

St Gerard's Primary School Parent Newsletter April 2013



Dear Parents/Carers

The Summer Term is with us and hopefully the summer sunshine will make an appearance as the term goes on. We have a busy term ahead as we approach the end of the academic year. Please encourage your children to finish the year on a high and commit to doing their very best. End of year is always a busy time and it is of poignant importance to our P7 pupils who will be full of mixed emotion as they prepare for their new secondary. Remember them in your prayers.



Retirement

Mrs. Ursula Dent and Mrs Kathleen MacLeod will be retiring at the end of this academic year. We say goodbye to staff who have served St. Gerard's for 38 and 26 years respectively. We owe them a debt of gratitude for the contribution they have made to the teaching profession and in particular we thank them for the many years at St. Gerard's. I am sure you will join with me in wishing them a long and happy retirement.



Staffing

I continue to be in contact with Mrs. Brown who is making good progress towards full health. She has asked me to pass on her thanks for all the kind thoughts and prayers during this time. She has been in to visit and wishes everyone well.

P1 Induction

27 new P1 children are to begin in August 2013. Induction dates have been finalised and prospective parents have been informed. Induction dates are 15th May and 12th June 2013.

First Communion

Mhairi McCallum (PT) has taken over responsibility for P4 and is currently in final stages of preparation for this great occasion for all the children in P4. We continue to look for volunteers for the breakfast so if you are able to help out at the Communion breakfast on Saturday 11th May please contact the school and leave your details.



P7 S1 Induction

Our Primary 7 pupils will attend a two day induction programme at Cardinal Newman High School on the 15th & 16th May. Children will make their own way to and from CNHS as part of their preparation for next academic year



Bellshill Library

Our P5, P5/6 & P6/7 will be visiting Bellshill Library on Thursday 2nd May. They will see a performance titled, "Realm Legends." They will also get the opportunity to draw and design characters witnessed on the day. We hope they have great fun.



Teddy Bears' Picnic

P1 & P1/2 had a super day today at Strathclyde Park. The boys and girls saw magicians and storytellers and had great fun visiting other stall and activities. This is an event organised every year with all proceeds going towards St. Andrew's Hospice.



NLC Literacy

We have been asked by the Literacy Base to help produce a DVD demonstrating aspects of NLC Literacy. Kim Hunter and our P5 pupils will be participating in this on dates throughout the term. We have worked closely with the Literacy Base and have presented our work on several occasions to other agencies and organisations including local councillors and the Scottish government. On previous occasions Miss Manley has represented the school.



Paris

Mrs. Rafferty, Miss Manley, Mrs Callander, Mrs Armstrong and Mrs. Brownlie will leave for Paris with P6 & P7 pupils on Monday 3rd June to Friday 7th June. We hope the sun is shining in France and they have a great time.



End of Year Trips

P1-3 will be going to Blair Drummond Safari Park on Monday 17 June.
P4-6 will be going to Strathclyde Park's M&Ds on Tuesday 18th June
P7 trip will take place on Wednesday 19th June.
Venue to be confirmed.



Community Learning and Development (CLD)

Helen Howe from CLD has been delivering a variety of clubs and activities. This supports the flier information sent out to you recently. We hope this will be a big success and will be seeking some feedback near the end of the term.

Uniform

Please continue to support the school and your children's learning by ensuring that they are wearing full school uniform without additions of excessive jewellery, make up, nail polish or inappropriate hair styles. Anything that detracts from learning impacts upon the whole school community. The summer holidays will be with us soon enough and then is a good time for additional self expression.



