible. The Zoom Meet would be intended to cover general information about school life. Questions regarding confidential pupil information relating to your own child would not be answered within a Zoom Meet forum. If you would like to participate in either Zoom Meet please read and complete the attached form and return to the school by **Friday the 9th October 2020**.

Kind Regards
Claire-Louise Mullen
Depute Head Teacher

05.10.20



Education Resources

Executive Director: Mr Tony McDaid

Head Teacher: Mrs Jacqueline Ross

Timeline October 2020

- 06.10.20—7pm– 7.40pm

Parent Council Zoom Meeting

- 07.10.20

Interim Reports out to parent/carers

- 12.10.20-18.10.20

October Week Holiday—Happy Holiday

- 20.10.20

Eco Day Rooms 1-3

- 21.10.20

Eco Day Rooms 4-7

- 22.10.20

Eco Day Rooms 8-10

- 29.10.20

Flu Vaccine

- 30.10.20

Hallowe'en Themed Day in classes

Please follow NHS Inform, Test and Protect and Contact Tracing Guidance! Please do not attend school if your child or member of your household is experiencing COVID-19 symptoms or if you have been advised by contact tracers to self-isolate.