



St Brendan's Primary & Nursery



Newsletter – 17th February 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are in the middle of another busy term, we have some important information and dates for you.

Lenten Mass

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on 22nd February. Father Kieran has informed us that morning Mass will be in St Brendan's school every Tuesday and Thursday morning during Lent at 8.30am. All parent/carers and parishioners are welcome to join us in the school for Mass.

Children who attend will be given juice and a biscuit after Mass. We hope that many of our children and their families will manage to attend these Services.

As in previous years we will be encouraging the children to sacrifice during Lent by giving alms. Our main charity is SCIAF. The classes will be given a SCIAF box and this will allow the collection of their pocket money, loose change from home and any other donations. We will also be organising our usual Fun Friday Fundraising activities within the Lenten period.

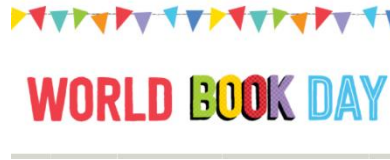
Week 1	Friday 24th February	Silly Sock / Odd Shoe Day
Week 2	No Lenten activities this week due to World Book Day	
Week 3	Friday 10th March	Pyjama Day
Week 4	Friday 17th March	Dress Down Day
Week 5	Friday 24th March	Crazy Hair Day
Week 6	Thursday 30th March	Fun Day / Rainbow Day

The themes for our Fun days were decided on by the children.

Children are "fined" £1 for the privilege of taking part in the dress down days.

For our Fun Day on Thursday 30th March the children will be "fined" £2. All money collected will of course go to our charities.

Donations can be paid via iPayimpact or cash can be sent into school.



World Book Day is on Thursday 2nd March. To celebrate World Book Day the children can dress up as their favourite book character, dress down or dress as a way to express themselves e.g. colourful / bright clothes / character. There is a £1 donation to dress up / dress down which will be greatly appreciated and will be used towards purchasing library materials for the school. Donations can be paid via iPayimpact or cash can be sent into school.

World Book Day will be the theme of the children’s Skills Academy on Thursday 2nd March 2023.

Important Dates for Diary

Monday 20th February	2.00pm	P7 Open Afternoon OLHS
Friday 24th February	12.30pm-2.30pm	P7 boys Football Festival
Monday 27th February	12.00noon–2.00pm	P6 and P7 Girls Football Festival
Saturday 11th March		Ladies Night St Brendan’s Hall
Thursday 16th March	6.00pm	First Reconciliation
Wednesday 29th March		Parent’s Reporting Afternoon / Evening
Saturday 20th May	11.00am	First Holy Communion
Sunday 21st May	10.30am	First Holy Communion Parish Thanksgiving Mass

School Holidays

Schools close	Friday 31st March at 2.30pm
Spring holiday (Easter)	Monday 3rd April to Friday 14th April (inclusive)
Schools return	Monday 17th April
May holiday	Monday 1st May
In-service day	Tuesday 2nd May
May weekend	Friday 26th May to Monday 29th May (inclusive)
Schools close	Wednesday 28th June 2023 at 1pm

Parents' Reporting Afternoon / Evening

Our Parents' afternoon / evening will be held on Wednesday 29th March.

The Parents Evening Booking System will be available from Monday 13th March. Parents/carers will be able to book their appointment online. More information to follow.

Parent Council

Next Parent Council Meeting will be on Tuesday 25th April 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.

Support Staff in Yard

Please do not approach any support staff members regarding incidents or concerns which happen during playtime or lunchtime. Please follow procedure and contact school office or email enquiries-at-st-brendans@northlan.org.uk and a member of our Senior Leadership Team will be in touch.

Please respect our staff, verbal abuse is unacceptable, we are here to help our families and children.

HMIe Visit

We are waiting on the final report from HMIe which should be with us within the next few weeks. The Inspectors did ask that I pass on to our parent body at this time how mannerly, well behaved and happy the children were as they engaged in their learning. We are looking forward to sharing our report with you.

Website and Twitter

Please keep up to date with all that is going on in the school and nursery by checking our website and logging into www.st-brendans.n-lanark.sch.uk. You can also follow us on twitter @StBrendansPS.

Fundraising

When making purchases online please log into www.easyfundraising.org.uk.

All money raised will be used by St Brendan's Fundraising Group to help support your children.

Parking Reminder

The school car park is for staff use only.

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.

Mrs M Oates
Head Teacher