

MAY – JUNE 2023

# 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 such as our Sunflower Tea, Sports Day and our celebrations for Pr.7. 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 and facebook accounts.

Yours sincerely

*Mrs. C. Docherty*

### Summer Trip

The school is delighted to announce that there will be a summer trip for all nursery and school pupils this term. Details about the trip have already been shared with our nursery parents. As a result of a very generous donation made by the PTA we can confirm that all classes will visit Blair Drummond Safari Park in June. The cost of the trip is £9.50 per child which includes entry to the park and travel costs which add considerably to the cost of any outing.

The normal cost of an entry ticket to the park is £15.00 for a child with an adult ticket costing £21.00.

Your child will receive a letter with details of the trip that requires a return to indicate that you wish your child to attend (to enable the school to confirm numbers).

Trip money can be paid in instalments.

ALL TRIP MONEY IS REQUIRED TO BE PAID IN FULL BY ALL PUPILS BY FRID.9<sup>th</sup> JUNE.



Trips are scheduled to take place

Room 1,2,3,4,and 8 – Mon. 19<sup>th</sup> June - Pr. 1 - 3

Room 7, 13, 15 and 16 – Tues. 20<sup>th</sup> June – Pr. 3 / 4 , Pr. 4 and Pr. 5

Room 12, 9 and 10 – Wed. 21<sup>st</sup> June – Pr. 6, Pr. 6 / 7, Pr. 7

### SUMMER FAIR

The school is delighted to announce that in partnership with the PTA we will be hosting a Summer Fair on Sat. 3<sup>rd</sup> June at 11.00am. Donations for the toy stall, bottle stall and tombola would be most appreciated. Please arrange to drop off any donations to the school office.



## 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. **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.

**Please DO NOT PARK AT THE ROUNDABOUT.**

## Pr. 7 Induction Days

Pr. 7 pupils transferring to St. Ambrose HS will attend the school on Wed. 31<sup>st</sup> May and Thurs. 1<sup>st</sup> June. Invitations have already been sent out. Children are required to make their own arrangements to get to the school for 9.00am.

## Football Festival

Our girls and boys football team (Pr.6/7) will take part in a football festival on Thurs. 11<sup>th</sup> May at St. Ambrose HS – 9.30 – 12.00.

## Netball News

Our netball team recently represented the school at the North Lanarkshire Finals. They returned to the school as victorious North Lanarkshire Champions having won all their matches. We are immensely proud of their achievement and for their great sportsmanship on the day. A huge congratulations to Mrs Elliott and Miss Crockett for giving their time each week to coach the team to such success.

## Gaelic Football News

Our trophy winning Gaelic football team will take part in the Coatbridge Gaelic Football Tournament on Tues. 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> June.

## Basketball Taster Sessions

All classes will have the opportunity to visit the Time Capsule for a one off basketball taster session from NL Active Schools in the weeks ahead. Classes will be notified.

## Sunflower Tea

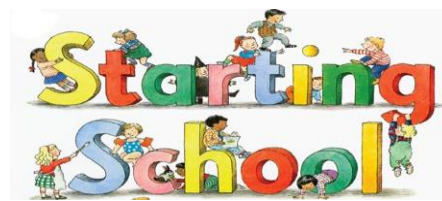
Parents are invited to attend a Sunflower Tea in aid of St. Andrew's Hospice and school funds on Thurs. 15<sup>th</sup> June. Our Pr. 1 – 3 pupils will entertain with some songs. The event will start at 10.30am



## Wear Yellow Walk Day Pr 7

Our Pr. 7 will take part in a sponsored walk to Strathclyde Country Park on Wed. 7<sup>th</sup> June in aid of St. Andrew's Hospice. Sponsor forms will be issued nearer the time. This is also a wear yellow/own clothes day for the whole school with £1.00 going to the hospice.

## 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. 11<sup>th</sup> May – 1.45pm

Thurs. 18<sup>th</sup> May – 1.45pm

Thurs. 25<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. Our fingers are crossed. 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

Our Sports Day is scheduled to take place on Thurs. 8<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 re-scheduled.

