Dates for your diary:-

May	
, Monday 6	Holiday – School closed
Tuesday 7	Inservice Day – School closed
	6.30pm First Holy Communion Practice – OLSG Church
Wednesday 8,15,22	P5/6 Sense Over Sectarianism Workshop
Thursday 9,16,23,30	3.30-4.30pm P7 Transition Club –Lourdes Secondary
Saturday 11	11.15am First Holy Communion – P4 OLSG Church
Tuesday 14	7pm P7 Confirmation Rehearsal OLSG Church
Thursday 16	Celebration of The Sacrament of Confirmation P7 –
	OLSG Church
Wednesday 22	P7 Induction Day 1 – Lourdes Secondary
	P6/7 to Science Centre
	1.30pm P1 Induction Day
Thursday 23	Elections – School closed
	P7 Induction Day 2 – Lourdes Secondary
Friday 24	May Holiday – School closed
Monday 27	May Holiday –School closed
Thursday 30	11am Mass – Ascension Thursday
	1.30pm P1 Induction Day 2
June	
Wednesday 5	6pm Parent Council Meeting
	7pm PTA Meeting
Friday 7	Sports Day P1-P3 9.30-10.30am
	P4-7 11-12.00am
Tuesday 11	7pm Choir Concert
Wednesday 12	am Choir Trip
Friday 14	P1-P3 Trip to Finlayson Park
	P7 Prom
Saturday 15	St George's Fun Day 11am-1.30pm
Wednesday 19	P7 Trip to Castle Semple
Thursday 20	6pm P7 Graduation
Friday 21	P4-P6 trip to Blairdrummond
Monday 24	Winning Island Trip
Wednesday 26	Achievement Assembly
Friday 28	1pm School closed for summer break
	Children return Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> August

#### Sacraments

This term P4 will be celebrating the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 11.15am in Our Lady & St George's Church. Everyone is welcome to come along and support the children who have been working hard in preparation for the Sacrament. P7 will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm in the church – The service will be celebrated by Archbishop Tartaglia, again everyone is welcome to come along and support the children.

# ΡΤΑ

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the Asda Green Token collection, as a result we won £500! The PTA have used this to buy 6 picnic benches for the school playground. They are also looking at getting a 'hopscotch' painted in the yard. We are looking forward to our first St George's fun day on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June. To help make it a success we need as many people as possible to help us to 'man a stall', if you have any ideas, or can offer a service, please get in touch with any of the PTA members or email <u>stgeorgesprimaryPTA@outlook.com</u>. Please also contact the PTA if you are interested in 'buying' a table to sell your own goods at the fun day. We are also looking for donations for prizes for kids Tombola stall and a bottle stall. Thanks for your help.

## School Summer Trips

As you know P1-P3 will be visiting Finlayson Country Park, P4-P6 Blairdrummond Safari Park and P7 Castle Semple . Thanks again to the PTA for paying the cost of the buses for the trips -£1100.

The cost of entry to the parks for P1-P6 is being subsidised by the school due to the funds raised at Christmas from the school plays, raffles and Enterprise Christmas Markets. This means the overall cost to parents is £2. The P7 trip is being paid by previous fundraising by the P7 parents. Thanks to everyone for their great efforts with fundraising.

# Football Pitch/MUGA

Exciting news!! Work is due to begin this month on replacing our existing football pitch with a Multi-use Games Area (MUGA). It's a full size MUGA, 60mx36m and the surface will be Porous Tarmac. Work is due to begin on 13<sup>th</sup> May and it should take about 6 weeks to complete. It will mean the pitch area being out of bounds for the duration of the works and will affect other areas – To ensure Health and Safety of all, the area where work is taking place and machinery coming in will be enclosed. This will affect use of our Enchanted Forest area for the duration of the works.

### Sports Day

This will also be affected by the installation of the MUGA as we usually use the pitch for some of our Sports Day activities. Because of this we will have our infant (P1-P3) Sports Day on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June 9.30-10.30 and then P4-P7, on the same day but at 11-12pm.

### **Quarriers Parent Drop-in Session**

Please remember, Mary Beattie from Quarriers, has a parent drop-in coffee session every Tuesday just after 9am. Come along and have a chat. We'd like your ideas on how you'd like to be involved in the work of the school. Mary is keen to start a parent class in Arts and Crafts or whatever you feel you'd like to take part in-come along and give her your ideas.

### **P1 Induction**

Can't believe it's that time of year again! The Induction Days for P1 in August will be held at 1.30pm on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May and Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May in school. Letters have been sent out but if you know of anyone with a child starting in August please remind them of the dates-Thanks.

#### **Early Learning Payment**

The early learning payment is now open for applications. It is a payment of £250 for parents and carers of children aged between two and three and a half years old. Successful applicants can spend the money as they wish. To get the payment, parents and carers usually need to be getting a qualifying benefit (Child Tax Credit, Universal Credit, Income Support, Pension Credit, Working Tax Credit, Housing Benefit, Income Based Jobseekers).

There is no limit to the number of children in a family who can get an Early Learning Payment.

Eligible parents and carers can apply by contacting Social Security Scotland either by phone, by post or online at <u>mygov.scot/bsgearly-learning</u>.

# Note:

A parent has handed into the school a First Holy Communion dress- if anyone is interested in taking it please contact the office.