

Term 2



Dear Parents / Carers

We hope this newsletter finds you well. Included in this newsletter is some of the recent activities that have taken place in school and it also provides some important information about what is coming up this term. We have made a good start on our School Improvement Priorities for this year and as part of this we are looking for your views to refresh our curriculum, you will find this link further in the newsletter.

This Sunday is the start of advent and the Christmas season will be upon us once more. Preparations are underway in the school for our Christmas nativity (Nursery and P1-P3) and Christmas songs (P4-P7). In line with current Fife Council guidelines we will be sending this out to you digitally rather than being able to welcome you into school this year. The good news is this year the children will be able to enjoy a Christmas Pantomime in school by virtual means. Further information regarding Christmas arrangements are in the rest of the newsletter.

Many thanks

Mrs Gorman

Halloween



It was lovely to see so many of our pupils dressed up for Halloween on Friday 29th October. We are hoping that next year we can bring back our Halloween discos. Here are just some photos of the children dressed up.















Dyslexia Week Scotland 1st - 7th November 2021

Dyslexia Awareness Week Scotland
1 - 7 November 2021



We celebrated Dyslexia Week Scotland in school this year (w/b 1st November), some of our pupils and staff chose to wear a blue ribbon to mark the week, this year's theme is Destination Dyslexia: a route map, you can find out more by visiting:

<https://www.dyslexiascotland.org.uk/dyslexia-awareness-week-scotland>

P7 Athletics



Our P7 pupils have been demonstrating their athletic skills in running, javelin and speed bounce. All in preparation for our virtual athletics tournament. Good luck P7!



