

'Saint Andrew's Fly when we aim high!'

Newsletter January 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2018. All at St. Andrew's Primary hope that you had a wonderful Christmas holiday and we wish you all a peaceful New Year.

This newsletter contains some important information and reminders which we hope you will take a few minutes to read over.

Attendance

The school monitors school attendance every term. If your child's attendance falls below acceptable levels you will be notified in the first instance by letter.



School success starts
with attendance

Did you know that 90% attendances = $\frac{1}{2}$ days missed every week.

One school year at 90% attendance = 4 whole weeks of lessons missed.

Please note that we are aiming for 98% attendance for each child and this is in line with the national expectations set by the Scottish Government.

Curriculum Rationale



In continuing to develop our Curriculum rationale any views you may have on mandarin & spanish being taught in the school are welcomed.

gracias señora
gracias señor

Focus on Learning

Class focus on learning newsletters will be emailed to you shortly.

Please make sure that your child comes prepared for physical education with their gym kit (shorts, t-shirts and soft shoes). All jewellery must be removed during lessons as there are health and safety implications. Pupils may only be withdrawn from physical education if they bring a letter to school which has been signed by a parent, explaining why they should be withdrawn. Thank you in advance for your full support.



Nut Free Zone

Please remember that St. Andrew's primary is a **IS A NUT FREE ZONE**. We have a few children across the joint campus who have a nut allergy so please do not send nuts or food items containing nuts for snack or packed lunch with your child.



School Transport

Can we remind you for North Lanarkshire's Councils arrangement for access to school transport.



'It is essential that you encourage your child to behave properly and safely when boarding, travelling on the transport and alighting from it. Misbehaviour could result in your child losing the right to transport. The responsibility of ensuring safe and acceptable behaviour remains yours while your child is travelling in the vehicle provided.'

School Gates

Many thanks to all parents who have been dropping their children at the school gates rather than entering the playground in the morning. This helps to encourage independence in the children and helps to keep our playground safe. This is the policy for both schools from now on.

WE JUST WANT TO SAY...
THANK YOU!

Parking

**Strictly staff
and visitor
parking only**

We would also like to remind you to consider others and follow parking restrictions when dropping off and collecting your child from school. **The main car park is for staff, visitors and nursery parking only.** You may wish to consider using the parking spaces at Craighalbert Church when dropping off or collecting children.

Disabled parking bays at the front of the school should be used by disabled badge holders only. We have a number of children across the joint campus with mobility problems and quite often their parents cannot get parked in these bays due to inconsiderate parents.

Uniform

I have noticed that since before Christmas the adherence to the uniform policy has started to slip. Please ensure that children always come dressed in the appropriate uniform of grey skirt/trousers, white shirt, school tie and navy jumper/cardigan.

Branded hoodies are not part of the school uniform.



Enrolments for new P1s

New Primary One children are invited to the school to enrol on the following dates:



Monday	15 th January	1.00pm - 3.00pm
Tuesday	16 th January	10.00am - 12.00 midday
Wednesday	17 th January	1.00pm - 3.00pm
Friday	19 th January	10.00am - 12.00 midday

Catholic Education Week

Catholic Education week this year begins on Sunday 28th January to Sunday 4th February. This year is the 100 years celebration of Catholic education and as such is a very important year for all those of the Catholic faith.

The theme for this year's Catholic education week is 'Serving the Common Good!'.



Enrolment Masses



Enrolment for all children of Sacred Heart Parish who will make a sacrament this year will take place on Sunday 4th February at the 10.00am mass.

Pitch



Since before Christmas it was agreed across the joint campus that when using the astro turf pitch children are no longer required to change shoes unless they choose to. Most of the children seem to be aware of this but this is just a reminder.

