

# St Patrick's Primary

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**The Xaverian Fathers are having their Garden Fete on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> Sept.**

• **Donations of tins and dried foods would be most welcome.**

## **CAR PARKING**

**Last year our safe parking campaign was very successful.**

**For the attention of our new parents, please note if children are being brought to school by car they should be dropped off safely in Park Street. The car park is for staff and official visitors only. For the safety of all our children, there should be no cars parked at the entrance of the school at any time.**

## **Welcome Back!**

Welcome back to the new session in St Patrick's primary and a very warm welcome to our Primary 1 intake and new nursery children. In the few days since the start of the session, all the children have settled in well and it is great to see 100% of the children in school uniform.

The Primary 1 children will attend in the mornings only until 25<sup>th</sup> September (September weekend) after which they will attend until 3pm. Please remember punctuality and regular attendance are very important to

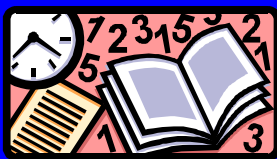
children's learning. All absences must have a written explanation. In accordance with new directives from the Scottish Executive Education Department, all family holidays in term time are now to be recorded as unauthorised absences. Latecomers are also recorded on our computerised attendance records.

Homework diaries have been distributed to all classes. Please check and sign diaries regularly. The diaries are also very useful for passing information between home and school.

## **Primary 1 at work**



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## School Developments

This year, the priorities for school improvement include the introduction of the new Scottish Heinemann Maths scheme into Primary 1 and looking at our Learning Support policy and how it supports inclusion.

The school's Standards and Quality report for 2002/03 is available to view on request.

### National Testing

As part of the 5-14 assessment programme, pupils will be tested at a time chosen by the class teacher when a level of Attainment has been reached.

Parents will be notified of the results

## Around the School

Primary 7 have already started their liaison programme with Taylor High. The children are enjoying their Wednesday mornings at the 'big school' and parents had the opportunity to visit and see them in class this week. In addition, Primary 7 are starting a 6 week gymnastics programme on Monday, organised by the P.E. dept.

Primaries 6 and 7 are also receiving Volleyball training on Wednesday

afternoons and Primaries 4 and 5 are receiving Football training on Wednesday mornings from visiting specialists from now until October.

Primary 2 are visiting the Library on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept.

Our First School Mass will be on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> Sept. at 9.30am in St John Bosco's church. We would be delighted to have you join us.

## School Board

Unfortunately, there is not a current School Board in St Patrick's.P.S. Information concerning nominations to establish a new Board will be distributed next month and I hope there will be enough parental interest to get it up and running. A School Board can be a very powerful means of having parental views heard on all kinds of issues eg the proposals for the new school building etc. If you would like more information on the role of school boards or reassurance on the amount of time involved, please contact the school.

## Dates to Remember

**September Weekend**  
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**Staff Inservice Day**

**Fri. 26th Sept. 2003**  
**Mon.29th Sept. 2003**  
**Fri. 10th Oct. 2003**

**School closed**  
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**School closed for pupils**

**October Holiday**

**Mon. 13th Oct. 2003**  
**to Fri. 17th Oct.2003**

**School closed**

**School reopens for all at 9am Mon.20th Oct.2003**