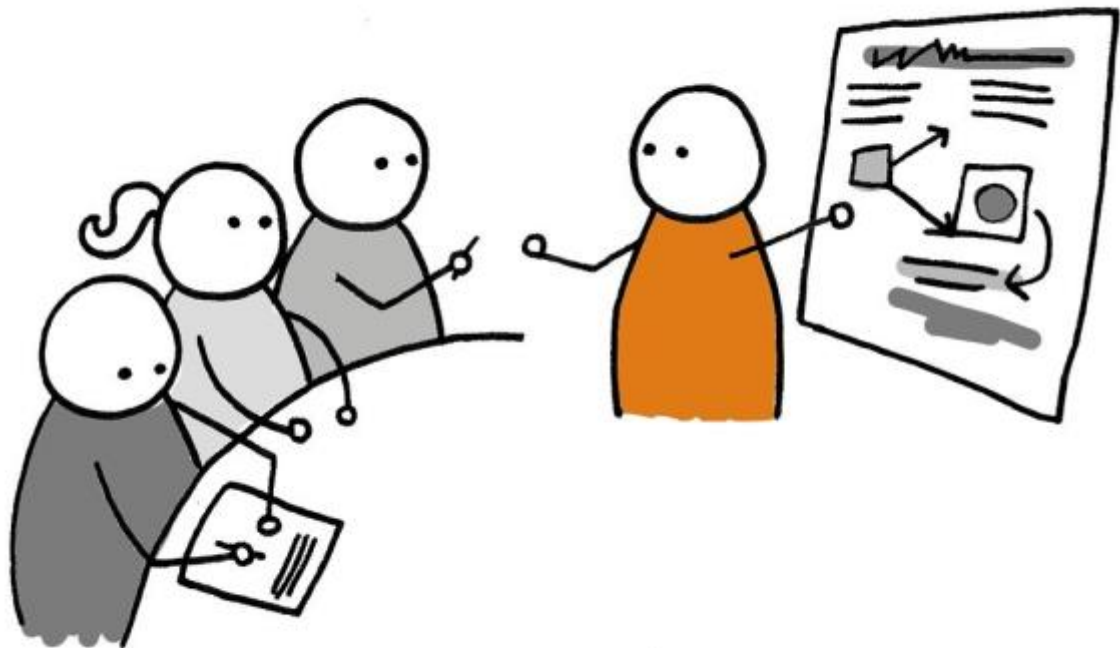








Curriculum Rationale



We are currently refreshing our curriculum at St Ninian's to ensure our curriculum meets the needs of our learners. As part of this refresh we have asked all the people who make up our school community. We are consulting with our learners and we would also like to consult with our parents and partners as to what you think should be in our curriculum and help us to answer the question "What do we want for our children at St Ninian's and how will we work together to achieve this?". Please complete the form below to help us achieve this, your responses are much appreciated:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=oyzTzM4Wj0KVQTctawUZKWzr8pffaZFHu6rijAWIHfJUQ0NVWE1YTzhaQIFIRjc2UE1ZQ1AwS0tIQy4u>

IT Devices



If your child requires access to a device from school to complete homework please fill in the below form so we can organise this for you.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=oyzTzM4Wj0KVQTctawUZKWzr8pffaZFHu6rijAWIHfJUNU9MT1hUMkFPNjIZSExKWVFBVhRWjNKNy4u>

School App for Parents

Please download **School App for Parents** that lets you see news, dates and receive important messages.



Scan the Google Play or Apple App Store. When you have downloaded the app please search for our school name to see our dates, news and receive messages.



We would encourage all our parents to download our school app. Instructions are on the picture . Scan the QR Code or search for School App for Parents in the Google Play or Apple App Store. When

you have downloaded the app please search for our school name to see our dates, news stories and receive messages.

The username for the app is St Ninians PS and the app pin is 2021

Health



Our pupils received their flu vaccine in school on Friday 29th October. Only pupils whose parents gave permission for this were vaccinated. Our school had a high uptake this year which was great to see.

We would also like to remind parents that if your child is showing symptoms of Coronavirus such as a continuous cough, loss or change to taste or smell or high temperature they should book a PCR test (rather than take a lateral flow test) and wait for the results before attending school. This ensures we can keep everyone as safe as possible.

If your child missed their flu vaccination in school, please contact the team to make an appointment at a community clinic. Evening clinics will be available the week of the 1st November. Contact 01383 565456 Fife.immunisationqueries@nhs.scot

End of day arrangements



Our school office is becoming increasingly inundated with phone calls at the end of the school day to pass on messages to our pupils. We understand that emergencies do happen during the day but ask that parents let their child know their end of day plan in the morning before school if possible. Many thanks for your co-operation with this.

Absences



We would like to remind parents to please let us know if your child will be absent before 9.30 each day, there are lots of ways you can do this for example:

- Leave a voicemail before 8.30am each day or after 3.30 pm if you know your child will be off the following day
- Text us on 07860004836
- E mail us on stniniansrcps.enquiries@fife.gov.uk
- Log the absence through the parent portal
- Call us after 8.30 am

It is really important the school know if your child is going to be absent and the reason for this.

Pupil Voice Groups



Our **Pupil Council** group have been developing our garden. Each class now has an allocated allotment ready for planting and growing when the weather allows. This is part of our Eco development as we work towards our Green Flag. The Pupil Council group have also developed the garden area outside their classroom and have planted a variety of flowers. The group have also spoken with our Local Councillor Rosemary Liewald asking for plastic recycling bins for the school.

Our **Rights Respecting** group (P5/6) have been learning and sharing their knowledge about COP26 and the global goals for sustainable development. They have been learning about the 17 goals and writing letters to MP's raising their concern about damage to our environment.

Our **Sports Committee** are currently in the process of making videos for Wake Up Wednesdays, these videos will be shared with all the classes to encourage the children to participate in physical exercise. The Junior Playground Leaders are also making videos to send to each class to give them playground game ideas and now that the bubbles no longer exist they can work together in the

playground. They have also come up with Fruity Friday where if pupils bring in a piece of fruit for tuck on a Friday they get 50 points for their house.

