



# *St. Andrew's Primary School*

## *Newsletter Session 2019-2020*



### 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.

Our school App (SaintAndrewAirdrie) available from google play and app store is now well implemented and used, **we will no longer be sending out monthly newsletters**. Please ensure you have the app downloaded and notifications switched on.

Please keep up to date with all school events by following us on twitter @saintandrews3 and by visiting our school website: [blog.glowscotland.org.uk/nl/standrewsairdrie/](http://blog.glowscotland.org.uk/nl/standrewsairdrie/)

Mrs. J. Flanagan (Head Teacher)

### Welcome



We welcome all our children back to school and nursery. We are delighted to greet our new Primary 1. Thanks to lots of fun transition activities prior to the holidays the children are more than ready to start the new school year and staff feel they know them well.

We are also pleased to welcome Mr Eunson, a Newly Qualified teacher in P5/6 working alongside Mrs Lambie. Mr Eunson is delighted to join the St. Andrew's team and looks 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 a close eye on our App news, 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.

### Free School Meals Reminder



Any families in receipt of free school meals or clothing grants should complete the application form for 2019-20 as soon as possible to ensure their child is eligible for free meals.

Children in receipt of free school meals also benefit from 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	Miss M. McDade
Primary 3	Miss L. Milliken
Primary 4	Mrs M. Raitt - Mon Mrs. C Lane – Tue - Fri
Primary 5/6	Mr. Eunson Mrs. Lambie
Primary 6	Miss A. Beekman
Primary 7	Mrs. L. Henderson Supported Mrs Lambie
Non class contact	Mrs M. Raitt (Spanish & IDL) 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, Mrs. 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)
Additional Support Assistants	Miss. L Reilly Mrs, M Kiernan 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 plimsolls. 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 & P7
Tuesday	P1, P2, P3, P6 (P5/6 swimming Tue first 10 weeks)
Wednesday	P1, P2, P4, P7
Thursday	P2, P3, P4, P6
Friday	P5/6

## 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.

We welcome Fr Bruce McPhail our new Parish priest and school Chaplain. He will help our P1-P7 children and parents/carers celebrate the Holy Day of Obligation for The Assumption of Our Lady on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August. The P7 children will support the liturgy. We extend an invite to all parents and the community to this mass celebrations in St. Andrew's Church.

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

## Parent Council.



Our Parent council AGM will take place on 2<sup>nd</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 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:

- Numeracy: To further improve attainment in numeracy/mathematics while working with the cluster to improve STEM opportunities in the N-P7 curriculum.
- Literacy: To improve attainment in literacy and English with clear processes for assessment, moderation, monitoring and tracking in writing in N-P7.
- HWB: To improve attainment and achievement via Health and Well Being focus on mental health, DYW and Resilience in N-P7.
- RE: P1-P7 To focus on the Religious theme of developing an inclusive ethos which aims to honour the life, dignity and voice of each person, made in the image of God.
- Nursery: Aiming for excellence in quality of care and support via family learning HGIOS 2.5

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 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: Our School, Chapel bulletin, school website, twitter or text message. Always act on the latest information. Please be aware these dates are in our school App diary

August – December 2019		January – June 2020	
Date	Event	Date	Event
14.8.19	Newsletter Issued	6.1.20	Back to School
15.8.19	Assumption Mass 10am P7 support	24.1.20	P4 Burns supper 1 invitee 1:30pm
2.9.19	Parent Council AGM	5.2.20	Parent Council Disco Time TBC
18.9.19	Curriculum Evening Meet Teacher <small>Info in App</small>	7.2.20	First Friday Mass P4 lead
27.9.19 - 30.9.19	September Weekend	10.2.20-11.2.20	February holiday
7.10.19	Parent Council Meeting 7pm	12.2.20	INSET day children do not attend school
9.10.19	Boys Night info TBU App	13.2.20	INSET day children do not attend school
14.10.18- 18.10.18	October Holiday	17.2.20	P1 Parent Workshop tea 2:15pm
28.10.19 – 1.11.19	World of Work Focus Week	18.2.20	P2 Parent Workshop tea 2:15pm
30.10.19	Parent Council Disco	19.2.20	P3 Parent Workshop tea 2:15pm
1.11.19	10am Mass – All Saints Day P6 lead	26.2.20	Ash Wednesday
W/B 4.11.19	Pupil Assessment File week	2.3.20	St. Margaret's P7 Welcome Mass
4.11.19	Parent Council Meeting 7pm	6.3.20	Lent Event TBC
13.11.19	Parent Evening 3-9pm appointments	9.3.20	Parent Council Meeting 7pm
18.11.19	INSET day children do not attend school	11.3.20	P3 First Confession Time TBC
19.11.19	INSET day children do not attend school	13.3.20	Lent Event TBC
W/B 25.11.19	P7 attend Kilbowie	20.3.20	Lent Event TBC
5.12.19	Nativity rehearsal inviting Golfhill	27.3.20	Lent Event TBC
6.12.19	First Friday Mass 10am P5/6 lead	31.3.20	P5-7 Show 1:30pm
10.12.19	P1-3 Nativity 2pm	1.4.20	P5-7 Show 6pm
		3.4.20	Lent Event, Mass, 2:30pm finish
11.12.19	P1-3 Nativity 6pm	6.4.20-19.4.20	2 week Easter Holiday
12.12.19	P5-7 Joint Carol Service with Golfhill	20.4.20	Back to school
16.12.19	P1-3 Christmas Party	20.4.20	Parent Council Meeting 7pm
17.12.19	P4-7 Christmas Party	27.4.20-30.4.20	London Trip P5-7
18.12.19	Christmas Lunch	1.5.20	Mass 10am
18.12.19	Christmas Movie event time TBC	8.5.20	May Holiday (updates by NLC)
19.12.19	Final day Fun Surprise	Spring/Summer	Parent Council Race Night TBC
19.12.19	School Closed 2:30pm	9.5.20	Communion TBC
20.12.18	Christmas Holiday	11.5.20	INSET day children do not attend
		W/B 11.5.20	Pupil Assessment Week
		WB 19.5.20	Sports day weather permitting
		22.5.20	May Holiday (Ascension)
		25.5.20	May Holiday
		26.5.20	New P1 Transition see letter
		27.5.20	Parents Night 3-9pm appointments
		1.6.20	Parent Council Meeting 7pm
		2.6.20	New P1 Transition Maths See letter
		3.6.20	Family Forest Fun event TBC
		9.6.20	New P1 Transition Tue See letter
		16.6.20	Home to Nursery transition meeting
		17.6.20	P7 Mass 10am Graduation 1:30pm Dance 6:30-8pm
		18.6.20	Nursery Pre school Graduation am
		22.6.20	Possible P7 treat trip
		23.6.20	Whole School Transition day
		24.6.20	School Fun day 1pm finish for Summer

