



St Brendan's Primary & Nursery

Newsletter – 1st December 2021



Dear Parents/Carers,

We look forward to enjoying Christmas and the Holy Season of Advent with the children and we again hope Covid-19 restrictions do not impact on our plans too much!

We would like to remind you of the important dates ahead for the rest of the term.



Our Advent Prayer Services will start on Friday 3rd December and will be held each week as part of our stage group assemblies.

Friday 3rd December

Thinking Circles and Outdoor Learning

Thursday 9th December

Christmas Lunch – no need to pre order
Choices: Turkey, Steak Pie or Quorn Nuggets

Friday 10th December



Christmas Jumper Day
Fine of £1 for wearing a Christmas Jumper
(all proceeds to school funds)

Friday 10th December

Christmas Mass 11.00am Primary 5, 6 and 7 to attend
Mass will be streamed live to Primary 1, 2, 3 and 4

Monday 13th December

Primary 6 and 7 Christmas Party

Tuesday 14th December

Primary 4 and 5 Christmas Party

Wednesday 15th December

Nursery Christmas Party

Thursday 16th December

Virtual Carol Service (AM) filmed by Sancta Familia Media
Christmas Cinema Afternoon

Friday 17th December

Primary 1, 2 and 3 Christmas Party

Monday 20th December

Santa Dash and Hot Chocolate Café £2
School and Nursery

Wednesday 22nd December

School Closes 2.30pm



Christmas Hampers

This year our Skills Academy (First Level Community) Children are organising Christmas Hampers to be distributed to those less fortunate in our Community, we feel it is important for our children to understand the true meaning of Christmas especially as this year is a very difficult year for many families. If possible, could you please send in donations to help us to create our hampers?

Suggested items:	Primary 1	Shortbread, biscuits and cakes
	Primary 2	Chocolates, sweets and crisps
	Primary 3	Tinned items eg. fruit, soup
	Primary 4	Tinned items eg. fish, meat
	Primary 5	Rice, noodles, pasta and sauces
	Primary 6	Toiletries
	Primary 7	Gift items eg. gloves, socks, toys

Donations can be handed into school office or given to Class Teachers, all items collected will be quarantined. **All items must be handed in no later than Monday 13th December.**

Christmas Parties

If children wish to go home to change for their party they can be collected at the school office at 12.15pm. **Please note children will not be allowed to walk home on their own.**

Children who are not going home to change may bring their party clothes with them and a member of staff will be available to help dress them.

Children going home should not return to school before 1.20pm as unfortunately they will have to go outside in their party clothes and it can be very cold at this time of year.



iPayimpact

We are asking parents/carers to join iPayimpact, this system allows you to add money to your child's dinner card and also keeps you updated with your current balance. If you are having difficulty accessing iPayimpact please contact the school office.

Change of Address

It is extremely important that the school is kept informed of any change of address, telephone number or email address, in case we have to contact you.

Homework/Isolating Packs

As school policy there will be no homework from Monday 6th December. Isolating children will continue to receive isolating packs from their Class Teacher.

Water Bottles

The children are able to drink water from their water bottles throughout the school day but unfortunately it can only be water in class as any spillages result in jotters etc being ruined. Please keep juice for playtime and lunchtime.

Uniform Swap Shop

We have a number of pre-loved uniform items at the main foyer, please help yourself!

Uniform Consultation.

At present we are working with several suppliers to ensure the best possible price for our uniform, we will be consulting further with our Parent body in the new year with regards to our uniform.

Parent Council

The Parent Council are trying to encourage more feedback and engagement from the Parent Forum to help set the agenda for PC meetings.

Please contact the Parent Council on the following email if you have anything that you would like to be considered for discussion at the next St Brendan's Parent Council Meeting on Tuesday 18th January 2022.

Parent Council Email: pcstbrendansprimaryschool@northlanarkshire.npfs.org.uk

St Andrew's Hospice

From next week we will be selling a selection of items for St Andrew's Hospice including teddy bears, Christmas badges and other items. Once items are delivered to school we will let you know what we have available and the cost. School staff will not handle any cash or give change, all money will be placed into a sealed St Andrew's Hospice box and returned to them. Please help us support this worthy charity.

Blogs

Follow us on Twitter @StBrendansPS and [Blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/nl/stbrendans](https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/nl/stbrendans). Please check every week for the most up to date information.

Parking Reminder

The school car park is for staff use only.

Christmas Holiday

School closes at 2.30pm on Wednesday 22nd December and will re-open on Monday 10th January 2022 at 8.50am.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your children a very peaceful, happy and Holy Christmas.

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Mrs M Oates
Head Teacher

