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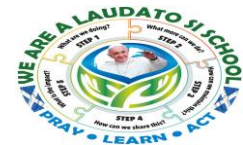


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October - December 2024

St. Augustine's Primary

NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents/Carers,

Our term before the October break was a very busy one with lots going on in school and many pupils getting out and about representing St. Augustine's Pr. beautifully in the wider community and beyond. We hope you have kept well informed about all that has been going on by checking our blog on the school website and our tweets on twitter. The term that lies ahead is always a hectic one so please take note of all the dates to add to your diary.

Mrs. C. Docherty



Parking

Parking is available in the Time Capsule car park and St. Augustine's Church. Many thanks to everyone for showing such consideration and taking the time to park and stride. Your considerate actions keep everyone safe. **Do not park on the zig zags, at the roundabout or near the entrance to the Time Capsule** as this can obstruct emergency services should they be required and is a danger to all.



Please note Community Police and Traffic Wardens will be making unannounced visits to our school campus as the zig zags around the school are now enforceable and fines can be given for unlawful parking. Our school JRSO Officers will also be out and about and will issue our own St. Augustine's Parking Ticket. You really don't want one of them!



PE.Days

Our P.E. kit is white polo shirt or white T-shirt, black shorts or black/grey jogging bottoms. Bright emblazoned T-shirts are not part of our uniform.

Please note your child/children's P.E. days for this term. Children are required to change for their P.E. sessions.

Rm 1 – Thurs, (Tues- outdoors) (Pr. 1)

Rm 2 – Thurs, (Tues – outdoors) (Pr 1)

Rm 3 – Frid, (Mon. – outdoors) (Pr. 2)

Rm 4 – Frid,(Mon – outdoors) (Pr. 2/3)

Rm 7 – Wed, (Mon - outdoors) (Pr.3)

Rm 8 – Tues, (Wed – outdoors) (Pr. 3/4)

Rm 9 – Mon, (Thurs– outdoors) (Pr. 7)

Rm 10 Mon , (Thurs – outdoors) (Pr. 7)

Rm 12 – Wed, (Thurs – outdoors) Pr. 4

Rm 13 – Tues, (Thurs – outdoors) Pr. 5/6

Rm 15 -Wed, (Thurs – outdoors) Pr. 6

Rm 16 – Frid, (Thurs – outdoors) Pr. 5

These days may change during the term ahead to accommodate any visiting specialists. PE slots may be impacted in the coming weeks due to Nativity and Christmas show practices.

Please ensure your child brings gym shoes/trainers for changing for P.E. sessions along with a zipper for outdoor PE. Thank you for your co-operation in this regard. Children will only be exempt from a P.E. session if a letter is sent to school stating the need for an exemption on medical grounds.

Early Friday Pick Ups

We are once again experiencing an increased number of requests for children to be picked up early on a Friday with constant calls to the school office. Please ensure that such a request takes place only in exceptional circumstances and is not a weekly occurrence. Late phone calls and actively having to locate children takes staff away from their office duties and interrupts lessons. Thank you.

Looking after the planet

We have a large collection of used/new uniforms/jackets that are freely available for uplift. Mon and Frid afternoon are pick up days. You are more than welcome to select what you need and save clothing landing in landfill sites and impacting our environment.

Please make our life much easier and **label your child's belongings – blazer, jacket, cardigans, jumpers, lunch boxes.** Please note we have a number of unclaimed clothes that are available in the front foyer to be uplifted. If you are missing some parts of the school uniform or are missing a jacket please contact the school.

School Improvement Plan and Report

A copy of this year's School Improvement Plan can also be found on our school website. Please take some time to review our school priorities.

School

1. To further develop consistent approaches to pedagogy in Literacy and Numeracy that will impact attainment at key stages.

2. To improve learner experiences with a refreshed curriculum rationale that promotes creativity, innovation and sustainability with clear links to Rights Respecting School and Laudato Si

Contacting School

In order to ensure the continued smooth running of the school we kindly request that parents who wish to discuss an issue in relation to their child either contact the school by phone or e-mail to request to speak to a member of the senior management team A return call will be made in the first instance. We greatly appreciate your understanding and co-operation in this regard and kindly ask that you **do not arrive at the school office** if an appointment has not been made or phone call has not been requested.

Pr. 7 Bikeability Training

Our Pr.7 pupils who are competent cyclists have the opportunity to participate in Bikeability Training at Broadwood Stadium on 4th Dec. Details issued.

Attendance and Late Coming

Please note our school bell rings at 8.58am to ensure children are lined up in preparation for morning prayers each day. The bell rings at 9am each morning with prayers commencing directly afterwards. Please ensure your child is dropped off in time for the start of the school day. Late arrivals, particularly if this is a regular occurrence, greatly affect children and impact on their learning. Arriving late can lead children to experience high feelings of anxiety, missed learning opportunities and ultimately gaps in learning. **Please note as part of important safe guarding procedures the doors and subsequently the gates are closed when classes enter the school.** Attendance figures will continue to be reviewed as part of ongoing school policy. Please notify the school if your child is unable to attend school or if they will be late for school.

