

JANUARY - MARCH 2022

St. Augustine's Primary

NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents/Carers,

It is wonderful to welcome everyone back to school after our Christmas and New Year festivities. We hope you all enjoyed precious time with your family and are looking forward to all that 2022 has to offer. New Year is always a time for setting New Year resolutions and St. Augustine's will be no different with the boys and girls making pledges about what changes they can make and setting their own challenges. This year is an exciting year with much going on in the school as always. We look forward to strengthening the great partnership between home, school and Church in the year ahead. Our newsletter will report on what's happened in school and feature events that are up and coming with important dates to put in your diary for the term ahead. Please ensure you have uploaded the school app for weekly updates and that you regularly check our twitter account.

Yours sincerely

Mrs. C. Docherty

Thank You

Many thanks for your wonderful support last session and for your generosity throughout the school year. Our school fund, which only exists because of your support and generosity (sponsor money), enables the school to participate in all NLC events as they arise throughout the year, to take part in outside visits linked to class learning and to welcome visiting theatre companies and outreach teams. Buses are also an extremely costly expense and we always aim to cover as much of the cost as possible thanks to your support.

Christmas Performances

We hope you enjoyed our virtual infant Nativity and the many performances shared on twitter prior to the break. The boys and girls were a real credit to the school and their families. It was also wonderful to see so many of our children take lead roles in performing the Christmas Nativity at St. Augustine's Church. We have greatly missed the opportunity to perform and share learning directly and will keep our fingers crossed that the time will come soon when we can resume our usual school events and welcome parents back into the building

Shining stars each and everyone!!!



Drop off and Pick Up

All parents are once again kindly reminded to refrain from entering the school yard both before 9.00 am and before 3.00 pm. If picking your child up please locate yourself on the pavement around the school.. **Please note the main entrance to the school is not a drop off point or pick up point for pupils to enter or leave the school before 9am or at 3pm.**

SAFE PARKING



The parking situation around our school is much improved, however, it remains concerning that parking still takes place near the roundabout and the infant gates. The zig zags are not drop off points. **Please park and stride.** Parking is available in the Time Capsule car park and also in the car park of St. Augustine's Church. Please use these parking facilities.

Updated Advice about Zig Zag lines

Please note the council have agreed to the enforcement of keep clear markings at all schools. Traffic Regulation Orders will be introduced outside all schools meaning that the signs will no longer be advisory and drivers can be fined. This will mean the council can carry out enforcement duties at school keep clear markings in a similar way to enforcement of double yellow lines.

Our Junior Road Safety Officers will be monitoring the situation throughout the month of January and February.

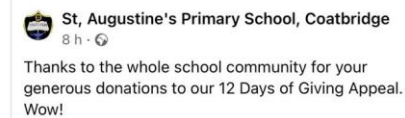
Christmas Fair

Our mini children's Christmas Fair ran by the PTA was a huge success and thanks to your great support raised an amazing £1014.08.



12 Days of Giving Christmas Appeal

Many thanks for your support of our Christmas Appeal during Advent. Coatbridge Foodbank and Father Kane's Stay Connected were all blown away by your amazing generosity.



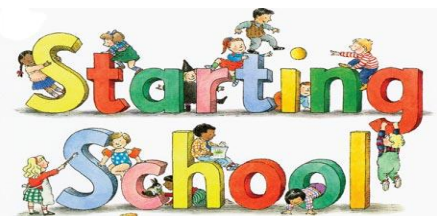
Attendance at Mass

The school has a rota that will enable two classes each week to attend Friday Mass at 10.00am in St. Augustine's Church. At the moment we are sadly unable, due to current guidance, to attend as a full school.

Pr.7 Transition to S1

Please ensure all paperwork is returned to school for the purpose of transitioning planning for high school. Deadline is 4th February.

Registration of Infants Pr. 1



Registration for infant beginners for Session 2022/2023 is now open with applications to be submitted online. Information is available on the blog or go directly to www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/school-admissions

The closing date for applications is Monday 24th January.

Registration for Nursery



Parents/Carers of 3 to 5 years olds can apply now for early learning and childcare 2022/2023 session entry. All 3 to 5 year old children are eligible to receive 1140 hours of early learning and childcare per year. Applications are now available from www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/elc. Please note the deadline for applications of 11th February 2022.

Pr.5 Science Centre Visit

The boys and girls of Rm 16, Mrs. Longyear's's class, visited Glasgow Science Centre on Frid. 14th Jan. for the launch of a science project titled 'Clyde in the Classroom'. We look forward to seeing the project unfold over the coming months. We are sure something fishy will be taking place on the second floor!



Dates for Sacraments

Confirmation – Pr. 7

Wed. 16th March

7.00pm

First Reconciliation - Pr.3

Tues. 22nd March

7.00pm

First Communion – Pr. 4

Sun. 8th May – 10.00am

Sun. 15th May – 12 o'clock

NURSERY GOOD NEWS

STORY

Our wonderful nursery recently had an unannounced inspection by the Care Inspectorate prior to the Christmas break. It was a full inspection focusing on a number of key areas with a grading provided for each area. It is with great pride that we announce our nursery class (which is a new addition to the school) received an outstanding report on its' first inspection.

The nursery was provided with Grade 5 – Very Good for all areas assessed.

