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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to St. Bernard's Primary School! We hope you have had a wonderful summer break and are ready for an exciting year ahead. We would like to extend a warm welcome to all our new P1 children and families, our new staff and to all our other new pupils and families joining our school community.

A special thank you to all parents for ensuring that your children came to school in their smart new uniforms. We greatly appreciate your efforts in making sure that all items, including water bottles, shoes, clothing, bags, and lunchboxes, are clearly labelled with your child's name. This helps us greatly in ensuring that lost items are promptly returned to their owners.

All children should have a change of shoes which will remain in school, **crocs are not allowed as they cannot be worn for gym**. Staff will inform you of gym days for your child – all children will be changing for gym.

P1-3: We would encourage on gym days that the children wear a polo-shirt to school and bring shorts to change, **all earrings must be removed**.
P4-7 : should ensure they have polo shirt and shorts, appropriate shoes for PE and **all earrings must be removed** - plasters cannot be worn over them.

To help with our ECO targets could you please ensure that your child has a reusable water bottle which can also be left in class.

Welcome

This year our new staff members are Mr Griffin in P6, Miss Deveney in P5 and Mrs Christie in P2/3 and Ms Duffin P6. They have already made a positive impact in their respective roles, and we are thrilled to have them as part of our team.

New DHT appointment

Following the retiral of Mrs Nugent last year we are delighted to inform you that we have appointed a new DHT Mr McGovern to be our upper school DHT (P4-7). We are hoping that Mr McGovern will be joining our school very soon!

Drop off and Collection Arrangements

We would also like to express our gratitude for your support in drop-off and collection arrangements. For the safety of all children, we kindly request that only the children enter the playground. If entering from the Seamill Street entrance (back gate), only P1 parents should accompany their children through the P6/7 playground to reach the P1 entrance area. Please remember our school and Dove Street is a car-free zone from 8.30-9.15am and 2,30-3.15pm. Let's work together to ensure our children are safe at all times.

Lunches

A friendly reminder to parents that in order for your child to receive their desired lunch choices, all meals must be pre-ordered using ParentPay. School menus are subject to change each week and are shared via Twitter, our school app, and on SEESAW. All Children in P1-7 are entitled to a free lunch every day.

Consent Forms

Consent forms for school trips, emergency contact details, and photo permission letters will be sent out electronically to P2-7 parents this term. You must log onto Parent Portal to update emergency contacts and any change of personal details. Consent forms for trips are also available on parent portal. **If consent forms are not completed for this session by Monday 7th Sept your child will not be able to leave the school building and attend any trips.**

P1 parents will receive a paper copy to complete.

Homework

This year homework will officially begin on the 1st of September.

P1-3 – Homework will be assigned on the Monday and be returned on the Friday. Your child will bring home a homework folder each week.

P4-6 Will be using SHOWBIE app this year – this is a different app from SEESAW and the children will be shown how to use this in class before the 1st of September. If your child does not have access to a digital device (iPad/tablet), please reach out to the school for support.

P7 – All homework will be assigned using the TEAMs app, children will be shown in class how this works before the 1st of September.

Attendance

On our improvement plan this year we have identified that we need to improve attendance and reduce late-coming this is also a focus across the St. Paul's Learning community. There will be a clear focus throughout the year at assemblies, within newsletters and support for our children and families. Good attendance and timekeeping are crucial for building positive self-esteem, friendships, and academic progress. If there is any way we can support you with this please just contact the school.

Breakfast Clubs

Greggs breakfast club has resumed and is open to all pupils for free. Toast, fruit juice, water, and fruit will be available until 9.15am. Additionally, Cordia offers a supervised breakfast club from 8am, which costs £2 or is free for those eligible for school clothing/free meals grants. All Children in P1-7 are entitled to a free lunch every day.

Afterschool Service

If you require out of school services "Tracy's OOSC" operates in St. Bernard's every day. If you require this service please contact Tracy : Tel:07715804204 to arrange and enquire.

Allergies WE ARE AN ALLERGY AWARE SCHOOL

We kindly request that no food products containing nuts are brought into school, including Nutella spread, Bueno chocolate bars, and peanut butter. We have a considerable number of children at all stages with severe nut allergies, and it is important for us to maintain a safe environment for all.

