



St. Andrew's Primary School



August Newsletter 2017

Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am delighted to welcome all our children and staff team back after the summer holidays. Our school is buzzing with positive energy and excitement for the new term ahead.

Please keep up to date with all school events by following us on twitter @saintandrews3 and by visiting our school website: glowscotland.org.uk/nl/standrewsairdrie/



Mrs. J. Flanagan (Head Teacher)

Welcome



While we welcome all our children back to school and nursery, we were delighted to greet our new Primary 1 children. Thanks to lots of fun transition activities prior to the holidays the children have already settled in extremely well. Not one tear on day 1, well for the children, we can't account for the parents!

We also welcome a new pupil Alexa to P3/4. We know she will settle in well to the nurturing, caring community in St. Andrew's.

Finally, we are delighted to welcome Mrs. McMichael our new part time teacher in Primary 1 and covering Spanish lessons in P6/7 and P7. Mrs McMichael is delighted to join the St. Andrew's team and looks forward to supporting all our children and our school improvement agenda.



Communication

Communication is very important to us. We urge our parents and carers to keep all newsletters and letters safe and follow us on twitter and our school webpage. Communication of your child's progress will be made via curriculum evenings, jotter work being available to comment upon, homework diaries, parents' evenings, class assemblies and report cards. We will seek your views on different matters throughout the year. If you have any concerns or wish to bring something to our attention please call the school and ask for a member of the management team to return your call or arrange a meeting.

Sports Day



Unfortunately due to weather, various other school commitments and Mrs. Lane's (sports day coordinator) working day commitment our school sports day couldn't take place outdoors as planned in June 2017.

Every effort was made to give the children fun competitive sport session in the school hall. Lots of our children commented positively about this and the effort staff made to ensure it was as special as possible.

However, we love sports day and understand staff, children and parents missed the outdoor sports event. This year we propose to have Sports day on the first dry day between Tuesday 29th August and Friday 1st of September at 9:30am. Parents are welcome so please, keep an eye on the weather reports and we will communicate via text and twitter to confirm.

Classes & Staff



Our current staff and class structure is as follows:

Management	
Head Teacher	Mrs. J Flanagan
Principal Teachers	Mrs. T Cairney Mrs G Wardrope Mrs. C Lambie
Teaching Staff	
Primary 1	Mrs. C Lane & Mrs C McMichael
Primary 1/2	Mrs. M Raitt & Mrs CA Moore
Primary 2/3	Mrs. E McMillan
Primary 3/4	Mrs. J Martin
Primary 4	Mrs. L Henderson
Primary 5	Miss A Beekman & Ms. D Divers
Primary 6/7	Miss L Milliken
Primary 7	Mrs. C Lambie
Non class contact	Mrs C McMichael & Mr. V Cairns (PE)
Nurture	Mrs. A Hamill
Nursery Staff	
Principal Teacher	Mrs G Wardrope
Teacher	Mrs. H McDonagh
Early Years Workers	Mrs.A Wynn, Mrs. G Rolink Mrs E Parneszka, Mrs G Lewis Mrs E McKinnley

Peripatetic Staff	
Education Psychologist	Miss Primrose
Family Link Worker CLD	Mrs Hanibal
Violin	Mrs Searle
Brass	Mr. Kane
Kodaly	Mr Simpson
Support Staff	
Classroom assistants	Mrs Ruth Watson (0.5) Mrs Agnes Rooney (0.5)
Additional Support Assistants	Mrs. L Reilly Mrs, M Kieran Mrs. AL McAuley Mrs. AM McGuigan Mrs. K Beck
Early Years Assistant	Mrs R Brand NLC Vacancies
Office Manager	Mrs. C McLaughlin
Clerical Assistant	Mrs. AM Wood (0.6)
Janitor	NLC Vacancy
Catering Staff	Mrs Phillips, Mrs Convery, Mrs. McLeish, Mrs Plunkett & Mrs Rossi
Breakfast Club	Mrs Rossi
Cleaning Staff	Mrs Malone, Mrs McLeish, Mrs. Walker

Physical Education Timetable



Please take note of the following PE days for your child. On these days your child should bring suitable PE kit including their white school polo shirt, blue shorts or leggings/jogging trousers and plimsoles. Should timeslot ever need to be changed the new timeslots will be communicated in your child's homework diary. To keep standards and expectations of uniform high we request only P1-3 wear their poloshirts on PE days. School shirt and tie should be worn every other day.

