



## Newsletter – 5th February 2020

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Dear Parents/Carers,

### School Mission Statement

#### *"Voyaging Together as a Community of Faith, Love and Learning"*

As you are aware we worked in partnership with parents, staff and children to create our school mission statement.

Please ask your child to share with you the meaning of our mission statement.

#### *Voyaging*

like our Patron Saint - St Brendan who travelled across the sea from Ireland to bring Christianity to Scotland, we too are voyaging together on our education journey.

#### *Community of Faith*

like a family who show love, care and compassion for each other, we too are a family sharing Gospel values as we learn.

### Nursery Applications

If your child will be three on or before 28th February 2021 then they are entitled to a funded nursery place after their third birthday from August 2020.

Due to the 1140 hours expansion North Lanarkshire Council have been updating application and enrolment procedures. Application forms are now available, please contact the school office.

Any parent/carer that has previously completed a 2019-2020 application form for session August 2020, **must complete** a new application form.

Please note the DEADLINE DATE for application forms to be returned is the **13th March 2020**, any application form received after this date will be considered late and will be dealt with once all on time application forms have been placed.

### Primary 7 Transfer

The transition programme of our Primary 7 pupils is well underway and we will continue to work closely with our feeder secondary to ensure a seamless transition for our children.

Here is a reminder of some important transition events.

Thursday 6/2/20	P6 transition day
Thursday 6/2/20	Open evening in OLHS for parents 7pm
Monday 24/2/20	Open afternoon in OLHS for parents 2pm
Thursday 27/2/20	Open evening in OLHS for parents 7pm
Thursday 23/4/20	P7 Lifestyle evening 7-8.30pm
06/05/20 & 07/05/20	Uniform Fitting Evenings 6.00-7.30pm
Tuesday 26/5/20	P7 Welcome Mass and parent information workshops
27/5/20 & 28/5/20	P7 transition days

### Primary 6

Our Primary 6 children will visit Our Lady's High School on Thursday 6th February as part of their transition to High School.

### Parking

Reminder – The school car park is for staff use only. Please do not park on zig zag lines outside the school. We ask once again for your co-operation to please use St Brendan's Chapel car park and keep our children safe.

### Breakfast Club

The Breakfast Club runs from 8.15am daily and costs £1 per day. The school is not open before 8.15am, for the safety of your child we ask you not to drop them off before this time as they will not be able to access the building. The children will be allowed to play outside from 8.45am when a member of staff will join them to supervise. Our Breakfast Club is supervised for children using this service, we do not have supervision for children being dropped off at school before 8.45am.

### Kilbowie

Our P7 children are excited about their outdoor learning and activity week at Kilbowie Outdoor Centre in a few weeks.

If you have not already paid please ensure all monies are in no later than Friday 21st February. Please contact Mrs Oates should you have any concerns regarding the payment.



### Late-coming/Absence

Research has shown that regular attendance and good punctuality are crucial factors in children reaching their full potential in education. Important teaching time takes place at the beginning of the school day so please try to make sure your child is on time for school. If your child arrives after 8.55am the pupil entrances will be closed for security therefore children should use the main entrance and report to the office. This is for your child's safety which is our priority.

If your child is unable to attend school for any reason we ask that you let the school office know by phoning or calling in as soon as possible on the first morning of your child's absence. A text will be sent from 10.00am onwards, to the parent/guardian of every child who is absent unless the school office has been informed of the reason.

### Winter Weather

Met Office reports suggest that winter weather is on its way, although the 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. Every child has been provided with a bag to place outdoor and indoor shoes in. Children will change their shoes when entering and exiting the building.

Can I also take this opportunity to remind you to ensure that all emergency contacts are up to date in case of severe weather emergencies? It is absolutely vital that all children have someone who can collect them at short notice if the weather becomes dangerous. In the event of a school closure we will be instructing the children to access work from home through our school website.

### Nut Allergy

Can I remind you that we have children in the school who have severe nut allergies, therefore we ask for your co-operation in ensuring that **all snacks/lunches etc. are nut free at all times.** In particular please ensure that chocolate spreads which are sometimes used in lunches are nut free.

### Mobile Phones/Recording Devices

I would ask that you discourage your child from bringing a mobile phone to school. We do not have insurance for any devices not belonging to North Lanarkshire Council. If you require your child to bring a mobile phone to school **IT MUST BE HANDED INTO THE SCHOOL OFFICE AT 9.00AM AND WILL BE RETURNED AT 3.00PM.**

Many new devices including some watches can be used as recording devices, it is illegal to record anyone without permission. Please do not allow your child to bring any such devices to school.



### Swimming Programme

Our Primary 5 children will start the swimming programme on Tuesday 17th March, more information to follow.

### Parent Council

Next Parent Council Meeting will be on Tuesday 10th March at 6.00pm.



### Sacramental Information - Parents of Primary 3 and 4

I am sure you will agree the Parental Sacramental Meeting was very informative and well attended in St Brendan's Parish Church on Sunday 19th January.

Thursday 19th March	6.30pm	First Reconciliation
Saturday 30th May	11.00am	First Holy Communion
Sunday 31st May	10.30am	Thanksgiving Mass

### Christmas Enterprise Fayre

Well done to our Enterprise Committee who raised a spectacular total of £1,034.81.  
Thank you to everyone who supported this event.

### Dates for Diary

Mid-term break:	Monday 10th February 2020 Tuesday 11th February 2020
In-service Day:	Wednesday 12th February 2020 Thursday 13th February 2020
Ash Wednesday	Wednesday 26th February 2020
Spring break: Good Friday	Monday 6th April 2020 to Friday 17th April 2020 (inclusive) 10th April 2020 and Easter Monday 13th April 2020
May day holiday:	Friday 8th May 2020
In-Service day:	Monday 11th May 2020
May weekend holiday:	Friday 22nd May 2020 Monday 25nd May 2020
School closes:	Wednesday 24th June 2020

### 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.

### Website and Twitter

Please keep up to date with all that is going on in the school and nursery by checking our website and following us on twitter. Our continued thanks to Miss Burns who gives up a lot of her own time to update our website.



Follow us on twitter @StBrendansPS.

Occasionally, scheduled activities need to be rearranged at short notice, we will always try to give as much notice as possible and will notify you via twitter / app / telephone call. This can be due to a number of reasons and the decisions to cancel/change are not taken lightly.

Yours sincerely

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Head Teacher