Our **Mini Vinnies** group is our charity group and during advent we think about and collect food for those less fortunate than ourselves. From next week we will be looking for any donations of food that we can give to Cardenden Community Fridge. The Community Fridge is open for collections on a Friday between 2.00 - 4 .00 and 6.00 and 7.00 pm or on a Monday between 1.00 and 3.00 pm.

Christmas Dinner

Our school Christmas Dinner will take place on 15th December this year. **Lunch will be early on this day from 12.00 - 12.50 for pupils who have a home dinner.** Parents can book their child's meal as normal using Ipay Impact. Please note our school will be serving lentil soup instead of Carrot and Coriander Soup.

Please also see the below message sent from our Catering team:

*We are delighted to say we now have improved access to **nutrition** and **allergen** information for **all food** items served in schools...and it takes just **four clicks**.*

- 1 Go to the **Fife Council** website and search **School Meals**
- 2 Click on **School Meals**
- 3 Click on **Food in your school**
- 4 Explore **Menu Information** for allergen and nutrient details.

Linda Gibb, Hospitality Co-Ordinator

Christmas Menu

Carrot & Coriander Soup (V)

Traditional Roast Turkey
with all the Trimmings

Cheese and Tomato Tart (V)

Falafels with Sweet Chilli Sauce (V)
Garden Peas, Carrots, Roast Potatoes

Santa's Festive Fancy

Milk, Juice &
Water available



Soup will only be served within dining rooms

Christmas - School payment



This year we ask that parents pay £5 towards the Christmas activities in school this year. This will help towards:

- Christmas party money
- Christmas selection box
- Virtual pantomime
- Your child will also bring home some Christmas craft before the end of term.

This payment should be made via Ipay Impact as our school is cashless. Parents should be able to see this under the school shop and "Christmas 2021". We ask that £5 is paid per family so any child with siblings should only make one payment (please use either child for this payment).

If you have any issues please contact our school office.

Christmas Jumper Day

This year our Christmas Jumper Day will take place on Friday 10th December. Pupils will not require money on this day and can wear their jumpers for fun.



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Christmas Parties



This year our Christmas parties will be on the following dates:

14th December - P7 party

15th December - P5/6 party and Christmas Lunch (lunches early from 12.00 -12.50)

16th December P4/5 party

17th December P3/4 party

20th December - P2/3 party

21st December - P1/2 party

22nd December - Nursery party

Lunch will be as normal on these days from 12.30 - 1.20pm except 15th December. If your child is having a school dinner on their party day, they can bring their clothes to change into at lunch time or go home for a home dinner.

Christmas Show



Our infant pupils (P1-P3) will be performing a nativity this year and our upper pupils (P4-P7) will be singing some Christmas songs. Due to current guidelines from Fife Council this will be shared virtually with parents this year. Our nursery pupils will also be sharing a digital nativity with parents.

Pantomime



This year as our pupils can't visit the theatre, we are bringing the panto to them! Pupils will be watching a virtual panto this year which will be Cinderella. We hope they all enjoy the show.

Upcoming Dates



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10th December - Christmas Jumper Day

14th December - P7 party

15th December - P5/6 party and Christmas lunch. Lunch will be from 12.00 - 12.50 on this day

16th December P4/5 party

17th December P3/4 party

20th December - P2/3 party

21st December - P1/2 party

22nd December - Nursery party

23rd December - Pupils break off for Christmas holidays

6th Jan 2022 - Pupils return to school

Catholic Education Week



Jesus our Teacher,
in your love for us,

help us to develop our talents
so that we may become like you
and lead lives of goodness.

Bless all learners
and all teachers.

May our Catholic schools continue to serve our families,
our communities and our Country.

Help us, through our learning,
to believe in you
and to celebrate the life of your church.

Help us to grow in holiness
as we grow in friendship with you
and try to become saints.

We make this prayer
in the name of Jesus, Our Lord Amen