PE. Days	
Monday	P3/4, P1/2 & P2/3
Tuesday	P1, P1/2, P5, P6/7 (P7 will rotate with P6/7 each term)
Wednesday	P2/3, P4, P5
Thursday	P3/4, P6/7, P7
Friday	P1, P1/2, P7 (P6/7 rotate termly as St. Marg' PE specialist slot)

After School Clubs



Our after school club programme will begin soon. All clubs and spaces available will be communicated. The success of these clubs depends on the voluntary input of our staff and members of the community. If you can commit 1 hour each week and would like to contribute to our club programme please contact the school. We will discuss disclosure procedures and the support you could provide. In the past we have had parents and grandparents lead puzzle clubs, film clubs and gardening club.



Home – School – Church Links

St. Andrew's Primary is an inclusive community which welcomes pupils of various religious backgrounds and traditions. However, as a Catholic school we provide a distinctive form of educational provision which places the traditions and values of the Catholic Christian faith at the heart of the educational experience. This helps form the very positive ethos in our school. We continue to work closely with Father Chris Taylor to support the faith culture in our school. This year our first school Mass; to celebrate the start of the school year and to welcome our new children, will take place on 25th August 2017. We extend an invite to all parents and the community to our School mass celebrations in St. Andrew's Church. Our Primary 5 to Primary 7 classes will each take the opportunity to prepare and participate in the Mass.

Please note that the dates for the sacramental celebration of First Holy Communion will be released via parish bulletin prior to our school newsletter.

Parent Council



Our Parent council AGM will take place on 18th September with a short presentation of the work of the school and parent council.

We are now looking for new members to support the good work the parent Council do for our school. A letter looking for interest will be issued week beginning 28th August. Should you wish to become a member please attend the AGM to possibly secure one of the 12 seats available.

We have a very supportive parent council with a great friendly ethos. Please contact Anthony McAllister on Anthony.McAllister@firescotland.gov.uk if you would like further information.

Finally we are always keen to secure a strong database of parent helpers to support school trips etc. If you would like to be included please contact NLC to complete an advanced disclosure check.

School Improvement Plan

We are always aiming for excellence for the children in St. Andrew's. Last year we had a particularly successful year with many positive changes affecting learning and opportunities for all children. Our School Improvement Report reflecting these successes is available on our school webpage as well as this year's School Improvement Plan.



This year we will focus on:

- Improve parent partnerships through innovative whole school and targeted partnership work which will support the interventions for equality while targeting attendance, attainment, outdoor learning and social and emotional well-being.
- To improve attainment in numeracy and mathematics through further developing progressive learning pathways with clear processes for assessment, moderation, monitoring and tracking.
- To improve attainment in literacy and English through developing progressive learning pathways with clear processes for assessment, moderation, monitoring and tracking.
- To improve opportunity for creativity and IDL work via the theme "serving the common good" from SECS Developing the faith document in the school and refreshed relevant themes in the nursery.

St. Andrew's Primary has been designated as one of North Lanarkshire's 35 'Keys to Success' schools and so gains targeted improvement support in addition to the universal Scottish Attainment Challenge funding. We have also been allocated 1.0fte class teacher additionally to support CANcan targeted interventions. Our School Improvement Plan has been constructed to include targets and uses for these extra funds and resources.

St. Andrew's Primary & Nursery Important Diary Dates

Please note and keep these dates in a safe place. Please be aware that as in all busy Primary schools plans can change due to unforeseen circumstances. We want to give you as much notice as possible for important dates. There will no doubt be additional dates set as the year goes on. Any changes/updates and additional important dates will be issued via: Monthly newsletters, Chapel bulletin, school website, twitter or text message. Always act on the latest information.

