



St Blane's Primary

14.12. 2021

Parent Update



Dear Parent/Carer

We are approaching our Christmas break now after an extremely busy term 2. I hope you have managed to see our short videos, shared through Seesaw and Twitter where the children displayed their learning on Cop26 and beyond along with their learning journals to showcase their good work. We have had an extremely successful term with every pupil working so hard to improve, expand their knowledge and apply their skills in meaningful situations. Having spoken with every class teacher about each child and analysed their attainment I, with the senior management team are confident that all children are progressing, allowing them to fulfil their potential.

Later this week, just to remind you we have our Christmas lunch and parties on Friday – children can come to school in their party clothes if they wish. Many thanks to our Parent Council who have helped with the purchase of selection boxes, Christmas books and party food towards the day. Unfortunately, our Carol Concert will not be going ahead in the church next Tuesday. We will instead try to record it outdoors and send the link on to you.

My priority continues to be keeping your child, family and all staff safe so we can enjoy the upcoming holiday together. Can I remind parents who collect children at 3pm to wear a mask to protect everyone – particularly at our Infant area which can be very busy. Each class has been reminded about our safety rules of handwashing and will not be mixing indoors again until the end of term in light of the new variant Omicron. We will continue to update each class where a covid positive case has occurred with the standard letter but at the moment will not be asking classes to self-isolate unless specifically told to do so by public health. Things are changing quite quickly so I will keep you posted if the advice from Scot Gov changes.

I can assure you of lots of fun and festive activities for your children in the run up to Christmas where we will celebrate within our risk assessment in

school. Our Christmas Nativity and upper school showcase has been recorded and we hope to get the link to you by Friday at the latest. We are so disappointed that we have been unable to welcome our families and local community into our school at this festive time but we really hope you enjoy our shows.

Looking forward, into term 3 we have planned lots of exciting learning ahead. January starts us off with our Scotland focus where different classes will be investigating: Geographical/Parliament/Tourism/Trans-Atlantic & European trade/Scottish music, poetry, dance, traditions/The River Clyde/Monuments to name but a few... We will have our Financial Education week too with the help from the Glasgow Credit Union. Each class will then take on an historical topic in February and information on this will follow in term 3.

Primary 7 have their exciting, residential trip in March to Lockerbie Manor where they will experience lots of outdoor, fun and challenging team activities.

Throughout term 3 all classes will research employment opportunities through our Developing the Young Workforce programme and we are hoping to bring in a variety of professionals, trades people and vocational workers to raise children's awareness of each.

We also have some wonderful Science experiences for all classes during British Science Week in March – more info to follow. All in all, a very exciting term ahead!

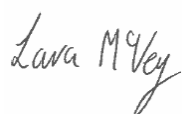
I would just like to thank all the staff here at St Blane's for their continuous hard work throughout this term and our whole community of parents and families for your ongoing support this year.

I wish you all a happy, safe and holy Christmas with your families and the best of wishes for the New Year ahead, 2022.

School closes on Wednesday 22nd December at 2.30pm

School re-opens on Wednesday 5th January at 9am

Kindest Christmas wishes,



Lara McVey
Head Teacher

