



# St. Francis' Primary School

## November Newsletter - 2021

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Dear Parent,

As we head towards winter, the long dark nights are here and the cold air is coming our way!!

It is time to look out the hats, scarves and gloves! Please ensure that all children wear a warm jacket coming to school.



Despite the restrictions around Hallowe'en, the children still had a great time. Their costumes were super and what variety!

Thank you again for all your effort with their costumes.



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### Christmas Fundraising

Unfortunately, yet again, we are unable to have our annual Christmas Fete, so after discussing this at the most recent Parent Council, we will be doing our Christmas hamper raffle again as well as other fun festive activities to fundraise.

Once we have decided on what we plan to do, we will send out all the details.

As always, we thank you for your continued support AND please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any suggestions.



### Barnardo's Support for our School

As you'll be aware we have a new Barnardos Family Support Worker - Claire Conway. She is running a Parent Drop in session every Thursday morning from 9am-10.30am. Please contact Claire to arrange a time to come in. Claire is available for advice and guidance for a whole range of issues, including any worries you may have about your child. If you are unsure if our family support worker is able to help, then why don't you give her a ring and she can signpost you in the direction of appropriate help and support. The contact number is 07712546198.



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### Health and Wellbeing

**False nails** - Pupils should **NOT** be sent to school with false nails. There have been some serious injuries and we have a duty of care to ensure the safety of all our pupils. Any pupil wearing false nails may be restricted from physical play and PE due to the risks to themselves and others. This is following advice from Health & Safety.

#### After School Clubs

**Mondays - P7 boys football**  
**Wednesday - P6 athletics**

**Tuesdays - P6 boys football**  
**Thursdays - P6 & P7 girls Netball**

**Fridays - P7 athletics**



#### Poppy Appeal



Children may buy a poppy for a small donation - 20p. There are limited numbers of poppies for each class.

On the 11<sup>th</sup> hour of the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month, we will fall silent in remembrance.



#### Parent Council

Our next Parent Council Meeting will take place in **the school on:**

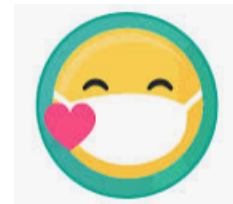
**Monday 6th December at 7.00pm.** We will

ensure all the safety mitigations are in place with regard to social distancing, ventilation and mask wearing. All parents are welcome.

#### Continued guidance on Covid-19 in schools.

We continue to rigorously implement the approaches below:

- follow and reinforce physical distancing advice
- staggered lunch breaks
- scrupulous hand-washing/sanitising and respiratory hygiene
- staff wear a face covering whilst moving around the school.



These all help to contain the spread of COVID 19.

Face coverings **should** be worn by parents and other visitors to the school site (whether entering the building or otherwise), including at drop-off and pick-up.

#### Reminder of COVID 19 Protocol

Please continue to be vigilant regarding any symptoms your child may show. If your child has any of the following symptoms of Coronavirus:

1. **A high temperature/fever.**
2. **A new persistent cough.**
3. **Loss of sense of smell and /or taste.**

Please keep your child at home and arrange for a test by contacting NHS Inform.



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### Children's Rights

During this month we will be focusing on, **Article 30 - All children have the right to practice their own culture, language and religion. (Scotland - St. Andrew's Day)**



### St. Andrew's Day - 30.11.21

As St Andrew's Day is on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November, the children may wear something **tartan** alongside their school uniform.

Each class will be acknowledging St Andrew and the influence he has on our Scottish culture.



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### Water bottles

Please could you provide your child with a water bottle for school. Research shows that drinking water regularly, helps improve brain function. Many of our children bring a bottle to school and there are water dispensers in the school, where they can refill them.



**Children may only drink water in class.**

Thank you for your cooperation.

### Catholic Education Week

**"Celebrating and Worshipping," is the theme for this year**

Catholic Education Week begins on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2021. I am delighted to inform you that the Cluster Mass will take place in St Francis Parish on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm. This is a great opportunity to celebrate our Catholic Schools. There will also be refreshments in the church hall afterwards.

**We look forward to seeing as many parents as possible.**

Always remember that we are here to do our best for you and your child and I appreciate your continued support.

Please remember to tell us about your child's achievements out of school so we can celebrate your child's success as a school community. It is always lovely to hear good news. You can send any information including pictures to,

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Kindest regards

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