



ST. AIDAN'S

Primary School, Nursery Class and

Language & Communication Support Centre

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NEWSLETTER

To Our St. Aidan's School Family,

I hope this newsletter finds you all safe and well. It has been lovely to see all of our children in Nursery and in P1-3 settle back into school, the staff and I look forward to welcoming our P4-7 children back on Monday 15th March.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents for your ongoing support over the past few months., and ask for you to continue to follow the many protocols we have put in place to protect our children and staff.

In order to keep schools and nursery open, we must come together as a school community and follow the Scottish Government advice:

1. KEEP A SAFE 2M DISTANCE WHEN DROPPING OFF AND COLLECTING CHILDREN

One adult only (per family) should be within the infant school grounds and all other parents to wait outside the school gate. Parents should wear a face covering.

2. ADULTS ARE BEING ENCOURAGED TO WEAR A FACE COVERING

Parents, who can, we ask that you wear a face covering when dropping off and collecting your child from school/nursery.

3. PARK AWAY FROM THE SCHOOL

Parents should not park in the bus lane as this is a health and safety issue.

Please be considerate in your parking choices...Safety first!

4. DO NOT ENTER THE SCHOOL BUILDING WITHOUT AN APPOINTMENT

If you need to collect your child for an appointment then please call ahead and we will happily help!

Also within this newsletter is some important information about staffing, the school day and key dates which will take us to the Easter holidays.

During this season of Lent, we continue to encourage the children to pray and become involved in almsgiving through our Lenten fundraisers.

As we welcome all of our learners back to school, we take time to continue to look out for each other and pray for those who are in need of our thoughts and prayers during this time.

With renewed prayers and good wishes,

Mrs McLean



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Stopping the spread starts with all of us.

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Staffing Update

Mrs Kathleen George

It is with mixed emotions that I announce the retirement of Mrs Kathleen George, our Senior Clerical.

Kathleen has provided us with almost 27 years of devoted service to our school community. I know I speak on behalf of us all, when I say how much Mrs George will be missed by the children, staff and families.

Many parents, *as former St. Aidan's pupils themselves*, will reflect on the many years of hard work and dedication that Kathleen has given to our children and families. She speaks fondly of seeing families come through the school. Kathleen is a kind and caring colleague and I will miss her support and our many chats.

Mrs George, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your outstanding service to St. Aidan's Primary. We pray that God blesses you with many years of good health and happiness.. Time to relax in the company of your loving family. Mrs George retires on Thursday 1st April 2021.

Welcome Back

We look forward to welcoming Mrs Duffy and Mrs Airth back to school after the Easter holidays.

Mrs Anderson will also return back to school from her Maternity Leave on Thursday 31st March. Mrs Anderson will cover Non Class Contact Time within the Early and First Level classes

Good Luck

I would like to take this opportunity to wish Mrs Keen, the very best luck as she now begins working from home in the lead up to her Maternity Leave. We will miss you being around the school, Mrs Keen. Stay well and stay safe.

P4-7 Return- Invitation from Mrs McLean

An invitation from Mrs McLean to all of our P4–P7 children to join me for a virtual catch up assembly as we prepare for the children to return to school. The children should join our assembly via Teams on Friday 12th March at 9.15am.

We have also created a Child Friendly Newsletter for our P4-7 children to ease their transition back to school. I urge parents to take time to read over the important information within this newsletter as it gives out the following information:

- Play/lunch times
- Zone/Gates for access
- Reminders of PE Days
- Uniform
- Health and Safety information



We look forward to seeing all the children back at school and looking smart in their lovely St. Aidan's uniform. A reminder for parents to **Drop your child safely at school and Go** in the morning. Breakfast Club will be available for all children from 8.20am.



Outdoor Physical Learning- PE Days

At present there is no indoor PE, we have therefore allocated all classes an **(Outdoor Learning Schedule)** allowing each class access to an area of the playground each day to participate in that your child will be taking part in outdoor PE. On these days the children should come to school dress for outdoor physical education (Tracksuit bottoms/leggings– Please note NO FOOTBALL TOPS ALLOWED). Please ensure the children have suitable outdoor coats and shoes on every day.

Class	PE Day 1	PE Day 2
Mr Fowler LCSC	Monday	Thursday
Miss Mahoney LCSC	Monday	Thursday
Miss Sherry LCSC	Monday-Friday (Responsive)	
Miss Harris LCSC	Wednesday-Friday (Responsive)	
Primary 1	Tuesday	Friday
Primary 1/2	Tuesday	Wednesday
Primary 2	Tuesday	Thursday
Primary 2/3	Tuesday	Friday
Primary 3	Monday	Friday
Primary 4	Wednesday	Friday
Primary 5/6	Monday	Thursday
Primary 5	Tuesday	Thursday
Primary 6	Monday	Tuesday
Primary 7	Monday	Wednesday



Sacramental Information Meeting

As part of the preparation for the children to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist we have arranged an information meeting for the parents/carers of P3 and P4 children.