August – December 2016		January – June 2017	
Date	Event	Date	Event
17.08.17	August – September Newsletter Issued	8.1.18	Back to School
25.8.17	Start of Year Mass	24.1.18	Parent Information Drop In 3-4pm
W/B 28.8.17	Sports Day on first dry day Tuesday - Fri	25.1.18 1:30pm	P4 Burn's supper 1 invite per child
11.9.17	P7 Kilbowie Information Sent home	2.2.18	February-March Newsletter issued
18.9.17	Parent Council AGM	2.2.18	10am Mass CEW theme P5 lead
20.9.17	Curriculum Afternoon 2-3pm	5.2.18	Parent Council Meeting 7pm
22.9.17 & 25.9.17	September Weekend	8.2.18	P7 CEW mass St. Margaret's
6.10.17	October – November Newsletter issued	9.2.18	P2/3 & P3/4 Parent Assembly
11.10.17	Parent Council Event TBC	12.2.18 & 13.2.18	School Holiday
13.10.17	P6/7 & P7 Parent Assembly 2:15-3pm	14.2.18	INSET children do not attend (Ash Wed)
16.10.17 -20.10.17	October Holiday	21.2.18	Parent Council Event
WB 23.10.17	School Improvement Visit NLC	26.2.18 - 2.3.18	P7 Kilbowie Week
1.11.17	10am Mass – All Saints Day P5 lead	2.3.18	Lenten Charity Fundraiser TBD
6.11.17	Parent Council Meeting	5.3.18	Parent Council Meeting 7pm
W/B 13.11.17	Pupil Formal Assessment Week	5.3.18	Pupil Formal Assessment Week
15.11.17	Parent Evening	7.3.18	Possible First Confession P3 TBC
20.11.17	INSET day children do not attend school	9.3.18	Lenten Fundraiser TBD
20.11.17	Enterprise Week	16.3.18	Lenten Fundraiser TBD
28.11.17	Nativity rehearsal inviting Golfhill	23.3.18	P5-7 Show rehearsal Golfhill Invited
31.10.17	Parent Council Halloween Disco	27.3.18	P5-7 show 1:30pm
30.11.17	St. Andrew's Day Event Children only	28.3.18	P5-7 show 6pm
1.12.17	December – January Newsletter	29.3.18	2:30pm finish
4.12.17	Parent Council Meeting 7pm	30.3.18-15.4.18	2 week Easter Holiday
5.12.17	P1-3 Nativity 1:30pm	20.4.18	April – May Newsletter
6.12.17	P1-3 Nativity 6pm	WB 23.4.18	World of Work Week
8.12.17	10am Mass Feast of Immaculate Conception	25.4.18	Parent Council Event
12.12.17	Christmas Lunch	2.5.18	P1 & P1/2 Parent Assembly 2:15pm
14.12.17	P1-4 Christmas Party	7.5.18	School Holiday
15.12.17	P5-7 Christmas Party	8.5.18	INSET day children do not attend
19.12.17	Nursery Christmas Show am & pm	8.5.18-9.5.18	NLC learning festival
20.12.17	Christmas Fayre 2:30-4pm	10.5.18	10am Mass Ascension of Jesus
21.12.17	Nursery Christmas Party	16.5.18	Parent Evening
22.12.17	2:30pm finish Christmas holiday	W/B 21.5.18	Pupil Formal Assessment Week
25.12.17-7.1.18	Christmas Holiday	21.5.18	Parent Council 7pm
		22.5.18	Nursery Transition Meeting 3:30pm
		25.5.18 & 28.5.18	May Holiday Weekend
		29.5.18	New P1 Transition Tue Lunch & HWB Lesson
		30.5.18-1.5.18	P7 St. Margaret Transition
		1.6.18	June Newsletter
		5.6.18	New P1 Transition Tue Maths
		8.6.18	P4 & P5 Parent Assembly
		12.6.18	New P1 Transition Tue Literacy
		15.6.18	Possible P7 treat trip
		19.6.18	P7 Mass 10am Graduation 1:30pm Dance 6:30-8pm
		20.6.18	Nursery Graduation
		22.6.18	Report Cards due home
		26.6.18	Whole School Transition day
		27.06.17	New P1 Topic Transition day
		28.06.17	School Fundraiser 1pm finish
	29.06.17	Summer holiday begins 1pm finish	