



St. Andrew's Primary School



January Newsletter 2018



Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We hope you had a lovely Christmas and wish you all a very Happy New Year. The staff and children are all refreshed and ready to target a fantastic new term. We look forward to working with you in 2018.

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



December Reflection

December was an incredibly busy month. We were very proud of our confident children who performed in the Nativity Show. The show was a great success with lots of positive feedback being received from parents and members of the community. We thank you very much for your encouragement.

Our pupils also enjoyed their Christmas parties, Christmas dinner and Christmas Movie afternoon.

Primary 7 would also like to thank you very much for donating generously to the food bank appeal.

Finally, we were delighted with the success of our pupil enterprise committee Christmas Fayre. The children raised a fantastic £1600. The generosity of staff, parents and community for our raffle and cake and candy was overwhelming.



Whole School Focus

Internet Safety: We are acutely aware that Santa has been very generous and many of our children now have access to the internet either via, mobile phone, iPad, tablets and computers. While we want to embrace this digital age we also want to support you in teaching the children internet safety. Internet safety is taught throughout the curriculum. However, we will also discuss at assembly teaching the children the **5 SMART** rules that focus on **S-Safe** (how to stay safe on line e.g. no cyber bullying), **M-Meeting** (never to arrange to meet people we don't know), **A-Accepting** (never accept unknown requests), **R-Reliable** (understanding not everything we read or see online is true) & **T-Tell** (report to parents or teachers if they are ever unsure about something online).

Health & Safety



We have invited a North Lanarkshire Health & Safety officer out to review our gate entry and parental pick up at 3pm. Parents are reminded that they should contact the school immediately if they have any concerns with their child. Under no circumstances should parents approach someone else's child to discuss issues of concern. We also remind parents that their conduct in the play yard and our school should be a good example to all children.



Home, School, Parish Links

Finally, Primary 5 prepared a lovely advent Mass celebrated with Fr. Taylor. The children showed great reverence and respect while bringing the true meaning of Christmas and advent to us all.

Fr. Taylor will be working with Primary 7, to prepare to celebrate First Friday Mass on 3rd February. At Mass we will remember all Sacramental classes as they begin their preparation.

We remind you of the sacramental meetings with Fr. Taylor on 7th February in St. Andrew's Church.

Parents Sacramental Meeting P3	7 th February 6-6:20pm
Parents Sacramental Meeting P4	7 th February 6:30-7pm

Parent Drop in Session



We have a parent drop in session organised for Wednesday 24th of January 3-4pm. Teachers will be available in classrooms if parents, grandparents or carers are wanting to come along and review their child's work or chat to the teacher. The learning plans for the term ahead will also be given out. This is an informal event. We hope you will take advantage of this arrangement. **Children will be dismissed as normal but may come back in the main entrance with their parents to take them to their class.**

Please remember if you are unable to attend but are keen to speak to your child's teacher about their progress you can call for an appointment anytime.

Please also look out for a parent partnership letter which will follow this newsletter outlining all of the great opportunities to get involved in and upcoming events.



After School Clubs



Our excellent after school club programme will begin again, week beginning 29th of January running for 7 weeks until week beginning the 12th March.

Staff volunteering to take the competitive clubs including Netball, Football, Dance and Handball will enroll children and hand them letters outlining club times and expectations.

For other clubs the children will be given a letter home and asked which clubs they would like to join. The office staff then monitor past participation and availability to allocate fair club opportunities. Numbers are restricted for clubs. Therefore, to make it as fair as possible, consideration will be given to children who have not attended clubs previously. Where activities are oversubscribed, names will be balloted and a waiting list created.

Good attendance is encouraged and registers are taken. Please alert the school if for any reason your child is unable to be present at the club.

Children who have gained a space on an after school club will come home with a letter and permission slip to be returned to school by **Wednesday 24th January**. If your child is unable to attend please let the school know as soon as possible so the place can be reallocated.

Please remember that all clubs other than NLC active sports clubs are run by volunteers. If you are interested in supporting any of our clubs please contact the school office.