The meetings will be as follows:

Thursday 18th March -4pm till 4.45pm Reconciliation Meeting (P3 PARENTS)

Thursday 18th March– 5pm till 5.45pm First Holy Communion Meeting (P4 PARENTS)

The school will email you a link to join the meeting virtually , please ensure that you have provided the school with your most up to date email address.



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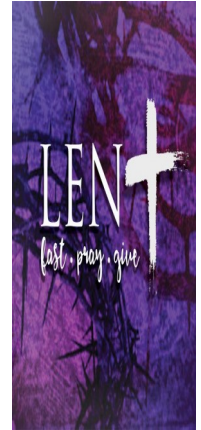
Settling Back Into School Reports

As you'll be aware we normally provide all parents with a Tracking Report and Parents' Night appointments during this Term. This year we have decided to issue a 'Settling Back into School Report', which will provide you with information on your child's progress so far. These reports will be issued on Thursday 1st April.

Lenten Fundraising

As we approach the Season of Lent, I would like to give you some information regarding our annual fundraising activities. This year we will once again be raising money for **Missio Scotland, SCIAF, St Andrew's Hospice and Mary's Meals**. Below is an outline of whole school events:

Date	Event
Friday 12 th March	School uniform and odd socks/shoes day
Friday 19 th March	Crazy Hair Day
Friday 26 th March	Wear something Blue for St. Andrew's Hospice
Thursday 1 st April	Non-Uniform Day– Easter Bonnet



All these events are 'Pay what you can' i.e. children can donate less or more than £1. It's up to families to decide what they can afford to contribute. You can also donate online via your child's Teams Page or on the General News Section within the School App.

Easter Bonnet

We invite the children to wear their Easter Bonnets to school on **Thursday 1st April**. Thank you parents in advance for making these at home with your child.

Easter Holiday



Our school will close on **Thursday 1st April** for the Easter Break. School will reopen on **Monday 19th April** at 9:00am. Breakfast Club will be available from 8.20am on this day.

We would all like to wish you a very happy Easter.

IMPORTANT DATES

Lenten Fundraiser– Odd Sock/Shoe Day	Friday 12 th March
P4-7 Return to School	Monday 15 th March
P3 and P4 Sacramental Information Meetings	Thursday 18 th March
Lenten Fundraiser—Crazy Hair Day	Friday 19 th March
Lenten Fundraiser– Wear Blue for St. Andrew's Hospice/3k Cross Country Event	Friday 26 th March
Lenten Fundraiser-Dress Down/Easter Bonnet	Thursday 1 st April
School Closes and Mrs George' s Last Day	

Health and Safety

If your child or anyone in your household displays any symptoms...

Common symptoms are:

- a high temperature or fever
- a new continuous cough
- a loss of, or change in sense of smell or taste
- Note: A new, continuous cough means coughing for longer than an hour, or three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours. If you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual. The whole household should isolate until a test can be carried out.
- Your **entire household** should isolate until a test can be carried out.
- You should inform the school ASAP. When the results of the test are know, you should contact us again ASAP.
- If you have more than one child (even if they attend different schools/nurseries) you should keep them all off until the results of our test are known.

Remember FACTS for a safer Scotland

F Face coverings 

A Avoid crowded places 

C Clean your hands regularly 

T Two metre distance 

S Self isolate and book a test if you have symptoms 

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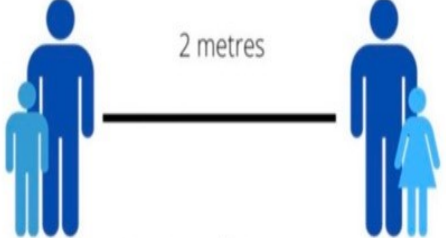
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Keep our school safe

Stay apart when dropping off or collecting your children

2 metres



Don't stand in groups



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Anyone 5 years and over, who is displaying symptoms of coronavirus, can now get tested.

If you have a high temperature, persistent cough, or loss, or change, of taste or smell, you can now get a test.

You can book a slot at a drive-through testing centre. Or request a test kit to be delivered to your home.

If you have symptoms, you should only leave your house to go for a test.

Otherwise, you should follow self-isolation guidelines and stay at home for 7 days. And anyone in your household should stay in for 14 days.

To find out more and book your test go to www.nhs.uk/coronavirus. If you can't get online, call 0300 303 2713.



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