



St Brendan's Primary & Nursery

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



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Newsletter – 17th January 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back!

We would like to take this opportunity to wish our families a very Happy New Year!
We thank you for your kindness, prayers and generosity during the festive period.

It was wonderful to welcome you all back to our annual Carol Service in the Church, a huge well done to our Primary 1 Nativity characters, our readers from P2-P7 and our choir who were supported by the whole school in the singing of the Christmas Carols. What a beautiful Service which reflected the true meaning of Christmas.

Communication

We aim to keep our families up to date with events and news as much as possible. This newsletter is only one way in which we do so. We regularly tweet, send out app messages, email letters and information, as well as posting on our website. We ask that you take time to check and read any school emails or app messages as they contain very important information. The App is often used as a means of communicating changes and reminders. Please ensure you have updated to the latest version of our app.

We have been made aware by our Parent body that there are still ongoing issues around receiving notifications through our app. We are working to resolve these technical difficulties as quickly as possible. In the meantime, all messages will be sent out by email or in schoolbags. We realise this is not ideal but are hopeful this will be resolved quickly.

Our website: <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/nl/stbrendansps/>

Twitter feed: @StBrendansPS

We publish this newsletter on our website, as well as emailing it to all parents via Groupcall. A link to the newsletter on our website is also posted on our Twitter Feed and school App.

As we are an Eco school, the majority of our communication is done electronically, however, if you would prefer a paper copy of our newsletter please let a member of the office staff know and this will be arranged for you.

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 never taken lightly.

Four important transitions are underway, we wish to share some information regarding these.

Nursery Applications

We are currently unable to accept any Nursery applications for our 3-5 room for 2023/24. North Lanarkshire Council have issued the following statement.

"Applications for admission to early years establishments and nurseries cannot be commenced due to a legal challenge which prevents the council from concluding the framework with early years and nursery suppliers. The web page will be updated with information on applications for 2023/24 once this legal challenge is resolved."

We will keep you up to date when we receive information from NLC.

Primary 1 Enrolment

Any child who reaches the age of 5 years between 1st March 2023 and 29th February 2024 should be registered for school week commencing Monday 16th January 2023.

Primary 1 enrolment applications must be completed at your catchment school as soon as possible. Don't forget to bring your child's birth certificate, your current Council Tax bill and child's Baptismal Certificate. Please share this information.

Placing Request and School Transport forms must be completed through NLC website.

<https://www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-transport/free-school-transport>

<https://www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-admissions/placing-requests>

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 has been issued to all our Primary 7 children. This should be completed and returned to the school no later than Friday 27th January 2023.

Primary 7 Open Afternoon/Evening for Parents

There is the option for our Primary 7 parents to attend an Open Afternoon/Evening in Our Lady's High School on Thursday 2nd February at 7.00pm or Monday 20th February at 2.00pm.

Primary 6 Transition Day Visit

Our Primary 6 children will visit Our Lady's High School on Thursday 2nd February. This is the beginning of their transition journey. More information to follow.

Primary 7 Residential Experience

Our Primary 7 excursion is now just two weeks away. The children have received final details about their three day trip to Sportscotland National Sports Training Centre Inverclyde.

If you have not yet paid please ensure balance is paid no later than Friday 27th January 2023 as we need to pay Sportscotland Inverclyde by this date. If you have any issues regarding payment please contact Mrs Oates directly.

Parent Council

Next Parent Council Meeting will be on Tuesday 17th January at 6.00pm.

All parents are welcome to attend these meetings as part of the Parent Forum. Your views and opinions are very important to us.

Sacramental Information

This year Primary 3 will make the Sacrament of Reconciliation on 16th March 2023.

Primary 4 will make their First Holy Communion on 20th May with a Mass of Thanksgiving the following morning at 10.30am.

An information meeting for parents regarding Sacramental preparation will take place on Tuesday 7th February at 6.00pm for Primary 3 and 6.30pm for Primary 4 in St Brendan's Parish Church with Father Kieran and school staff.

After School Clubs

Thank you to staff for giving up their free time to run extra-curricular clubs last term. We are currently planning our offering of clubs for this term and information will follow shortly. If your child has not already attended a club please encourage them to do so this term as we would like as many of our pupils as possible to benefit from these experiences.

Community Choir

Our Community resumes for the new term on Wednesday 25th January at 3.00pm.

Winter Weather

Please ensure your children are dressed appropriately for the ever changing and unpredictable winter weather. Our classes are very cosy, but a number of learning experiences take place outdoors and we encourage the children to be outside as much as possible.

Parking Reminder

The school car park is for staff use only.

Important Dates for Diary

Primary 7 Residential Trip	Wednesday 1st February to Friday 3rd February 2023
Primary 6 Transition Visit	Thursday 2nd February 2023
Mid-term break:	Monday 13th February 2023 Tuesday 14th February 2023
Covid Health & Wellbeing Day	Wednesday 15th February 2023
Ash Wednesday	Wednesday 22nd February 2023
Sacrament of Reconciliation	Thursday 16th March 2023
Spring break:	Monday 3rd April to Friday 14th April (inclusive)
Good Friday	7th April 2023
Easter Monday	10th April 2023
May holiday	Monday 1st May 2023
In-service day	Tuesday 2nd May 2023
King's Coronation Holiday	Monday 8th May 2023
First Holy Communion	Saturday 20th May 2023
May weekend	Friday 26th May 2023 to Monday 29 May 2023 (inclusive)
School closes:	Wednesday 28th June 2023

Finally, we are excited to welcome His Majesty's Inspectorate of Education to St Brendan's Primary and Nursery week beginning Monday 23rd January 2023. We look forward to showcasing your children's learning and achievements, sharing with the Inspectors the work of the school in the wider community and working in partnership with the Inspectors as we continue on our improvement journey.

We know as always, our children will display their excellent St Brendan's manners and behaviour.

Yours sincerely

Mrs M Oates
Head Teacher