



St. Andrew's Primary School 6th October 2015

Well, this term seems to have whizzed by. Full of fun as usual as we all settle back in to a school year.

Joint Harvest Celebration

This Friday we will join with our friends from Aileymill to celebrate the Harvest festival. This year we have changed things a bit and Primary 1-3 will walk down to Aileymill for 9.30am on Friday and Primary 4/3 – 7 will walk to St. Ninian's Church for 1.30pm in the afternoon.



We are joining with the Foodbank to mark the occasion this year. Why not join us and bring a can, packet of dried food etc. which we will donate to the Foodbank. Please send a can or donation with your child on Friday. Thank you.

Primary 7 Transition Programme

Our Primary 7 pupils had the opportunity to visit St. Columba's last Wednesday to participate in a variety of Science workshops/experiments. These sessions were led by Science Ambassadors from the High School. The intention now is that our Primary 7s will lead the younger pupils in similar workshops. They will also work with Larkfield Children's Centre. All of our Primary 7 pupils will spend their school day at St. Columba's, following a real High School timetable on **Tuesday 6th October**.

Disco update

Our first DISCO of the year will be on **THURSDAY 8th October**

Primary 1-3 6pm – 7.15pm and

Primary 4 – 7 7.30pm – 8.45pm

The Parent Council **DESPERATELY** need helpers for the discos. Please let us know if you can help.



School Fete

Huge thanks to the parents who organised the recent fete. A dedicated group seemed to sleep in the school as they prepared for the event – they were here all hours of the day.

At last count the total sat around £1400 which is quite remarkable.

Thank you to everyone who helped out and came along to make it so successful.

First Holy Communion for Primary 4 pupils

The dates for First Communion will be Saturday 23rd April 2016 and Saturday 7th May at 10am mass. Parents have been sent letters explaining the arrangements as there are too many to all attend on the same day. Please remember the pupils in your prayers.

School Photographer

The school photographer will visit school to take individual and family photos on **Monday 9th November**. We have decided to use Tempest again this year after comments made last year. All pupils will have their picture taken – you do not need to buy these. Any family groups which are required must be completed on the form we will send home. They will also take Primary 1 and 7 class groups.



Great Opportunity from Community Learning and Development

Community Learning and Development are going to be running free workshops on PowerPoint and Excel starting on **Tuesday 27th October 10 am to 12 noon at Larkfield Youth Connections**. They will run for approx 4-6 weeks depending on the need. Great opportunity to develop skills which will be able to help the children with any projects/homework that use these applications.

School Assemblies

This year we have changed the format of our school assemblies. We still read the names of the Good News Book pupils who receive their sticker and acclaim but we have a weekly slot where classes share their learning with the school.

So far Primary 7/6 presented their 'Send a Cow' idea to the pupils (more of this in a minute), Primary 2/1 told us about the Rainbow Fish and Primary 3 sang to us in French. Confident Individuals! We can't move for them!!

Send a Cow

Primary 7/6 are organising a fundraising day on Thursday 22nd October to fund their 'Send a Cow' project where a family in a developing country receive a cow which provides a huge resource for them. They are sending more information. Pupils should come to school dressed in Black and White (cow onesies are acceptable) and they will participate in a range of fundraising activities on the day.



House System

Thanks to everyone who voted using SurveyMonkey. Our Houses are currently being set up – winning theme was Famous Scots. More info after the holiday.

Staff change

We are very proud to say that Mrs Hall has been offered the opportunity to take up a post with Inverclyde Council as Development Officer for Health and wellbeing/Nurture as part of the Attainment Challenge which the Authority and our school are part of. She will continue to work with and visit us but she will leave, temporarily, from Friday 9th October. A temporary Nurture teacher will be appointed. We will obviously miss Mrs Hall's dedication and her friendship but realise that it's only fair that we share her with others.



A BIG Thank You

Thank you to all of the parents/grandparents etc. who are making sure that pupil names are clearly written on all their clothing. We are having fewer problems returning lost clothing to the right people. If you haven't managed to do it yet PLEASE do it NOW!!!!



Website

Remember our website is now live

<http://st-andrews.inverclyde.sch.uk/>

If you have any suggestions for what you would like to see on the website please let us know.

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Dates for Your Diary

Monday 5th Youth Music Initiative – Singing lessons for P5 and selected pupils from P6 & 7

Tuesday 6th Primary 7 Mini-Induction Day @ St. Columba's

Wednesday 7th Swimming continues for P6 pupils

Friday 10th Joint Harvest Celebration with Aileymill
P1-3 9.30am in Aileymill School
P4/3 – 7 @ 1.30pm in St. Ninian's Church, Larkfield.

October Holiday week

Monday 19th In– Service Day for school staff

Tuesday 20th Pupils Return

Wednesday 21st Visit from Ruth Binks, Head of Education

Thursday 22nd Send a Cow Fundraising Day

Friday 23rd Cyber Bullying Theatre Performance for P4-7

Wednesday 28th School's Birthday

Friday 30th Hallowe'en – Pupils can bring costumes to change

Monday 9th Photographer visiting for whole school
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