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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to be writing to you as the new Interim Head Teacher and to have the opportunity to lead our school at this time. I am very much looking forward to getting to know the children and working closely with parents, carers and the wider community to ensure the very best outcomes for all learners.

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank the previous Interim Head Teacher, Mrs Sanderson and the temporary Depute Head Teacher, Miss Auld for their hard work, commitment and leadership in taking the school forward. Their dedication has been greatly appreciated and has helped to provide a strong foundation on which we can continue to build.

I am excited about the months ahead and look forward to working in partnership with you all as we continue to support our children to thrive.

Yours sincerely,

Karen McAllister

Interim Head Teacher

CHILD PROTECTION

At St Bridget's, the safety and well-being of all our children is our top priority. We are committed to providing a secure and supportive environment where every child can thrive, feel valued, and be protected.

The Child Protection Coordinator, Mrs. McAllister, along with our Depute Child Protection Coordinator, Mr. Coyle, work closely together to ensure that the policies and practices of the Council are in place to protect every child in our care. We continue to raise awareness of child protection issues and to provide support and guidance for both children and parents/carers.

We want to remind all parents/carers that if you have any concerns about a child's safety or well-being, or if you notice something that doesn't seem quite right, please do not hesitate to reach out to Mrs. McAllister or Mr. Coyle. We are here to listen, support, and take action when necessary to ensure the safety of all children in our school community.

Your partnership and involvement are key to keeping our children safe, and we appreciate your ongoing support in making our school a safe and nurturing place for every child.

EARLY YEARS REGISTRATION

Early Years registration for the 2026-2027 school year has been taking place online from 4th February and is open all month. This is an important opportunity for families with children who will be eligible to start Nursery in the coming school year.

Registration will be completed online through **North Ayrshire's registration portal**. For more information on how to register and to access the online portal, please visit the North Ayrshire Council Website.

We look forward to welcoming the new children to our Nursery!

P7 ARRAN RESIDENTIAL TRIP

Some of our P7 pupils recently enjoyed an exciting and adventurous residential visit to Arran Outdoor Centre. During their stay, the children took part in a range of fantastic outdoor activities that challenged them, built confidence and encouraged teamwork. The feedback from the pupils was extremely positive, with many sharing how much they enjoyed the experience and the memories they made.

P4 FIRST COMMUNION

Some of our P4 pupils will be making their First Communion on Sunday 24th May at St Brigid's Church. In preparation for receiving the Sacrament the children will have their Rite of Enrolment at 10 am Mass in St Brigid's on Sunday 22nd February.

WORLD BOOK DAY

We are excited to celebrate World Book Day on 5th March at school with a special dress down day and a range of fun, book-themed activities! World Book Day is a wonderful opportunity to share our love of reading and to celebrate the joy that stories bring to our lives. Throughout the day, pupils will take part in engaging activities in their classes. We look forward to seeing everyone enjoying the celebrations and coming together to inspire a lifelong love of books and reading.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss anything with us, please feel free to get in touch with the school office.

DATES for your DIARY

FEBRUARY

16th – Childsmile Fluoride Varnish

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18th – Ash Wednesday Mass 9.30 am at St Brigid's Church

18th – Girls Football Team match at 1.00 pm

22nd – P4 First Communicants Rite of Enrolment 10.00 am Mass at St Brigid's Church

MARCH

3rd – P1 Height and Weight

5th – World Book Day – Dress Down Day

9th – School Photos being taken

30th – Parent Council/PTA meeting 2.00 pm

APRIL

2nd – School closes at 2.30 pm for holiday

20th – Return to school