



St. Andrew's Primary School



October - November Newsletter 2018



Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Thank you for taking the time to read our news. August to September were particularly busy and successful months with many events and activities involving our whole school community. There is lots to look forward to in the months ahead. We hope you enjoy reading this month's Newsletter.

Please keep up to date with all school events by downloading the **St. Andrews Airdrie App**, following us on twitter @saintandrews3 and by visiting our school website: glowscotland.org.uk/nl/standrewsairdrie/

Mrs. J. Flanagan

Head Teacher

Improved Communication

We are really pleased to have launched our new School App: 'St. Andrew's Airdrie'.

If you and your family have not already, then please download this for free from the App store or Google Play.

Once you have downloaded it, you simply select the categories you would like to receive information about. We suggest all categories plus the classes in which your child(ren) attend.

One of the great aspects of this app is its school diary. This contains all important dates and includes a function that allows you to copy these to your own device diary.

We will continue to upload photos, videos and achievements to Twitter - @saintandrews3

We will also update our webpage with all the relevant information - glowscotland.org.uk/nl/standrewsairdrie/.

We have received lots of great comments on our app and hope you are already benefitting from it.



Homework Survey Results

At the beginning of term we sent out a homework survey to parents and teachers to gauge opinion and shape next steps. The results indicated some key points: *majority wanted homework to continue, for it to have element of choice and to include an overview that can be done to suit busy households.*

From this we have developed our 10 week homework 'menu' that is distributed to all children and linked on our App and website. Our teachers are happy with this change and children are responding really well to the choices. Thank you to all who gave great feedback which was all key in developing different aspects of the new format.

Curriculum Afternoon



Our curriculum evening was held on September 19th. At this parents got to hear of the Priorities for Improvement via a pupil led video. They also learned about Growth Mindset principals and got the opportunity to enter our new school App prize draw. Afterwards, they visited their child(rens) classrooms and witnessed the planned learning and learning covered. They then had tea in the dinnerhall.

All parents' commented positively in the feedback form. One comment was:

"I thoroughly enjoyed hearing of the School Priorities and loved the children in the video. The Growth Mindset was a real eye opener and made me think of my approach. My daughter loved showing me her work and it was nice to meet her teacher early on in the school term"

44 parents and carers attended representing 30 children out of a possible 158. We would always like to see more people attend these events but understand this can be difficult for some people.

Last year we had had 65 parents attend when the event was held at the end of the school day. We will continue to alternate the timing of this event to suit different groups of parents and fully encourage you to try and always have your child represented. We always welcome the children along too as we recognise childcare can be a barrier and they love showing their family around their learning environment.

All parents and carers should feel comfortable about approaching the school, and accessing information about their children. If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to make an appointment prior to parents evening.



Parent Council

Our Parent Council AGM was held on the 19th of September to which all parents were invited. At this meeting there was a Head Teacher presentation of the work of the school over the past year. As well as this our Chair Tony McAllister presented the work of the Parent Council. We are delighted to welcome new members and have continued support from former members.

| Name | Position |
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| Mrs. J. Flanagan | Head Teacher |
| Mrs. T Cairney & Mrs. G. Wardrope | Deputising for Head Teacher |
| Anthony McAllister | Chairperson |
| Donna Shaw | Vice Chairperson |
| Carolann Shields | Treasurer |
| Elaine Johnston | Church Representative |
| Adele Meechan | Secretary |
| Keisha McConnell | Committee |

Since establishing the new council, they have already been extremely supportive of the work of the school. Priorities this term include:

| Priority | Plans |
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| Fundraising to improve our school resources. Your opinion on the direction of these funds will be sought | Fundraising events planned. 30.10.18- Halloween Disco P1-7 6:30pm-8pm £2 entry 18.12.18 – Christmas Fayre 2:30pm-4pm March TBC – Family Race Night May TBC – Children's Sport and Snack 3-5pm |
| Supporting after school club programme | Mrs. Bath (X parent council Member) leading Chess Club Enterprise Club planned |
| Parent Partnerships | Supporting School Improvement Priorities 1-4 Supporting all Parent Events Supporting Outdoor Learning Supporting new policy including Bully Policy update |



Home, School, Parish Links



During the month of October we will focus on the Holy Rosary. Our next school mass will be 1st of November to celebrate All Saint's Day. Fr. Atoba will work with P5/6 to help support their preparation for this Mass.

We are looking to improve joint events between our school and Church. The first event will be our Carol Service on 19th December at 7pm. We have invited Golfhill community as well and hope to make this an annual event between the Church and Kirk. Please show your support by attending and baking for our tea afterwards.

Junior Road Safety Officers

We are delighted to have recruited Alex Parszewski and Lee Meechan as our new Junior Road Safety Officers. Alex alongside Lee will support Mrs Hamill and our whole school community in becoming safer road users. Already the boys have attended a JRSO meeting in Gartlea Community centre and presented to our whole school assembly to encourage all of our children to track their journey to school. We promote walking to school where possible to help keep us fit and reduce traffic pollution.

