

MAY - JUNE 2022

# St. Augustine's Primary

## NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are now well into the final term of our school year and with that comes a very busy term ahead. In the coming weeks we will welcome our new entrants alongside their parents and we will say a very fond farewell to our wonderful Pr. 7 pupils at the end of June. There are a number of events that traditionally take place during this term and it is wonderful news that the easing of restrictions means we can now welcome you, as parents, to join us in sharing wonderful memories.. We sincerely hope that the weather looks kindly upon us all and we can enjoy some glorious sunshine for our outdoor activities and events.

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 throughout last term. We greatly appreciate all that you have done to keep us informed about absences, particularly due to Covid, and for working with us to mitigate risk as much as possible. The last few years have been extremely challenging for everyone and we appreciate all that you have done to enable the school to provide as normal an experience for all children. Your understanding when we have had to make changes to class cover has been most appreciated at this time.

### COVID - Updated Guidance

From Sunday 1 May, public health advice changed to a 'stay at home' message and replaced self-isolation for people who have symptoms or have tested positive for Covid-19. As a result, people who have symptoms of Covid-19 and who have a fever or are too unwell to carry out normal activities will be asked to stay at home while they are unwell or have a fever. They will no longer be advised to take a PCR test. What this means in practice is that children and young people (those aged 18 and under) with mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough - but who are otherwise well - do not need to stay at home and can

continue to attend education settings. They should only stay at home if they are unwell and have a high temperature. They can go back to school and resume normal activities when they no longer have a fever and they feel well enough to attend.

### SUMMER FAIR

The school is delighted to announce that in partnership with the PTA we will be hosting a Summer Fair on Sat. 11<sup>th</sup> June at 11.30am. All welcome!



## 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. This is a Health & Safety issue that we ask you to comply with for the safety of all children. 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 on or before 9am or at 3pm. Please drop off your child in time for morning prayers at 9am.**

## SAFE PARKING



Please note the zig zags lines around our school 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.

Please note Traffic Regulation Orders will be enforced meaning that markings will no longer be advisory and drivers can be fined. This will mean the council can carry out enforcement duties in a similar way to enforcement of double yellow lines.

## Pr. 7 Induction Days

Pr. 7 pupils transferring to St.Ambrose HS will attend the school on Tues. 31<sup>st</sup> May and Wed. 1<sup>st</sup> June. Invitations have already been sent out. Children are required to make their own arrangements to get to the school. Inductions for St.Andrew's HS will take place week beg 13<sup>th</sup> June. Details to follow.

## Queens Platinum Jubilee

There will be a whole school celebration on Tues. 31<sup>st</sup> May as part of the Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebrations. Children can come to school dressed up for the day in a costume of their choice (ie Prince , Princess or simply own clothes) for our own garden party.)

## Gaelic Football News

Our trophy winning Gaelic football team will take part in the Coatbridge Gaelic Football Tournament on Tues. 17<sup>th</sup> May, 30<sup>th</sup> May and 7<sup>th</sup> June.

## Sunflower Tea

Parents are invited to attend a Sunflower Tea in aid of St.Andrew's Hospice on Thurs. 9<sup>th</sup> June. Our Pr. 1 – 3 pupils will entertain with some songs. The event will start at 10.30am



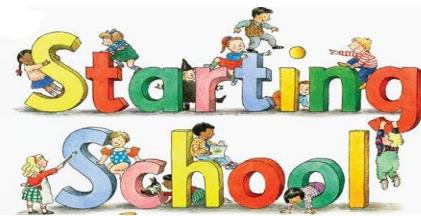
## Wear Yellow Walk Day Pr 7

Our Pr. 7 will take part in a sponsored walk to Drumpellier Country Park on Thurs. 9<sup>th</sup> June in aid of St.Andrew's Hospice. Sponsor forms will be issued nearer the time.

## Talent Show

Auditions will take place shortly for our talent show organized by the Pupil Council. Talent Show will take place on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June.

## Induction Afternoons – New Intake



We will be delighted to welcome our new intake and their parents to several induction afternoons in May. This will give the children an opportunity to meet their teachers and classmates..

### Dates

Thurs. 12<sup>th</sup> May – 1.45pm

Thurs. 19<sup>th</sup> May – 1.45pm

Thurs. 26<sup>th</sup> May 11.00am

## Lunchtime Party

As has been our custom we will host a lunchtime beach party for the whole school in the coming weeks. The date has still to be confirmed as we await a spell of lovely sunshine. Children can attend school in their shorts and t-shirts that day and can bring along their beach towel. Watch out for the school announcement nearer the time.



## SPORTS DAY

We are delighted to now be in a position to welcome all parents and grandparents to our Sports Day on Tues. 7<sup>th</sup> June (weather dependent). Pr. 1 – 3 – 10.00am

Pr. 4 – 7 – 1.00pm

Should the weather not be kind to us on the day this event will be rescheduled.