Whole School Fun Day- as part of our Feast Day celebrations we will be having our whole school Fun Day on Thursday 24th Sept 2026. The children should wear their own clothes to school. There will be games, raffles, face painting, bouncy castles and bring and buy stalls. We will have beat the goalie, guess the birthday, guess the number of sweets , home baking and tuck shops stalls too. It's a great day! Please take this opportunity to have a big clear out, toys/books/games/unwanted gifts/donations for the tuckshops/cake stall - we accept any donations! Please just drop any donations at the school office - thank you so much in advance. Funds raised from this will be used to help develop our school playground areas which will be in consultation with our school house captains and Junior Leadership Team.

Important Dates

Here are some important dates to mark on your calendar for Term 1:

- **P1 Parents/Carers** – Stay and Play sessions Thursday 3rd Sept and 10th Sept at 2.15pm. Mrs Callaghan and Miss Lee will be in the playground in the morning with signup sheets. If you are unable to attend but another family member can come along to attend with your P1 child please just indicate when registering.

- First Friday Mass – Friday 4th Sept at 11am – in school

- Monday 7th Sept - P7 Dalguise meeting at 5.45pm

- **Parent Council AGM** - 7th September - 6.30pm -7.30pm ALL Parents Welcome

- **Friday 24th Sept 2026- Whole school Fun Day (Own Clothes)**

Sept weekend: School Closed Friday 26th Sept and Monday 29th Sept.

- First Friday Mass – Friday 3rd Oct at 10am

Please contact the school office if you can assist with walking to St. Robert's.

- P6 Pope Francis Faith Award Enrolment Mass - Friday 2nd Oct at 10am in St Robert's

All P6 parents/carers invited along.

- 8th Oct 2026 2.15pm – PATHs Assembly P2/3 and P2a

October week holiday: School Closed on Fri 9th October for Staff INSET day
School reopens Mon 19th October

Outdoor Learning Timetable - Please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for this session as children will be going outside in all weathers. The School has additional waterproofs and wellies to ensure all children can be included.

Outdoor Learning Timetable				
	9.30-10.30	11.00-12.00	1.00-2.00	2.00-3.00
Monday			P2/3 (12.45-1.30) P2a (1.30-2.15)	P1a (2.00-2.30) Mrs Lochrie
Tuesday			P6b P1a (1.45-2.15) Miss McCready	P5b
Wednesday			P4b	P6a P7a
Thursday		P4a Mrs Morton	P3b T1 – 2	P3a T1 – 2 P7b
Friday		P5a	P1b	

School Trips Term 1:

Glasgow Art Galleries	Glasgow Museum and Resource Centre
(All Day -packed lunch is required)	10-11.30am
1/9/26 – P4a	2/9/26 – P7a
8/9/26 - P4b	10/9/26 -P7b
15/9/26 – P5a	17/9/26 -P6a
22/9/26 – P5b	24/9/26 -P6b
29/9/26 – P6a	1/10/26 -P5a
6/10/26 – P6b	8/10/26 -P5b
20/10/26 -P7a	22/10/26 -P4a
27/10/26 -P7b	28/10/26 -P4b

Trauma Informed Parenting **https://www.traumainformedparenting.uk/**

Last session we ran a very successful bespoke Trauma informed parenting training group led by specialist Suzanne Scott CEO of Trauma informed parenting (TIP). We have arranged for further training sessions for this year for our parents and carers on 20th and the 27th October 10-12pm. If you would like more information please do not hesitate to contact the school, speak to SLT or arrange to speak with Mrs Leonard (PT Wed-Friday).

Future Diary dates

Trauma informed Parenting Sessions 20th and 27th Oct 10-12pm
https://www.traumainformedparenting.uk/

P7 Residential - 19th-23rd Oct 2026 Dalguise

22nd Oct 2026 1.30pm – P3a and P3b Display of Knowledge

29th Oct - Halloween Disco – More details to Follow

5th Nov 2026 2.15pm – P5a and P5b PATHs Assembly

19th Nov 2026 2.15pm – P4a and P4b PATHs Assembly

26th Nov 2026 1.30pm – P4a and P4b Display of Knowledge

3rd Dec 2026 1.30pm – P6a and P6b Display of Knowledge

- **P2 Christmas Carols - 7th Dec at 11am**
- **P3 Christmas Carols – 7th Dec at 2.15pm**
- **Panto Dates : 9th Dec (evening) 10th Dec (afternoon)**
- **P1 Nativity 15th Dec (am and pm)**

Lastly, we would like to express our appreciation for the fantastic start we have had this term. The children have settled quickly back into the school routine and we are looking forward to working with you throughout the year. Should any concerns or issues arise, please do not hesitate to contact the school. Together, we can resolve them quickly and ensure the best possible experience for your child.

Thank you for your continued support.
Elaine MacEachen

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Head Teacher