



St Brendan's Primary & Nursery Newsletter - 13th November 2019



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back, I hope you all had an enjoyable October break. We are all settled into the new term and there are very busy days ahead.

Last Friday we all thoroughly enjoyed the grand opening of the MUGA. Lots of hard work from both schools ensured the day was a great success. A special thanks to my St Brendan's team, the Parent Council and Fundraising Group who provided and ran the tearoom, the ladies who provided the home baking, Father Ness and the Parish of St Brendan's who allowed us the use of the Chapel Hall. And finally the children, who were a credit to you and the school, many of the invited guests commented on their lovely manners.

The days are much colder but our school is very cosy. The children will be playing outside, weather permitting, so they need to be well wrapped up. Please ensure your child is suitably dressed for this weather. **For their comfort they also need to have a pair of indoor shoes (gym shoes) to change into in class. Please check your child does have softer indoor shoes that still fit.**

I would like to remind you of some important dates.

Inset Day

Please note that Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th November are in-service days for staff. **Pupils should not attend.**

Parent Council Meeting

The next Parent Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 7th January at 6.00pm, all parents as part of the Parent Forum are welcome to attend.

'The Lion King' Edinburgh Playhouse

All outstanding balances must be received in full no later than Friday 15th November. Cost per child is £20. The matinee performance is on Wednesday 15th January 2020 at Edinburgh Playhouse.

If for any reason your child will not be attending please contact the school to confirm this as soon as possible.

Please contact Mrs Oates if you need to discuss payment for your child's ticket.

Nursery Additional In-service Day

The Nursery is closed on both Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th November for in-service days.

This year the additional day on Tuesday 19th November has an impact on your child's statutory entitlement of 600 hours.

In order to accommodate this we will increase our session times from Wednesday 20th November until Tuesday 3rd December inclusive.

- AM session 8.30am to 12.00noon
- PM session 12.50pm to 4.20pm

Parent Appointment

Thank you to everyone who managed to attend Parents' Evening on Thursday 10th October, it was great to have so many attend. If you were unable to attend Parents' Evening please contact the school office and another appointment can be made.

St Andrew's Day Celebration

Join us on Friday 29th November at 1.15pm. Tickets will be on sale from Wednesday 20th November at the school office. Due to hall capacity and for health and safety reasons tickets will be restricted to one per family until Monday 25th at 3.00pm. On Tuesday 26th November all remaining tickets will be on public sale from 9.00am. Limited to two per family. Tickets cost £3.00. Everyone will be offered shortbread and soup on this day.

The children are very much looking forward to performing for you. After each class has been on stage they will return to class for their own special St Andrew's Day treat.

All money raised will be donated to St Andrew's Hospice. Please come along and support this worthwhile local charity.

As always we would be grateful if parents/carers could donate some shortbread for the occasion.

PLEASE NOTE YOU WILL BE UNABLE TO PAY AT THE DOOR



Flu Vaccinations

NHS staff will be in school on Monday 25th November.

Health and Wellbeing

As part of our approach to promoting health and wellbeing, we will be inviting all children to complete a short survey to tell us more about their experiences of the time they spend in school, at home and in the local community. We will be holding an information session from 3:15pm - 3:45pm on Wednesday of this week for parents and carers who would like to find out more.

We hope to see you there!

Change of Address

It is extremely important that the school is kept informed of any change of address or change of telephone number. This is in case we have to contact you either by phone or letter. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Parking Reminder

The school car park is for staff use only.

Safety

Can we please remind all parents/carers not to congregate at the Nursery gates at 9.00am. It can be very congested for parents and children who are coming to nursery at this time.

Important Safety Information

As of Wednesday 20th November all gates will be locked at 3.30pm. Access after this time will be through the disabled access.

Hair Checking Once a Week - Take a Peek

Please check your child's hair on a regular basis. Treatment can be prescribed by your doctor or bought from your local chemist. It is advisable for children with long hair to wear it tied back.

Mrs M Oates
Head Teacher