



## June Newsletter 2018



### Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I can't quite believe we are approaching the final weeks of term. We have had an incredibly busy academic year with a great deal to be proud of in terms of our children's achievements, great team work, school improvements and community partnerships. As a staff we wish our P7 leavers every success and look forward to welcoming the new P1 intake.

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/](http://glowscotland.org.uk/nl/standrewsairdrie/)

Mrs. J. Flanagan (Head Teacher)



### Home, School, Parish Links

Fr. Taylor is currently on holiday. This month, Mrs Lambie & Miss Milliken will be working with Primary 7, as they prepare the leavers Mass at 10am on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June.

Thank you to all who helped prepare the children for the sacrament of First Holy Communion. The children were a credit to themselves and family. We also thank the parent council for organising the beautiful flowers in the church.

We thank St. Vincent de Paul, Fr Taylor's church community and our parent council for supporting the first annual summer outing. On Saturday the 9<sup>th</sup> of June, families receiving free school meals were invited to enjoy a free trip to Dynamic Earth, a lovely lunch, a fun filled visit to Portobello beach and chip suppers. Everyone commented really positively on the day and we hope to make this an annual event.

Once again we would like to draw your attention to the excellent Children's liturgy that runs in St. Andrew's parish at 11am Mass every Sunday. Children's liturgy is for all children. During Mass the children are invited to leave for a short time to be taught the word of God in a fun interactive way, which is pitched at their level.

### Sports Day



Mr Cairns and Mrs Lane organised this year's excellent sports day. The structure was slightly different from previous years with children competing in their stages rather than mixed teams. The response from children, parents and staff was really positive. We thank all the parents who came along.



### Class Structure - Transition

Information will be issued on the final week of term indicating the class structure for August 2018. Your child will be involved in a transition 'meet and greet' session with their new teacher and staff will take time to pass key information about each child to the receiving teacher.



## Children's Reports & Parents Evening

Thank you to all who attended parents evening. Please remember that if you have any concerns about your child to either communicate via the diary or call and make an appointment. Your child's final report card will be issued on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of June. Please take time to discuss your child's report and targets with them, then return the response sheet attached. Communication about your child's progress home is very important to us as it helps raise attainment.

## Free School Meals



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 when they return to school. 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. <https://www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=5452>



## Last Day of Term Fun Day

On the final day of term we have arranged to have an 'in house' talent show in the morning. We are also delighted that June Black, one of our parents has agreed to come and serve ice cream cones to the children in our play yard as a treat. Children can wear their own clothes. Lunches will be served at 12pm all orders for lunch for the final two days must be placed on the order form sent home otherwise children should bring a packed lunch. Remember it's important to attend school right up to the final day. School closes at 1pm on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June.

## Leavers Arrangements



We wish all our Primary 7 leavers the very best of luck and have been planning a fitting send off. On Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June we will be attending and participating in a leavers Mass at 10am. In the afternoon we will host a leaver's graduation at 1:30pm in the school. All P7 families will be granted 4 tickets to attend. If further tickets are required please contact the office. Finally, the parent council have organised a leaver's dance at 7-9pm in the school gym hall. We are confident our Primary 7's will leave with very fond memories of St. Andrew's as we have of them!



## Successful Grant Applications

We were delighted to receive £500 outdoor learning grant which also includes staff training. We look forward to accessing this and supporting further outdoor learning opportunities next term.

## School Improvement Report

Our school improvement report outlining the improvements made following the focus of our School Improvement plan 2017-2018 will be available online by the end of June. We use robust self-evaluation tools and parental response to the recent How Good Is our School Survey to form the basis of our 2018-2019 School Improvement Plan. This will also be available online.

As always should you have a suggestion or comment to make about our school please contact us.



# Participation in Competitions



Congratulations to our P7 Handball Team who were the only NLC school to make it to the national finals. Our P2's also enjoyed attending a football festival where they participated in 6 friendly games. Some of our P3-4 children competed in the Cross County event at Langloan. This was a tough event but all the children gave 100%.



## Charity

This month we continued to contribute to St. Andrew's hospice via our P1 Teddy Bears Picnic and the P7 Yellow Walk around Strathclyde Park. Together our community raised money for a very worthwhile local charity.

P4 and P5 presented an excellent parent assembly about their charity work for Airdrie Foodbank. Those following us on twitter will see the excellent response they received.

## After School Clubs



Our excellent after school club programme finished on week ending 8<sup>th</sup> June. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our staff and some parent council members who have volunteered to run our after school club programme. These clubs depend on the generosity of people's time who go that extra mile to create opportunities for our children.



## School Uniform

School uniform is very important to us. When purchasing new uniform for next year please remember that our uniform includes:

- white shirt and tie
- Navy V-neck jumper or cardigan (no hoodies)
- Navy/Grey trousers or skirts/shorts
- Shoes should be dark coloured and bright coloured fashion trainers should be avoided
- PE kit includes white polo shirt and navy shorts or sport trousers.
- P1-3 can wear PE poloshirts on PE days but P4-7 are encouraged to bring change of kit and have shirt and tie daily

Among many benefits our school uniform policy helps **improves community and school spirit**. Children wearing clothing in school colours with the school mascot creates a unified community, reduces competition among students, and improves school spirit. We are very proud of our uniform and school identity. If any of our families are looking for support in purchasing uniform please call the school confidentially and we will support.

## Staff Change



Mrs Moore and Mrs McMillan will be leaving us at the end of term to take on new posts in different schools. Mrs Moore has worked with us for 5 years and Mrs McMillan has worked for 3 year as temporary members of staff. We thank both Mrs McMillan and Mrs Moore for their contributions to St Andrew's Primary. Both have played key roles in learning and teaching and had had a positive impact on our school improvement agenda. They will be missed very much by staff and children.



# Parent Council.

Last month the parent council met to discuss several issues including, P7 leavers dance and school improvements.

The council have worked tirelessly this year to build school funds and have generously organised the P7 leavers dance as well as buying all leavers a gift. They have also agreed to contribute funds to continue improving our school grounds.

The parent council are keen to gauge your views on money expenditure and focus projects. They plan to send a questionnaire out in August and hope you take time to complete it so that the whole parent forum's views are accounted for.

We have a very supportive parent council with a great friendly ethos. We will be canvassing for new members in August 2018 and strongly encourage you to contact Mr. Anthony McAllister (Chairperson) on [Anthony.McAllister@firescotland.gov.uk](mailto:Anthony.McAllister@firescotland.gov.uk) if you would like further information.



## Monthly Diary Date Reminders



### Term 4 Diary Dates

Date	Time	Details
14.6.18	10.45am	National Mass at Falkirk Stadium
19.6.18	10.00am	Graduation Mass
19.6.18	1.30pm	Graduation Ceremony
19.6.18	7pm-9pm	Graduation Disco
22.6.18		Reports Home
27.6.18		P5 trip to Dynamic Earth
28.6.18		Talent Show and Ice Cream van visit
28.6.18	1pm	School Closes



## Heart Felt Thank you



We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support through the year. It's very encouraging when we receive positive feedback from the community and our parents. We are all working extremely hard to provide the very best opportunities possible for your children. St. Andrew's children are an absolute credit to their families and our school. We hope you have a wonderful sun filled summer holiday. We wish our leavers the very best of luck and we look forward to welcoming all our children including our new starts back in August.