



St. Andrew's Primary School



Parents as Partners



Dear Parents/Guardians,

As you will be aware, as part of our School Improvement Plan for this session, we have been trying to improve our links with parents. So far, we have had a lot of positive feedback from many of the events we have held to date, but we have many more planned events in the pipeline! We hope you will try to come along and support these events whenever you are able!

Mrs C. Lambie

Principal Teacher



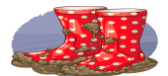
Outdoor Learning

Following on from the huge success of our Big Clean Up campaign, we now have an outdoor learning timetable set up (see next page). This will allow each class to have access to the natural environment that is right on our doorstep – 'The Moss'. We will also use these sessions to tend to our school garden as the weather improves.

Please make a note of the dates that your child/children will be learning outdoors, and ensure that they bring a change of clothes to suit the weather. Wellies would be the preferred choice of footwear as it can be very muddy in the moss! Any donations of wellies would be gratefully received.

Parents who volunteered to help out, have been assigned to the rota. We understand that many of these parent are shift-workers and these dates may not be suitable. **If for any reason, these parents cannot attend to support on these dates, please let us know as soon as possible.**

Likewise, if you have not volunteered but would like to offer some time, we would be delighted for you to join us. Please contact the office to collect a 'Parent Volunteer Pack'.



Biscuit and Blether

Would you like an opportunity to discuss your child's school life in an informal setting?

Come and talk to us! We'd love to hear your views about our school and discuss your ideas.

Enjoy the opportunity to catch with other parents over a cup of tea and a biscuit!

First Meeting – Wed 7th Feb from 2:20pm-3:00pm

And the 1st Wed of every month!

We can't wait to see you there!



Outdoor Learning Calendar

January	All sessions run from 1:15-2:30		19th January	26th January
			P1 –, Pauline Ramsey, Linsey Keyes, Tracy Logan	P1/2 – Nascera Adams, CA,
			P7- Eileen Gardner, Frances Bath	P6/7 – Kirsty Houston, CA
February	2nd February	9th February	16th February	23rd February
	P2/3 - Adele Meechan, Joanna Oslcleda, CA	P5 – Mrs Kerr, Donna Shaw	P1 – Miss Shanks, Siobhan Dawson, June Black	P1/2 – Maria Walsh, Miss Shanks
	P3/4 Nicola Li, Joanne Anderson	P4 – Patricia Rennie, Jean Martin,	P7 – Eileen Gardner, Miss Mina	P6/7 – Kirsty Houston, Student or CA
March	2nd March	9th March	16th March	23rd March
	P2/3 - Adele Meechan, Joanna Oslcleda, CA	P5 – Mrs Kerr, Donna Shaw	P1 – Miss Shanks, Kim Hillan, Carrie McCreadie	P1/2 – Maria Walsh, Miss Shanks
	P3/4 – Nicola, Li, Joanne Anderson, Miss Mina	P4- Patricia Rennie, Jean Martin	P7 – Eileen Gardner, Miss Mina	P6/7 – Kirsty Houston, Miss Irvine
April	Holiday	Holiday	20th April	27th April
			P2/3 - Adele Meechan, Joanna Oslcleda, CA	P5 – Mrs Kerr, Donna Shaw
			P3/4 – Nicola Li, Joanne Anderson,	P4- Patricia Rennie, Jean Martin
May	4th May	11th May	18th May	Holiday
	P1 – Miss Shanks, Mrs Kerr, Pauline Ramsey	P1/2 – Maria Walsh, Nascera Adams	P2/3 - Adele Meechan, Joanna Oslcleda, CA	
	P7 – Eileen Gardner, Miss Irvine	P6/7 – Kirsty Houston, Miss Irvine	P3/4 – Nicola Li, Joanne Anderson,	
June	1st June	8th June	15th June	22nd June
	P5 – Mrs Kerr, Donna Shaw	P1 – Siobhan Dawson, Carrie McCredie, June Black	P1/2 – Maria Walsh, Nascera Adams	P2/3 - Adele Meechan, Joanna Oslcleda, CA
	P4 – Patricia Rennie, Jean Martin,	P7 – Eileen Gardner, Mrs Bath	P6/7 – Kirsty Houston, CA	P3/4 – Nicola Li, Joanne Anderson,

Please remember to send a change of clothing and footwear on these days!



Boys Night

Research has shown that the interest and involvement of a positive role model can have a huge effect on the education of boys. We realise that families now come in all shapes and sizes, and that for many boys, this influence may come from a father, grandparent, an older brother, cousin, uncle or family friend. It doesn't matter! We would love to see more involvement from the male members of our school community.

Watch out for information coming soon about our 'Boys Night'. Male pupils and role models will be invited to come along for a night of fun team-building activities followed by pizza. We know how competitive you boys like to be, so come along and show us what you're made of!



Improve your English

Following on from our successful EAL (English as Additional Language) coffee afternoons last term, we are delighted to announce that we will be holding a 4 week block, for our parents who do not speak English as their first language. This will be hosted by our Community Learning Development Officer – Sue Hannibal, who has been trained in delivering these courses.

Whilst those parents are brushing up on their English skills, their children will be able to attend a homework club where older pupils will support younger pupils with their literacy development.

These workshops will run from Monday 19th Feb until Mon 19th March. We hope many of our EAL parents will take advantage of this opportunity.



Have Your Say!

We really value your opinion at Saint Andrew's, and would love to hear your views on Parent Partnerships. If you have any comments or suggestions, please share them with us by completing the tear off slip below! If you would like to have your

Parent Partnership Returns:

Date: _____ Pupil: _____

Comment/Suggestion:



“At the end of the day, the most overwhelming key to a child's success is the positive involvement of parents.”

- Jane D. Hull