



# St Brendan's Primary & Nursery



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

## Newsletter – 25th January 2021

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Dear Parents/Carers,

First of all may I congratulate all our children for their excellent levels of engagement with our on-line learning programme, well done keep it up! On a similar note may I also thank our parents and carers for their support and encouragement to ensure as many of our children as possible are engaging with their lessons.

May I remind our parents/carers should you wish to discuss on-line learning or indeed any school topic please do so through email or contact school office.

Last week there were some issues with children viewing recorded content using Office 365, we believe this was due to the volume of children accessing Office 365 products, therefore to help address this issue we have purchased Vimeo, please see school app and P5-P7 Teams pages for password. Early indications suggest that this has helped connectivity by taking the pressure off Glow.

### **Nursery Applications**

If your child will be three on or before 28th February 2022 then they are entitled to a funded nursery place after their third birthday from August 2021.

Please note the DEADLINE DATE for application forms to be returned is the **12th February 2021**, any application forms received after this date will be considered late and will be dealt with once all on time application forms have been placed.

For full details go to [northlanarkshire.gov.uk/ELC](http://northlanarkshire.gov.uk/ELC). Applications for St Brendan's Nursery should be completed online and emailed to [enquiries@st-brendans.n-lanark.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@st-brendans.n-lanark.sch.uk)

If you are having difficulties downloading application or documents required please contact school office.

### **Primary 1 Enrolment**

Any child who reaches the age of 5 years between 1st March 2021 and 28th February 2022 should be registered for school week commencing Monday 18th January 2021.

Primary 1 enrolment applications must be returned to your catchment school as soon as possible. Please share this information.

Enrolment forms and information are available on North Lanarkshire Council website.

Our email is:

[enquiries@st-brendans.n-lanark.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@st-brendans.n-lanark.sch.uk)

All information is available on NLC website or contact school office for further advice.

### 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.

Important transition information will be issued this week through Groupcall for all our Primary 7 children. This should be updated and returned to the school no later than Friday 5th February 2021.

### Parent Council

Next Parent Council Meeting will be on Tuesday 16th February at 6.00pm.

### Sacramental Information - Parents of Primary 3, 4, 6 and 7

Fr. Ness requests that families who wish their child to receive a Sacrament this year to complete the appropriate form and return this to him at your earliest convenience.

Reconciliation

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Confirmation

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It is most likely our children who will make Sacraments this year will begin their preparation during this period of home learning. Information will be contained within the children's home learning grids.

### Dates for Diary

Mid-term break:	Monday 8th February 2021 Tuesday 9th February 2021
In-service Day:	Wednesday 10th February 2021
Ash Wednesday	Wednesday 17th February 2021
Spring break:	Thursday 1st April to Friday 16th April 2021 (inclusive)
Good Friday	2nd April and Easter Monday 5th April 2021
May day holiday:	Monday 3rd May 2021
In-Service day:	Thursday 6th May 2021
May weekend holiday:	Friday 28th May 2021 Monday 31st May 2021
School closes:	Thursday 24th June 2020

### 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.

Follow us on twitter @StBrendansPS.



Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all school and nursery staff who have been working incredibly hard both in school and online, as they adapt to this new way of working and engage with a variety of new technology during this extremely challenging and unprecedented time for us all.

We continue to miss all our children and pray for all our families, please stay safe and follow Government guidelines.

We look forward to being together again when it safe to do so!

Yours sincerely

Mrs M Oates  
Head Teacher