



## October Newsletter 2020 Let Our Values Excel



Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have all been able to enjoy a break with your family during the October holiday.

We had a really positive start to the new term on Monday and it was great to see the children back smiling, despite the rainy weather!

The current situation makes it a bit more difficult to consult with parents and other stakeholders about developments within the school.

Our 2020/21 School priorities are:

1. To continue to raise attainment in Literacy and English.
2. To increase the effectiveness and impact of Learning and Teaching across the school.
3. To develop effective Nurture support and strategies across the school (in line with our Recovery Curriculum Post Lockdown).
4. To continue to build staff/pupils' knowledge and skills in the use of Digital Technologies.



If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at the school.

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*Mrs A Fitzpatrick* (Head Teacher)

### **School Flu Immunisation programme 2020**

As you may have seen in the media, all children have to be offered the flu vaccine. School Nursing teams will be in school on Wednesday 9th December to immunise all pupils. Most consent forms have been returned in their brown envelopes.

### **Annual Data Checks/Medication Updates**

At the start of each session the school has to update any changes made to pupil information. It is vital that you inform us of any changes to **contact names, telephone numbers or medical conditions** which have changed since August. Please contact the school office to update any details for your child.

### **Email Addresses**

We have sent a text requesting one email address per family, please reply to the text with your email or pick up the phone and let us know. This will improve our methods of communication and allow the newsletter to be emailed directly to you. In the event of another school closure this will be our main way of contacting you.

## P1 Enrolment Week

2-6 November 2020

### Is your child due to start school in August 2021?

Your child must have attained the age of 5 years between 1 March 2021 and 28 February 2021.

To register you should now complete an "Online" application and submit no later than 6 November 2020.

For "Online" applications visit **Glasgow City Council website - Schools and learning - Enrolment.**

**If required Paper Applications can be requested by contacting Glasgow City Council - 0141 287 8000.**

### Halloween

Due to current restrictions, we are unable to have our annual Halloween parties which are normally organised by the Parent Council.

However, we would like to invite the children to attend school dressed in their Halloween costumes on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October. The children can wear their costume all day.

This will be a dress up day or dress down day (for those who would prefer to wear their own clothes). There will be some spooky Halloween activities in all classes in the afternoon too!



### Dates for your diary



**December - Christmas and New Year Holidays**

**Schools close at 2.30 pm on Tuesday 22 December 2020**

**Children return to school on Wednesday 6 January 2021 at 9am**

## Life can be tough - especially after Lockdown



Place2Be is in St Bartholomew's to enhance the emotional well-being of the children. Our Place2Be manager, Rachel Treloar, can be contacted through the school if you would like further information.

**Rachel Treloar: School Project Manager (working days Mon, Tue, Wed am)**

### Breakfast Club/Lunches

Free school meals include all Primary 1-4 pupils. For Primary 5-7 pupils the cost of lunch is still £1.90. At present the school is not taking monetary payments. There is a new BACS system in place and payments are made on a weekly/monthly basis through your bank. Should you require more details regarding BACS payments please phone the school office. Breakfast club is following the same process of BACS. Breakfast club also costs £1.90 per day. With siblings there is a discount.

### Wet Mornings

**Scottish Government guidance tells us that our children should be out in all weathers.**

On occasions of **extremely** wet mornings, pupils are welcomed into the school when they arrive from 8.45am onwards. Pupils should enter through the doors in the playground and not via the main entrance.

### Outdoor Learning & PE -

#### Unfortunately this advice remains unchanged

**In line with advice from the Scottish Government**, children will be outside for playtime and lunchtime every day. Can we ask that you send your child to school with a waterproof jacket please?

Children will require **waterproof jackets** for Outdoor Learning, which is timetabled once a week.

All **PE lessons will** take place outside, in all weathers. PE will take place once a week this term. Full PE kit is not required for the moment, however if you would like to send your child to school PE kit under uniform this will be permitted. Children are required to bring a change of shoes for PE if possible please.

### Covid Symptoms

The symptoms are the onset of a **persistent cough**, or a **temperature/fever** or a **loss of taste or smell**. You only need one of these to be tested. This can be done by calling 0800 028 2816 or visiting the NHS Inform website – [www.nhsinform.scot](http://www.nhsinform.scot). You do not need to call NHS 24 to organise a test. If you require further advice **contact your GP**.

### Keeping in Touch

Please follow us on Twitter @stbartholomews1

**Check out our Website:** <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/gc/stbartholomews/>



and/or use the **St Bartholomew's School App**.



**Please remember to call the absence line when your child is absent or has a Medical appointment. Absence Line: 0141 287 0039**