Pupil Council

Our pupil council member are as follows:

| Class | Pupil Council Reps |
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| P1 | Kallum Keenan and Khloe Stevenson |
| P2 | Max McLean and Hayley Irwin |
| P3 | Rian McAuley and Jorgie McNeil |
| P4 | Natasha Oszczeda and Jayden McCool |
| P5 | Connor Simpson and Ellie Hawker |
| P5/6 | Rieve Goldie and Tosia Cichocka |
| P6/7 | Deryn McConnell and Ava McKee |

The children will meet monthly to discuss issues affecting their school. They will keep minutes of each meeting and report all to their class members. This month they will be discussing and consulting on the charitable contributions and events this year.

Further Committees will be formed over the course of the year as 'Pupil Voice' is important in St. Andrew's. However, this is not only targeted via committees. All staff are trained to reflect on the voice of the children and allow them to shape learning and feel valued.



Litter Pick Up

Mrs Lambie our P6/7 teacher is organising a litter pick (date to be confirmed) to clean up the areas in and around our school and parish grounds. This will include the path and area we use for cross country.


We hope to install a lifelong respect for their local area and environment. Classes will be supported by parent volunteers and all necessary precautions will be taken to keep the children safe.

If you do not want your child to participate please contact their teacher



After School Clubs

You have received a form about After School Clubs. Please complete this and return by 4th October. We closely monitor participation to support equitable entitlement. A return letter will be sent home informing you of club allocation.

|  St. Andrew's Primary School Clubs  | | | | | | | |
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| W/B 1st October 2018 – W/E 23rd November 2018 | | | | | | | |
| Day | Time | Club | Staff | Primaries | | No. of Pupils | Area Required |
| Monday | 3-3:45pm | Sum Dog Homework Club | Mrs Cairney Mrs Flanagan | P1-7 | P1-7 | 30 | ICT area |
| Monday | Afterschool | Football | Liam Hamill | P5-7 | | 24 | Gym hall |
| Tuesday | Lunchtime | Literacy Games Club | Mrs Raitt | P1-3 | | 20 | Room 2 |
| Tuesday | 3-3:45pm | Gardening Club | Miss Milliken | P4-7 | | 15 | Garden |
| Tuesday | Lunchtime | Fun fitness | Mrs Flanagan | P1-7 | P1-7 | 50 | Gym hall |
| Tuesday | 3-3:45pm | Gymnastics | Mrs Lambie | P5-7 | | 20 | Gym hall |
| Tuesday | 3-4pm Starts 6.11.18 | Fitness Club | Sport Leaders St. Margaret's | P1-3 | | 20 | Dinner hall |
| Wednesday | Lunchtime | Dance for competition | Active Schools Paid Coach | P4-7 | | 25 | Gym hall |
| Wednesday | 3-4pm | Racket Sports Basketball | Mr Cairns BMT teacher | P4-5 & P6-7 alternating | | 24 | Gym hall |
| Wednesday | 3-4:15pm | Chess | Mrs Bath Parent helper | P4-7 | | 10 | Room 3 |
| Wednesday | 3-4pm | ICT & Games Club Parents Must attend | CLD officer | P1-3 | | 20 | ICT bay |
| Thursday | 3-4pm | French Club | Mrs McAuley | P1-3 | | 20 | Cosy Cottage |
| Thursday | 3-3:45pm | STEM club Science Technology, engineering & maths | Mrs Harris | P1-3 | | 15 | ICT bay |
| Thursday | 3-4pm | Netball | Mrs Lane Miss McDade | P5-7 | | 30 | Gym hall |
| Friday | 3-4pm | Fun Fitness | Active Sport Leader | P1-3 | | 25 | Dinnerhall |

Monthly Diary Date Reminders

Remember all annual diary dates were released in August newsletter and are available online and in our School App diary. P7's remember to check App for all transition dates.

| October to start of November Diary Dates | | | | | |
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| Date | Details | Date | Details | Date | Details |
| W/B 8.10.18 | Assessment week | 1.11.18 | 10am Mass – All Saints Day P6/7 lead | 15.11.18 | Cosy Cottage Cinema Trip |
| 8.10.18 | P6/7 trip Parent Night Letters out | 7.11.18 | Parent evening 3:15-8:30pm | 30.11.18 | St. Andrew's Mass |
| 9.10.18 | Cross Country qualifier P5-7 | 8.11.18 | Whole School Cinema Trip | 3.12.18 | Parent Council Meeting 7pm |
| 12.10.18 | Class Photographs any missed individuals | 12.11.18 | Father Figures & kids night In – Airdrie Library | W/B 26.11.17 | Enterprise Week |
| 15.10.18- 19.10.18 | October Holiday | 13.11.18 | P7 Cinema Trip | 19.11.18 | INSET day children do not attend school |
| 25.10.18 | P2 Trip - Summerlee P5 trip – Dynamic Earth | 19.11.18 | INSET day children do not attend school | 29.11.18 | Nativity rehearsal inviting Golfhill |
| 29.10.18 | Parent Council Meeting | 26.11.18 | P7 Parent information – St. Margaret's | 30.11.18 | St. Andrew's Day Event Children only |