



# St. Andrew's Primary School



## August-September Newsletter 2018

### 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 school website: [glowscotland.org.uk/nl/standrewsairdrie/](http://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. 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 Holly to P5. We know she will settle in well to the nurturing, caring community in St. Andrew's.

Finally, we are pleased to welcome Mrs. Harris, a temporary teacher in Primary 5 and Miss McDade a Newly Qualified teacher in P2 working alongside Mrs Raitt. Both teachers are delighted to join the St. Andrew's team and look 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. This year we will be introducing a new school App' to help further promote good communication. Information will go out at the September Curriculum evening.

### Free School Meals Reminder



Any families in receipt of free school meals or clothing grants should complete the application form for 2018-19 as soon as possible to ensure their child is eligible for free meals.

Children in receipt of free school meals also benefit from free or reduced school trips and are allocated additional government funding for learning. It's really important you apply in time. We can support any families in completing these forms. Just ask a member of office or senior management or visit:

<https://www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=5452>

# Classes & Staff



Our current staff and class structure is as follows:

<b>Management</b>	
Head Teacher	Mrs. J Flanagan
Principal Teachers	Mrs. T Cairney Mrs G Wardrope Mrs. C Lambie
<b>Teaching Staff</b>	
Primary 1	Mrs. J Martin
Primary 2	Mrs. M Raitt & Miss McDade
Primary 3	Mrs. L Henderson
Primary 4	Miss A Beekman - Mon Mrs. C Lane – Tue - Fri
Primary 5	Mrs Harris
Primary 5/6	Miss L Milliken
Primary 6/7	Mrs. C Lambie Miss Beekman (Friday)
Non class contact	Miss Beekman (Health) Mr. V Cairns (PE)
Nurture	Mrs. A Hamill
<b>Nursery Staff</b>	
Principal	Mrs G Wardrope
Teacher	Mrs. H McDonagh
Early Years Workers	Mrs.A Wynn, Mrs. G Rolink Mrs E Parszewska, Mrs G Lewis Mrs E McKinnley, N.Alexander, Mrs C McCabe (L.P)

<b>Peripatetic Staff</b>	
Education Psychologist	Miss Primrose
Family Link Worker CLD	Mrs Hanibal
Violin	Mrs Searle
Brass	Mr. Kane
Kodaly	Mrs. Ewart
<b>Support Staff</b>	
Classroom assistants	Mrs Ruth Watson (0.5) Mrs Agnes Rooney (0.5)
Additional Support Assistants	Miss. L Reilly Mrs, M Kieran Mrs. AL McAuley Mrs. AM McGuigan Miss. K Beck
Office Manager	Mrs. C McLaughlin
Clerical Assistant	Mrs AM Wood
Janitor	Miss Forrester
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	P1 & P2
Tuesday	P1, P2, P5, P6
Wednesday	P3, P6/7, P4
Thursday	P5/6, P6/7, P1, P2
Friday	P3, P4, P5

## 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 one 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, football, chess, 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.

Fr. Taylor our school Chaplain and St. Andrew's priest is no longer coming back to work with us or the Parish. Fr. Taylor was a well-respected priest in our community and a great support to our school. We send our best wishes to him.

We now welcome Fr Atoba. He will help our P1 children and parents/carers celebrate a special Mass together along with the rest of the school on 7<sup>th</sup> September at 10am. The P1 children will join their buddies to support the liturgy and have special candle lit in their honor. We extend an invite to all parents and the community to our School mass celebrations in St. Andrew's Church.

Please note that Fr Atoba has granted us permission to release all Sacramental celebration dates, including; First Confession, First Communion and Confirmation. These are included in 'Important Dates' on (page 4).

## Parent Council



Our Parent council AGM will take place on 18<sup>th</sup> 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 at the end of 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](mailto: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 make every effort:

- To further improve attainment in numeracy/mathematics while improving digital literacy.
- To improve attainment in literacy and English with clear processes for assessment, moderation, monitoring and tracking in writing.
- To improve attainment and achievement via Health and Well Being.
- To focus on the Religious theme of developing as a community of faith and learning.