Quality of care and support 5 - Very Good

Quality of environment 5 - Very Good

Quality of staffing 5 - Very Good

Quality of management and leadership 5 - Very Good

I am sure you will be delighted that we have such a high quality service as part of our campus provision and within your locality.

Afterschool Clubs



Letters will be issued shortly detailing school clubs and dates and duration of blocks so that we can ensure a provision of after school clubs at most stages. It is our intention to run afterschool clubs for football, cheerleading, dance, netball, rugby and archery this term. Further clubs will be added as the term progresses and will include ICT club, art club and cooking club. Details to follow.

Lunchtime Clubs

The school is delighted that this term there will be a number of lunchtime clubs some of which will be run by the children themselves. We hope to have a Rosary Club, Archery Club and a Sports Leaders Play Club for Pr.1, 2 and 3 pupils. Please contact the school if you are interested in supporting or running a school club. We would love to hear from you.

Lenten Charity Events



The school will plan a programme of activities throughout Lent to raise money for our chosen charities. Thrilling Thursdays and Fun Fridays will feature a number of events to raise money. Ash Wednesday – Wed. 2nd March.

Mitigating Risk

Many thanks for your ongoing support in mitigating risk and reducing transmission of coronavirus. Please do not send your child to school if symptomatic. Please arrange to have your child tested. This will ensure pupils and staff remain protected.

Communication

If you have not uploaded the school app to your phone please do so this term. Our app is our primary way of communicating to you the life of the school and sharing its successes. Our twitter also has daily updates and showcases the great work taking place across the school. To save money on the cost of texts we will continue to send out any quick notifications and reminders via the school app or via e-mail. Please check your mailbox to ensure you have read any communication coming from the school. If you have not received any e-mails this session and have provided an e-mail address please contact the school so that we can check the address we have on our system.

Parent Teacher Association

Our wonderful PTA has grown in size thanks to some new members but we are always keen to welcome new faces. If you are interested in attending please contact the school who will give you the contact details of the PTA.

Your school needs you!!!

Next meeting – Wed.26th Jan. at 7.15pm. Please come along and make new friends. This will be a virtual meeting.

Parent Council

Our next meeting will be held on Wed. 26th Jan. at 6.00pm. Meetings remain virtual. Meetings are held on the last Wed. of each month with all discussion focused upon school business. The next meeting will have a particular focus on the school improvement plan for this session and will discuss priorities for next session.



January, February and March

HOLIDAY WEEKEND – School closed Mon. 14th and Tues. 15th Feb.

IN-SERVICE DAY – Wed. 16th Feb. School closed to all pupils

ASH WEDNESDAY – Wed. 2nd March

PUPIL REPORTS – issued week beg. 28th March

EASTER EGG COMPETITION – Pr. 4 – 7 pupils

SCHOOL CLOSES – Frid. 1st April. School closes 2.30pm

SPRING BREAK – Mon. 4th April – Mon. 18th April (inclusive)

GOOD FRIDAY – Frid. 15th April

EASTER MONDAY – Mon. 18th April

SCHOOL RE-OPENS – Tues. 19th April – 9.00am

Pr. 7 Strathclyde Park

Our Pr. 7 pupils will visit Strathclyde Park every day week beg. 31st January as part of an outward bound offering of activities. Children will be involved in cycling, canoeing and a number of team building exercises. We wish them well.



Happy Birthday

to all our

January

February and March

birthday

boys and girls.

Burns Day



Please note some classes may be looking at some Burns poetry and may celebrate Burns day with some Irn Bru/Highland Spring Water and shortbread.

St. Ambrose Sports Leaders

Pr. 6 pupils from Rm 16 will enjoy a 4 week block of PE lessons delivered by St. Ambrose Sports Leaders from mid February.

SAFER INTERNET WEEK

Week beg. 7th Feb will involve the whole school learning about Safer Internet use. Lessons will take place in classes across the school. Our Community Police will also support this focus week with a number of visits.

LITERACY WEEK

Our whole school focus on reading for enjoyment and writing our own books will commence week beg. 21st Feb. with World Book Day celebrated on 3rd March. Further details to follow.

Financial Education Week

A whole school focus on financial education will take place week beginning 24th January. The Financial Inclusion Team will support our financial education week with prepared lessons and workshops. We thank them in anticipation of their support.

CLASS RETREATS

Please note the schedule to class retreats for this term

Pr. 7 – either Mon. 17th or Tues. 18th Jan

Pr. 6 – either Mon. 24th or Tues. 25th Jan.

Pr. 3 – either Mon 21st Feb or Tues. 22nd Feb.

Pr. 4 – either Mon. 28th March or Tues. 29th March

One class or group will visit either day.

Classes will visit the Parish Centre for their assigned retreat day.

Children's Mental Health Week

Week beg. 7th Feb. will provide a platform for the school to focus upon looking after our mental health and wellbeing.

SCIENCE and ENGINEERING WEEK

A number of workshops, shows and class events have been booked to provide a whole school focus on all things STEM – Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. Our focus week is week beg. 14th March.

Parental Comments/Feedback

The school greatly appreciates all feedback and comments from the wider parent body in regard of the school. Please feel free to complete the sheet and send into school if there is anything you wish to bring to our attention. Thank you.

Signed:

Date: