**St. Mirin’s Primary School Newsletter – August/September 2025**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome Back!

It has been wonderful having the children back in school this term. A very warm welcome to all our new Primary 1 pupils who have settled in well and are enjoying their new routines in class.

As a school, we continue to reduce our use of paper, so please remember to check your emails regularly for updates and important information.

I am very much looking forward to working with you all throughout the year ahead.

**New Staff Members**

This session we welcome Mr A Travers (P2a) and Miss K Thomson (P4) to the staff team.

**School Photographs**

Our school photographer is scheduled to attend the school on **Thursday 18th September** for individual and family pictures. They will then attend on **Friday 19th** for class photographs.

Please ensure all children wear full uniform (shirt and tie) on the dates mentioned even if it is a scheduled PE day for them.

**PE/Jewellery**

It is council policy that all jewellery, including earrings, should be removed for participation in PE and sports clubs. Please ensure that pupils do not wear jewellery to school on these days.

Acrylic and false nails should not be worn to school due to health and safety reasons.

**Nut Free School**

Quite a number of our children have nut allergies which can provoke severe allergic reactions. For this reason, St Mirin’s is a ‘nut free’ school. Please do not provide your child with a lunch or snack containing nuts or nut spreads such as peanut butter and Nutella.

**Glasgow City Council Policy**

Smoking is not permitted in the playground.

Dogs are not allowed in the playground.

**Uniform**

The children all look very smart in their new uniforms. Please continue to support our uniform policy. Shirt and tie should be worn to school unless your child/ren are scheduled to have PE.

School ties can be purchased from our school office.

**Lost Property**

Just to make you aware we have a lost property box where any belongings found around the school are kept. If you are missing any items of your child’s clothing and/or water bottles etc we would advise checking the lost property box. It is located beside the school office & labelled ‘lost property’- our staff will be happy to direct you. We kindly ask that all of your child’s belonging are labelled with their name.

**Breakfast Club/School Lunches**

A reminder that all P1-P6 children are entitled to a free school meal. Any children who qualify for a free school meal in P6 and P7, should apply on-line at [www.glasgow.gov.uk](http://www.glasgow.gov.uk)

Meals can be purchased at a cost of £1.90 per day and breakfast club is £2 per day.

**Flu Immunisation Programme**

Pupils are due to receive their flu immunisations on **Thursday 20th November.** The school office will issue the permission letters within the next 2 weeks.

**Meet the Teacher**

You will have the chance to meet your child’s class teacher on **Friday 12th September at 2pm for P1, P2a, P2b, P3 and P4** and **2.20pm for P4/5, P5, P6, P6/7 and P7.** During these sessions, you will get the chance to visit your child’s class and explore what aspects of the curriculum they will be covering this year.

**Children’s Rights**

We were delighted to receive our silver award for being a Rights Respecting School last session. This year, we are aiming high as we work towards achieving gold status.

All children across the school will be given the opportunity to take on leadership roles within a variety of pupil leadership groups.

We look forward to sharing more updates with you about our rights journey as the year progresses.

**Home Time Collection**

For the safety of all children, please ensure that if an adult collecting your child is not listed on the emergency contacts (e.g. Another parent or family friend), you notify the school office in advance.

**Reporting Absence**

Regular attendance is important for you child’s learning and progress. Please ensure your child arrives on time and report any absences to the Pupil Absence Line.

**Pupil Absence Line on 0141 287 0039** or [www.glasgow.gov.uk/pupilabsence](http://www.glasgow.gov.uk/pupilabsence)

Only contact the school office if you need to discuss your child’s absence with a member of staff.

**Parking**

A reminder to all drivers to be cautions when entering and exiting the car park. Please do not park on the zig zag lines located at the school gate. The safety of our children must be paramount at all times.

**Parent Council Meeting**

If you are interested in joining our Parent Council, please come along to our next meeting which will be held on **Thursday 28th August at 6.15pm in Christ the King Church Hall.**

If you require any further information about our Parent council or wish to contact them with an enquiry, then please email:

stmirinsprimaryparentcouncil@gmail.com

**X Account**

Remember to visit our X page to receive regular updates and information and to see the children at work in their classrooms. Follow us on X **@stmirinsps**

**Dates for your diary – Term 1**

**Thursday 28 August** – Parent Council Meeting (Church Hall 6.15pm)

**Friday 12 September** – Meet the Teacher

**Monday 15 September –** St Mirin’s Feast Day

**Thursday 18 September** – Individual and Family Photographs

**Friday 19 September** – Class Photographs

**Thursday 25 September** – Non-Uniform Day

**Holiday Dates for your diary**

**September Weekend**

* Friday 26 September 2025
* Monday 29 September 2025

**October**

* Friday 10 October 2025 (In-Service Day)
* Monday 13 to Friday 17 October 2025 (October Week)

**December – Christmas and New Year**

* Schools close at 2.30pm on Friday 19 December 2025
* Monday 22 December 2025 to Friday 2 January 2025 (Christmas holidays)

**January**

* Schools return on Monday 5 January 2026

**February Mid-term break**

* Monday 16 February 2026
* Tuesday 17 February 2026
* Wednesday 18 February 2026 (In-service day)

**April – Spring Holiday (Easter)**

* Schools close at 2.30pm on Thursday 2 April 2026
* Friday 3 April – Friday 17 April 2026 (Spring Break)
* Schools return on Monday 20 April 2026

**May**

* Monday 4 May 2026 (May Holiday)
* Thursday 7 May 2026 (In-Service Day)
* Friday 22 May and Monday 25 May 2026 (May weekend)

**June**

* Schools close at 1pm on Thursday 25 June 2026

If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With kind regards and thanks for your continued support.

*Laura Wilson*

Head Teacher