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 2018		January – June 2019	
Date	Event	Date	Event
16.8.18	August-September Newsletter Issued	7.1.19	Back to School
5.9.18	Start of Year Mass P7 lead with buddies	23.1.19	Parent Drop In 3-4pm Feb Newsletter
10.9.18	Parent Council AGM	25.1.19	P4 Burns supper 1 invitee 1:30pm
19.9.18	Curriculum Evening Time TBC	4.2.19	Parent Council Meeting 7pm
21.9.18 -24.9.18	September Weekend	5.2.19	P1 & P2 Parent Assembly 2-3pm
5.10.18	October – November Newsletter Issued	6.2.19	P3 & P4 Parent Assembly 2-3pm
W/B 8.9.18	Assessment week	6.2.19	Sacramental Meetings for P3, P4 & P7
15.10.18- 19.10.18	October Holiday	6.2.19	P7 Kilbowie Meeting after Sacramental
29.10.18	Parent Council Meeting	7.2.19	P5 & P5/6 Parent Assembly 2-3pm
31.10.18	Interim report issued about child progress	8.2.18	P7 Parent Assembly 2-3pm
1.11.18	10am Mass – All Saints Day P6/7 lead	11.2.19- 12.2.19	Holiday
7.11.18	Parent evening 3:15-8:30pm	13.2.19	INSET children do not attend
19.11.18	INSET day children do not attend school	20.2.19	P3 First Confession
26.11.18	P7 Parent information – St. Margaret's	29.2.19	March- April Newsletter
30.11.18	Advent Mass	4.3.19	P7 Welcome Mass St. Marg 7pm
3.12.18	Parent Council Meeting 7pm	6.3.19	Ash Wednesday Mass
W/B 26.11.17	Enterprise Week	11.3.19	Children Assessment week
29.11.18	Nativity rehearsal inviting Golfhill	18.3.19	Parent Council Meeting 7pm
30.11.18	St. Andrew's Day Event Children only	29.3.19	Pre Easter Mass 10am
4.12.18	P1-3 Nativity 1:30pm	4 Friday's in March	Lenten Charity fundraisers details TBC
		29.3.19	2:30pm finish
5.12.18	P1-3 Nativity 6pm	1.4.19-14.4.19	2 week Easter Holiday
7.12.18	December – January Newsletter	15.4.19	Back to school
11.12.18	Christmas Lunch	19.4.19-22.4.19	Goof Fri Holy day Monday Holiday
13.12.18	P1-3 Christmas Party	26.4.19	P4-7 Confession
14.12.18	P5-7 Christmas Party	1.5.19	Report cards issued
17.12.18	Nursery Party	3.5.19	May Newsletter
18.12.18	Possible PC Christmas Fayre 2:30-4pm	6.5.19	School Holiday
19.12.18	P6-7 Joint Carol Service with Golfhill	7.5.19	INSET day children do not attend
20.12.18	Optional Confessions in church for P4-7	7.5.19-8.5.19	NLC learning festival
21.12.18	Final day Fun Surprise	8.5.19	Parent Evening
21.12.18	School Closed 2:30pm	10.5.19	Ascension of Jesus Mass 10am
22.12.18-6.1.18	Christmas Holiday	12.5.19 Sunday	First Communion 11am
		13.5.19	Parent Council 7pm
		15.5.19	Confirmation P6-P7
		20.5.19-23.5.19	Kilbowie P7
		20.5.19	Nursery Transition Meeting 3:30pm
		24.5.19-27.5.19	May Holiday Weekend
		28.5.19	New P1 Transition Tue Lunch & HWB Lesson
		29.5.18-31.5.19	P7 St. Margaret Transition
		4.6.19	New P1 Transition Tue Maths
		11.6.19	New P1 Transition Tue Literacy
		18.6.19	P7 Mass 10am Graduation 1:30pm Dance 6:30-8pm
		19.6.19	Nursery Graduation
		25.6.19	Possible P7 treat trip
		26.6.18	Whole School Transition day
		28.6.19	School Fun day 1pm finish