## Pupil Fun Day

Our Pupil Fun Day will take place on Frid. 9<sup>th</sup> June. This will be an own clothes day. Our talent show will take place in the afternoon. We apologise that this event is not open to parents. Highlights will be shared on twitter.

## Pr. 5 Folk Group

Our Pr. 5 folk group will showcase their talent at Summerlee Heritage Museum on Thurs. 15<sup>th</sup> June from 1- 3pm. They will play 6 tunes on their penny whistles alongised digital animations and will take part in a family ceilidh. Parents are warmly welcome to attend.

## DATES FOR THE DIARY



Girls can wear summer dresses or school shorts this term. Boys can wear school shorts.

## **HOLIDAYS**

May Bank Holiday - Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May. School closed.

In –Service Day – Tues. 2<sup>nd</sup> May. School closed for all children.

King's Coronation – Public Holiday – Mon. 8<sup>th</sup> May. School closed.

May Holiday Weekend – School closed Frid. 26<sup>th</sup> May

Mon. 29<sup>th</sup> May

School closes for the summer break – Wed. 28<sup>th</sup> June<sup>th</sup> 1.00pm

School re-opens for staff Mon 14<sup>th</sup> and Tues. 15<sup>th</sup> August

Pupils return :Wed. 16<sup>th</sup> August

## Sacraments

First Communion – Pr. 4

Sun. 7<sup>th</sup> May – 10.00am – Room 13 pupils

Sun. 14<sup>th</sup> May – 12 o'clock – Room 7 pupils

## EVENTS

SPORTS DAY - Thurs. 8<sup>th</sup> June – weather permitting

LUNCHTIME BEACH PARTY – tbc nearer the time

SUMMER FAIR – Sat. 3<sup>rd</sup> June - 11.00am

TALENT SHOW – Frid. 9<sup>th</sup> June

WEAR YELLOW WALK DAY for St.Andrew's Hospice – Pr. 7 pupils will be provided with a sponsor sheets. All Pr. 1 – 6 pupils asked to make a donation to the Hospice as a sponsorship for the Big Walk – Wed. 7<sup>th</sup> June – wear yellow/own clothes day for everyone.

Pr. 7 LEAVERS PARTY- Frid. 23<sup>rd</sup> June - pm

Pr.7 LEAVERS MASS AND AWARDS CEREMONY – Mon. 26<sup>th</sup> June  
1.30pm. Venue - school

## Parents Evenings

Please note parents evenings will be held on Tues. 23<sup>rd</sup> and Wed. 24<sup>th</sup> May. Details will follow in regard of making a booking. These meetings will take place face to face in the school hall.

## Parent Survey

We hope to gather your views in our forthcoming parent survey. Your views are greatly valued and help us to address any parent concerns and to further improve the quality of our service. We look forward to reviewing your responses in due course.

## Parent Council

Our next Parent Council meeting will take place Wed. 3<sup>rd</sup> May at 6.00pm followed by our PTA MEETING AT 7.00PM. Both meetings will take place in the Parish Centre.

## WORLD OF WORK DAY/CAREERS FAIR

The school will host a World of Work event on Wed. 24<sup>th</sup> May from 1.30pm. The school and PTA have reached out to secure exhibitors to contribute to this event. If you are available and would like to support this event by coming along and talking to the children about your job we would love to hear from you. Please contact the school office to express your interest.

## Thank you to PTA and all parents

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. The PTA were also in a position to help fund our Christmas panto and to donate £2,000 to the cost of the summer trip. 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. Many thanks to our PTA and to your ongoing support throughout the school year.

## PTA Father's Day Stall

The PTA will run a lunchtime stall selling gifts for Father's day on Thurs. 15<sup>th</sup> and Frid. 16<sup>th</sup> June.



The staff team would like to sincerely thank all parents for their amazing understanding, patience and support not just this year but throughout the last few years. We have all had to face unprecedented challenges in that time 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. Please check out our twitter account that bears witness to the great learning opportunities that are provided on a daily basis. 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 excellent 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 2022/23 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, any of the school events noted in the calendar. We hope each and every one of you enjoy the summer holidays with your family when they come.

Kind Regards on behalf of the Staff Team

Mrs Caroline Docherty

Head Teacher



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