Primary 1 Enrolment - St. Andrew's Primary

We invite parents/guardians of children who attain the age of 5 years between 01 March 2018 and 28 February 2019 to register their child for school during week commencing Monday, 15 January 2018.

Enrolment Times at St. Andrew's Primary are as follows:

Date	Time
Monday, 15 th January 2018	3:00 pm to 6:00 pm
Tuesday, 16 th January 2018	9.00am -10:00am
Wednesday, 17 th January 2018	3:00pm – 4:00pm
Thursday, 18 th January 2018	9.00am -10:00am
Friday, 19 th January 2018	9.00am -10:00am

Please call the school to make an appointment if times do not suit.

Please Note:



- Birth Certificates and current Council tax notice must be produced.
- Parents seeking 'deferred entry' or 'placing requests' should also attend enrolment at their catchment school.
- Children out with our catchment are welcome to make 'placing request' to our school – forms can be found online or collected from our office.

Malawi Project

Over the next term we will be participating in a whole school Malawi Interdisciplinary Topic. Children will be involved in a comparative study between our country and Malawi. We will then have a large school assembly and create a partnership between children in a link school.

This will tie in with the children's chosen Malawi charity where we will be supporting children less fortunate to have access to schools, clean water and clean living conditions.

Every penny raised by the children will go directly to the Malawi projects. These include:



- Girls Go for Health Workshops cooking demonstrations
- Disabled Children Farming Visit (purchase of produce)
- Disabled Children Under 7 year olds & babies health screening & malnutrition Camp
- Distribution of 120 5kg bags of Porridge
- Farming - Showcase Event
- Mendulo Primary School Workshops (1000 children)
- Justice system support work

This complements our fourth school Improvement Priority, where we should be focusing on "Serving the Common Good.

We will work closely with St. Margaret's High School on the projects and Mrs Flanagan will join a group of St. Margaret's senior pupils and staff on a trip to Malawi. This will bring a real sense of realism to the work the children are contributing.

Parent Council



The next Parent Council meeting will be held on 5th February at 7pm in St. Andrew's Primary.

Recently the parent council have been working on the following initiatives;

Initiative	Progress
Consulting with Local Councillor (Nancy Pettigrew) to have lane access to school cleaned of dog foul and leaves.	Lane cleaned immediately.
Consulting with local councillor for crossing patrol on Ballochny street.	Request denied by NLC as volume of traffic and number of children crossing did not meet requested criteria
Consulting with local councillor for road calming devices and safety fence repair and installation on roads near school.	Work in progress
Consulting with local councillor for repairs under soil to our pitch to prevent drainage problem and water logged pitches. This will mean our children will have access to the park more often.	Work in progress
Applying for NLC and community grants for outdoor storage and further improvements.	Sainsbury's grant given for £250
Organising a Bingo night	Plans in place - more details to be sent home soon. Text sent home as raffle donations required please
Organising clothes bin	In place in school yard
Organising fundraising tea towels	Profit raised =
Organising a £1 quiz for £20 prize	To be given out at end of January

Please contact the secretary Mrs. F Bath at francesbath@yahoo.co.uk if you would like further information.

Monthly Diary Date Reminders



In the months of January to February we look forward to:

January to start of February Diary Dates



Date	Time	Details
17.1.18	5pm	P7 Kilbowie Meeting
24.1.18	3-4	Parent drop in session
25.1.18	1:30-2:45	P4 Burns Supper – Letter distributed
1.2 – 8.2 – 15.2		Netball League – Mrs Lane will letter participants
2.2.18	10am	First Friday Mass
5.2.18	7pm	Parent Council
6.2.18		Safer Internet Day
7.2.18	See note	Sacramental Meeting St. Andrew's Church
7.2.18		Football League Mrs Woods will notify all participants
8.2.18	All Week	Catholic Education Week
9.2.18	2:30pm	P2/3-P3/4 Parent assembly
12-13.2.18		February Holiday
14.2.18		INSET – teachers only in school
20.2.18		Cross Country qualifier
21.2.18		Possible Parent Council Disco – More information to follow
26.2.18-2.3.18	5 days	P7 Kilbowie residential