



St Brendan's Primary & Nursery

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



Child Protection Co-ordinator: Mrs Maura Oates

Newsletter – 23rd November 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

We look forward to enjoying Christmas and the Holy Season of Advent with the children

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



Our Advent Prayer Services will start on Wednesday 7th December and will be held each week as part of our stage group assemblies.

Friday 25th November	1.15pm	St Andrew's Day Celebration
Friday 2nd December	9.30am	First Friday Mass Primary 6/5 to lead
Thursday 8th December	12.30pm	Christmas Lunch please complete pre-order sheet Choices: Turkey, Steak Pie or vegetarian option
Friday 9th December	PM	Pantomime at Civic Centre Children will be late back to school (4.00pm approx.) Further information to follow
Wednesday 14th December	10.30am 11.30am	Carol Service in St Brendan's Church Coffee Morning with Choir and Christmas Fayre Further information to follow
Thursday 15th December	1.20pm	Primary 4 and 5 Christmas Party
Friday 16th December	1.20pm	Primary 1, 2 and 3 Christmas Party Nursery Christmas Party
Monday 19th December	11.00am	Choir visiting Netherton Care Home
Tuesday 20th December	1.20pm	Primary 6 and 7 Christmas Party Nursery Sing-a-long
Thursday 22nd December	2.30pm	School Closes



Christmas Foodbank Donations

This year we are working in partnership with St Brendan's Parish collecting non-perishable food items and toiletries to donate to a local Foodbank.

Suggested items include: UHT Long Life Milk, tins, pasta, rice, tea bags, coffee, cereals, toiletries and sanitary products.

Donations can be handed into school office or St Brendan's Parish.

All donations should be handed in no later than Thursday 22nd 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

As school policy there will be no homework from Monday 5th December.

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 selection of uniform items available in school. If you would like to request any items please contact school office or send an email to enquiries-at-st-brendans@northlan.org.uk if you can give items and sizes required we can send items home discreetly.

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 17th January 2023.

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

St Andrew's Hospice

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. 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 Thursday 22nd December and will re-open on Monday 9th January 2023 at 8.50am.

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

Yours sincerely

Mrs M Oates

Head Teacher



Thursday 8th December

Christmas Lunch please complete and return no later than Thursday 1st December 2022

Choices:

Turkey

Steak Pie

Vegetarian option

Child's Name

Class