Sponsored Walk

A huge thank you is extended to all parents, carers, grandparents and wider school community who supported our recent Sponsored Walk. You helped us raise the astonishing sum of £ 2,834.90 approx. This is a fantastic sum of money and we thank you for your generous support. This money will make a huge difference to all.

School attendance at Mass

It has been wonderful to see the school represented so well each week at Friday Mass. It has also been extremely heartening to hear from so many parishioners and visitors to the parish, both in person and online, taking the time to get in touch and give the children such lovely compliments on the reverence and respect they have shown at each service.



Parents Evening

Please note following the issue of interim reports our Parents evenings will take place on Tues. 12th Nov and Thurs. 14th Nov. Meetings will be face to face and will strictly keep to the set 7 mins. Appointments can be made via the online booking system. Pupils are encouraged to sit beside their parents during the report – particularly Pr. 6 and 7 pupils.

BOOK FAIR

The book fair will be running during BOOK WEEK SCOTLAND, week beg. 11th Nov. Classes will be timetabled to make a visit with the Book Fair also open during the Parents evenings.



Sporting Calendar

A full calendar of festivals and competitions are now in our school diary.

Coming up....

Cross Country Qualifier Pr. 5 - 7 – Thurs 21st Nov.-am. Dunbeth Park

Handball Qualifier –Pr. 6/7 - Thurs. 14th Nov – Time Capsule

Benchball Pr 5 – St.Ambrose Sports Leaders- school – 25th Oct, 1st, 8th Nov. Competition St.Ambrose 15th Nov.

Basketball Festival Pr6/7 Coatbridge HS - 5th Dec.

Pr. 7 currently working with coach for Gaelic Football sessions.

Please note swimming blocks are booked for Pr. 7 pupils – 26th Nov.

MUSIC TUITION

Our Pr.6 and 7 pupils continue their brass music instruction with staff from St.Ambrose HS. We look forward to their next showcase. This is a wonderful opportunity that is not afforded to pupils in other primary schools.

Celebrating Halloween



Many thanks to our wonderful PTA who helped us celebrate Halloween in style. Many thanks to teaching staff and the many parents who helped out at the disco to ensure the children had a wonderful time and to all parents for their patience and understanding at pick up time.

Our Pr. 1 – 3 Halloween Parade will take place Thurs. 31st October. Doors open 1.30pm for tea/coffee with donations and raffle prizes going to school funds. Children will join us at 2.15pm to entertain with a spooky song for Halloween.

Thurs. 31st – All children may dress up in costume if they so wish for lessons that day.

Please note we have an abundance of Halloween costumes and face paint freely available in the school foyer. Please uplift.

Faith in Action

Our weekly and monthly whole school assemblies always have a focus on faith in action. We greatly appreciate the support provided by all families that enable such charitable donations and acts of faith to take place and be such a feature of our work in the community and beyond. Last session we raised money for a number of notable charities including St.Andrew's Hospice, MISSIO, SCIAF, Mary's Meals and Marie Curie and Pantry and Coatbridge Foodbank.

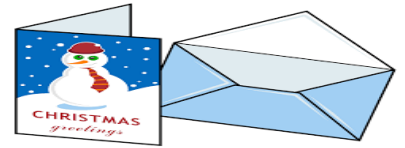
St.Andrew's Hospice were delighted to receive a cheque for nearly £1,000 in June thanks to our Pr. 1 Teddy Bear Picnic, Our Pr. 2 Social Enterprise, Sunflower Tea and Wear Yellow Walk Day. Despite a cost of living crisis, St.Augustine's continues to show it cares.

A huge thank you to all parents and families for your great support that enabled us to make such generous donations. All our small actions and donations, together, will make a huge impact on those in need.



Christmas Card Project

Every year our PTA organise The Christmas Card Project that involves all pupils designing their own Christmas Cards. Many thanks for supporting this venture as any commission helps school funds. Deadline Frid. 25th Oct



Catholic Education Week

This year we celebrate Catholic Education Week from Sunday 24th November. This year's theme is Pilgrim's of Hope. Children will engage with a variety of resources during that week. Please anticipate an invitation from your child to attend Mass and to make celebration and worship at Holy Mass an important feature of your weekly family life.

“We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us, and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision. The forthcoming Jubilee can contribute greatly to restoring a climate of hope and trust as a prelude to the renewal and rebirth that we so urgently desire; that is why I have chosen as the motto of the

Jubilee Pilgrims of Hope”
Pope Francis

Enterprise Fortnight

All pupils will take part in Enterprise fortnight with project work leading to products for the Children's Christmas Fair. week beg. 18th Nov.

