



St Palladius Primary

Term 1 Newsletter



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Welcome back to a new school year at St Palladius. We hope you had a lovely holiday. It has been great to have the children back in school looking so well. I am very proud to have been appointed Head Teacher at St Palladius and look forward to continuing to lead the school. As a school community, we continually strive to improve to deliver the best experiences for our children and for our community. We look forward to doing this in partnership with the staff, children and our families.

Staffing

Miss Greer has joined us, teaching P5/6. I am sure you will all make her feel welcome.

Miss O'Pray will be in P1, providing continuity throughout the week. Mrs Ross will also be in the class for part of the week to support with the transition.

P1/2: Miss O'Pray and Mrs Ross

P3/4: Mrs Brown

P5/6: Miss Greer

P6/7: Mrs Wood

School Uniform:

Our school uniform is:

- Grey skirt / trousers / pinafore / shorts (these should school shorts, not cycling shorts or joggers-type shorts)
- White shirt / blouse and tie or white or purple polo shirt
- Grey or purple jumper or cardigan

Dates for your diary

The calendar of events for the year has been sent separately. As events are planned during the year, we will contact relevant classes / families and I will provide termly updates. Some events have not had dates confirmed, such as the P7 Residential, but once confirmed, we will let you know. Please keep up to date with what is happening in the school by following our twitter page and our school website. All newsletters and calendars are on the website.

Parent Council

We have an active Parent Council. If you want to join or come along to a meeting, or if you have anything you would like us to discuss, please contact Victoria McCallum, our Chair. We will send out meeting dates once these have been confirmed.

Health Promoting Schools

Please be reminded that at St. Palladius we aim to promote healthy bodies and healthy minds. Please encourage your child to eat fruit at break time or another healthy snack of their choice. A snack should be provided from home.

Sugary snacks are not permitted.

All children should bring a water bottle to school every day. This should be filled with plain water as we encourage children to drink water throughout the day.

Attendance

If your child is unwell, please call the office in the morning to inform us of the reason for absence.

Parking Safely

I kindly ask that parents/carers refrain from entering the staff car park. This is to ensure the safety of all children within the school.

School Improvement Plan

This year's full School Improvement Plan (SIP) will be published on our website in due course. Our aims this year are:

1. To improve Literacy through:
 - participation in North Ayrshire Reads which involves staff training for the local authority
 - continuing Talk for Writing training for staff and implementation in the classes
 - continuing to use our new phonics scheme to improve phonics and spelling
2. To support Health and Wellbeing across the school through:
 - using Tree of Knowledge programme in all classes
 - increasing our Outdoor Learning experiences
 - developing consistency across the school around relationships and behaviour
 - improving attendance
3. Building a self-improving service through:
 - Staff training around neurodiversity
 - Improved resourcing to support our neurodivergent pupils

A Reminder of our Vision, Values and Aims

Our Vision:

We have a nurturing and inclusive ethos at St. Palladius that ensures that all children are safe and happy. Working together and across the community, children are engaged in activities that allow them to reach their full potential and give them the skills needed for life, learning and work.

Our Values: Compassion, Ambition, Respect, Equity (CARE)

Our Aims:

- Be caring towards others and the world around us; treating everyone with kindness and helping people in need.
- Work hard in all that we do, setting ourselves high expectations, believing that we can succeed and showing a determination to achieve.
- Be honest and trustworthy. Valuing the rights of others and treating all members of our school community with dignity and respect.
- Ensure that the needs of the individual are met, providing appropriate opportunities and support to enable all learners to reach their full potential.

Thank you as always for your continued support in what is sure to be a very busy and successful year at St. Palladius. All dates are of course subject to change but we will endeavour to keep you as up to date as possible via X and text where appropriate.

Mrs Bhela
Headteacher