## Pupil Fun Day

Our Pupil Fun Day will take place on Frid. 24<sup>th</sup> June. Own clothes day. Theatre company to present Ye Cannae Shove Yer Granny Aff the Bus to whole school.

## DATES FOR THE DIARY



Girls can wear summer dresses this term

## HOLIDAYS

May Bank Holiday - Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May. School closed.

In –Service Day – Thurs. 5<sup>th</sup> May. School closed for all children.

May Holiday Weekend – School closed Frid. 27<sup>th</sup> May

Queens Platinum Jubilee - School closed Thurs. 2<sup>nd</sup> June

Frid. 3<sup>rd</sup> June

School closes for the summer break – Wed. 29<sup>th</sup> June<sup>th</sup> 1.00pm

School re-opens for staff Mon 15<sup>th</sup> and Tues. 16<sup>th</sup> August

Pupils return :Wed. 17<sup>th</sup> August

## Sacraments

First Communion – Pr. 4

Sun. 8<sup>th</sup> May – 10.00am

Sun. 15<sup>th</sup> May – 12 o'clock

## EVENTS

SPORTS DAY - Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June – weather permitting

LUNCHTIME BEACH PARTY – tbc nearer the time

TALENT SHOW – Frid. 10<sup>th</sup> June

WEAR YELLOW WALK DAY for St. Andrew's Hospice – Pr. 7 pupils will be provided with a sponsor sheets with all Pr. 1 – 6 pupils asked to make a donation to the Hospice as a sponsorship for the Big Walk – Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> June

Pr. 7 LEAVERS PARTY- Thurs. 23<sup>rd</sup> JUNE pm

PUPIL FUN DAY – Frid. 24<sup>th</sup> June

Pr.7 LEAVERS MASS AND AWARDS CEREMONY – Mon. 27<sup>th</sup> June 1.30pm. Venue - school

## Parents Evenings

Please note parents evenings will be held virtually on Tues. 24<sup>th</sup> and Wed. 25<sup>th</sup> May. Details will follow in regard of making a booking and accessing the link to have a meeting with your child's class teacher online.

## Parent Survey

Many thanks to everyone who took the time to complete our parent survey. Your views are greatly valued and help us to address any parent concerns and to further improve the quality of our service. Thank you.

## Parent Council

Our next Parent Council meeting will take place Wed. 18<sup>th</sup> May at 6.00pm. This meeting will take place virtually.

## PTA

Our next PTA meeting is scheduled for 18<sup>th</sup> May at 7.00pm. The meeting will take place virtually with links sent out should you wish to join and attend.

## Thank you to PTA

Our wonderful PTA have worked incredibly hard over the last few years to continue raising much needed funds for our school. They have managed to do this at a time when the opportunity to raise funds through face to face events was significantly impacted due to restrictions. Despite such obstacles they have still managed to raise funds and pay for Pr. 7 leavers books and awards, subsidise Pr.7 leavers hoodies and pay for sports day medals. At a time when everyone is feeling the impact on finances it is most heartening to see your continued support of the PTA and their tremendous work on behalf of all pupils. Thank you.

## Class Trips

Please look out for letters that will notify you of planned class visits to Summerlee Heritage Museum this term. We are once again making the most of the attractions we have on our own doorstep and have made the decision not to burden parents with covering the cost of a trip and a bus at this time. Please note there will be a planned summer trip next session with time for the trip to be paid up in instalments. I sincerely hope you understand the rationale for such a decision.



The staff team would like to sincerely thank all parents for their amazing understanding, patience and support throughout a most trying year. We have all had to face unprecedented challenges over the last two years and we know this has impacted our children. However, children have shown great resilience and determination and continue to enjoy their learning and all the experiences we offer at St.Augustine's Primary School. This has all been possible thanks to your continued support of the school and the support you provide your child.

Celebrating pupil achievements is all the more satisfying when we know that through **working together**, encouraging children to work hard and **apply** themselves to their **learning** leads to **achieving success**.

It has been a great joy and privilege to greet the boys and girls of St.Augustine's school and to see their delight in being at school each morning. Your child is a credit to you and they are an ambassador of our school both on campus and in the wider community. We are most honoured that they are a St.Augustine pupil.

We sincerely hope the final term of 2021/22 is a joyous one for all and that we can look ahead to the next school year with increased confidence. We wish our departing Pr. 7 pupils every success for the next stage of their school career. They will be greatly missed! They have been outstanding ambassadors of our school and have served us well over the past 7 years.

Please join with us, if you can, the events that are in the calendar and we hope each and every one of you enjoy the summer holidays when they come.

Kind Regards on behalf of the staff team

Mrs Caroline Docherty

Head Teacher



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