Road Safety Week

Our whole school Road Safety week will take place week beg. 18th Nov. Our Junior Road Safety Officers will lead this whole school focus with the aim of raising awareness about the importance of safe crossing and parking (most notably around our school) and careful driving. This year's theme is **'Is pushing your speed worth it?'**

12 Days of Giving Christmas Appeal

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Following on from our previous very successful appeals and the need within our community we aim to repeat our appeal and hopefully replicate the success of previous years. Details to follow at the end of November.



Christmas Panto

For the first time in a number of years the whole school will go to the theatre for the production of ALADDIN by North Lanarkshire Council. The panto will take place on Mon. 16th Dec – am. Children may wear their own clothes/Christmas jumpers for this festive treat. Many thanks to the PTA who are covering the cost of transport on the day. The cost is £10 per child with the ipay system set up to accept payment online or you can pay directly to the school. You can also pay in instalments. **Deadline for full payment is Friday 22nd Nov.**



Happy Birthday
to all our
November
and
December
birthday
boys and girls.

High School Transition

Our Pr. 5, 6 and 7 pupils will participate in enhanced transitions to S1 involving staff from St.Ambrose. The focus is currently on Maths, Modern Language and STEM.

Pr. 7 parents are invited to attend an Information Evening on Tues. 19th Nov. Times to be confirmed.

SACRAMENT DATES

Pr.3 First Reconciliation – Tues. 11th March 7.00pm

Confirmation – Pr.7 pupils – Tues. 8th May 7.00pm

Pr.4 First Communion –
4th May Rm 12 - 10.00am
11th May Rm 8 - 12.00

Please check Parish Bulletin for all details in regard of Ignite club as part of home/parish partnership working.

Flu Vaccine

Date of Vaccine Wed. 4th Dec.

St.Andrew's Day Celebration

Children will attend Mass at 11am on 29th November in the school for St.Andrew's day.

Parent Council

Our Parent Council are committed to supporting the school on its' improvement agenda. Next Meeting Wed.20th Nov. at 6pm in Parish Centre.

Parent Teacher Association

Our PTA is now a sub group of the Parent Council with a specific focus on fundraising events that support the community life of the school. Agenda items to be discussed at 7.15pm on Wed. 20th Nov. at Parish Centre.

Christmas Fair

The school welcome donations for our forthcoming Christmas Fair on Sat.30th November. We are looking for donations of bottles (bottle stall), tombola gifts (adults and children stall), unwanted, good condition toys, books. Please send all donations to the school.

If you wish to help out on the day please notify the school or PTA members. We would love your support. Thank you.

Christmas Nativity and Christmas Show

This year we have two productions taking place. This will mean performances for Pr. 1- 4 pupils on set days and performances for Pr. 5 – 7 on different set days. Auditions have already taken place with parts allocated.

Details will follow in regard of ticket sales nearer the time. Please anticipate that initially 2 tickets will be available for each child (either evening or afternoon performance). Thereafter, the remainder of tickets will go on general sale should you require more for your family.

DATED FOR THE DIARY

NOVEMBER



Mon.18th – In-Service Day (children do not attend school)

Tues. 19th – St.Ambrose Pr. 7 Information Evening

Tues. 12th, Thurs. 14th – Parents EveningS

Thurs. 21st – RAG BAG COLLECTION DAY (time for a clear out!)

Sun 24th – Start of Catholic Education Week- Mass 10am (children to wear uniform to Mass)

Thurs. 28th – End of Month Assembly

Frid. 29th – St.Andrew’s Day Mass in school – whole school

Sat. 30th – CHRISTMAS FAIR

DECEMBER



Tues. 3rd – CHTRISTMAS LUNCH and PTA ELFRIDGES (CHRISTMAS STALL – OPEN TO ALL CLASSES)

Tues. 10th - Christmas Nativity and Show – Pr. 1 – 4 (6.30- 7.30pm)

Wed. 11th - Christmas Nativity and Show Pr. 1 – 4 (1.30pm)

Wed. 11th - Senior Christmas Show Pr. 5– 7 (6.30 – 8.00pm)

Thurs. 12th - Senior Christmas Show Pr. 5– 7 (1.00pm)

Frid. 12th Pr. 3 and Pr. 4 - Christmas Party

Mon. 16th – Whole to visit panto Ravenscraig – Aladdin- am

Tues. 17th Pr. 5 and Pr. 6 – Christmas Party

Wed. 18th Pr. 7 Christmas Party

Thurs. 19th Pr. 1 and Pr. 2 Christmas Party

Frid. 20th Christmas Service – 10.00am. Children can be collected directly after Mass.

School closes Frid.20th 2.30pm. School re-opens Mon. 5th January at 9.00am

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:

