



St Patrick's Primary



August/September 2017 Newsletter

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Welcome back!

Welcome back to all of our children, in particular to our new Primary 1 who are settling in to school routines.

Current staffing for classes is outlined below:

Primary 1	Mrs McCargo
Primary 2	Mrs Neary
Primary 3	Mrs Slavin/Mrs McIntyre (Friday)
Primary 4	Miss Forsyth/Mrs Allan (Thursday)
Primary 5	Miss Coyle/Mrs Allan (Wednesday)
Primary 6	Miss Park
Primary 7	Mrs Carroll

Mrs Allan and Mrs McIntyre PT will deliver McCrone, Mrs McIntyre will co-ordinate and deliver aspects of Additional Support for Learning.

I would like to welcome Miss Forsyth P4 class teacher to the school team. Mrs McLaughlan has also joined the staff team as an Additional Support for Learning Assistant. I am sure you will all make them feel welcome.

Remember to complete data information sheets and return them to school asap.

Please check the school blog as it is updated weekly and often daily, also please add comments.

Myself and the staff look forward to working with you and your children throughout the coming school year.

AM Boyd (Head Teacher)



Parent Council: The **AGM** is on **Wednesday 13th September**, new members welcome!!! Thereafter, the **Parent Council** will meet on the first Wednesday of the month and is happy to have any comments, concerns or any items for their agenda.

If, interested please come along. The meeting is in the school at 6:30pm.

Punctuality and Attendance

It is very important that children attend school regularly, and we ask that except in exceptional family circumstances, parents do not organise holidays outwith school holiday times. The school cannot give permission for these holidays. However in exceptional circumstances children can be granted permission for time off e.g. a religious festival. NLC attendance target is 95%.

In addition, it is important that children are in class at the start of the school day. If your child is late for school, he/she should enter via the main entrance. Children coming in by this entrance are marked late on the school register. The school will monitor your child's attendance and punctuality and if there is any cause for concern, you will be lettered.

If your child is absent from school, the school should be informed by telephone before 9:30am. If you have not informed the school by this time you will be sent a text message asking you to contact us.

Please remember it is vitally important that the school has up to date home, work and emergency contact numbers.

For all absences, a written note of explanation should be brought on return to school.

Homework Diaries have been distributed. Please check and sign diaries regularly. The diaries are also very useful for passing information between home and school, so do make any little notes or comments that you wish to draw to the teacher's attention.

Please remember to put your child's name on all items of clothing etc - **JACKETS, BLAZERS, OUTDOOR SHOES & INDOOR SHOES, SWEATSHIRTS, JUMPERS, SHIRTS, BAGS, PACKED LUNCH BOXES etc.**

Items get mixed up very easily or left in the playground, football pitch or dining room. Often a mix up happens and a child takes home the wrong jacket or sweatshirt and if not returned the next day, it may not be noticed for several days or even weeks.

Session 2017- 2018

This year, the priorities for school improvement include raising and monitoring attainment to reduce the attainment gap between groups of children, to continue to further develop interdisciplinary and outdoor learning, and to further develop as a community of faith by reviewing the school vision and communication with parents.

Head Lice: The Bug Stops Here!

Helen Scott, our school nurse, has offered her services to any parent who wishes information regarding head lice. Helen can be contacted on 01698 801511. Leaflets on how to combat head lice are available from Helen and the school office.

Car Parking

The car parking around the school particularly at 9:00am and 3:00pm is a cause for concern. We urge all parents to show consideration when dropping off and picking up children.

If parking in the school, please use parking bays and show consideration for pupil safety and other road users. **Reminder** - disabled spaces at the front of the building are reserved for blue badge holders.

Around the School

- P7 will be attending Taylor High on Tuesday mornings from 22nd August until 10th October as part of their liaison programme. Parents will have the opportunity to visit and see their children at work in the 'big school'. Children will arrive in St. Patrick's at 9:00am and walk to Taylor High School with their teacher.
- P6 and P7 will be taking part in Samba 'Beats of Brazil' sessions on a fortnightly basis.
- P5 will be taking part in Kodaly choral workshops with Mrs Ewart.
- P5 will attend swimming and PE sessions - dates and venue TBC, more information to follow.
- After School Clubs - last year we ran many successful after school clubs. Details of this year's activity will follow.
- Class assemblies have been scheduled for Monday afternoons, to allow the parents of the class involved to come along and see the performance.

Meet The Teacher

You are invited to attend the above event with your child(ren) on **Tuesday 29th August** between 3:05 - 4:05pm

This is an informal opportunity for you to meet your child's teacher, visit his/her class and to pass on any information which may assist the teacher over the course of the year. Last year many parents found this session useful. (Parent interviews will be on Tues 10th October.) This is much more relaxed with no appointment time.

We look forward to meeting you at this very informal event.



Nut Allergies Reminder



In St Patrick's Primary, we have a small number of children who have been identified as having an allergic reaction to nuts. In some cases, the allergy may be triggered even when the child is not in direct contact.

We would therefore ask for your cooperation in not providing nuts or products containing nuts such as nutella for your child in school.

Important dates to remember

22 nd Aug. 2017	P7 Transition Programme begins
29 th Aug. 2017	Meet The Teacher 3:05 - 4:05
13 th Sept. 2017	Parent Council AGM 6:30pm
20 th Sept 2017	P7 Welcome Mass at THS (7:00 time to be confirmed)
21 st Sept 2017	Dress Down Day (Fine £1:00 proceeds to school funds)
22 nd - 25 th Sept. 2017	September Weekend Holiday
27 th Sept. 2017	Focus Group (Return to School) Disco 6:30pm
5 th Oct. 2017	Flu Immunisation (more details to follow)
10 th Oct. 2017	P7 parents invite to THS to observe children during transition visit
10 th Oct. 2017	Parents Evening
13 th Oct. 2017	School Closes at 3:00pm for October Break
23 rd Oct. 2017	School Re-opens at 9am

N.B. INSET Day 3 is Monday 20th November, school will be closed for children.

School Masses, dates of Sacramental meeting, Sacraments etc will be posted on the school Blog as soon as they have been confirmed.

Please check Blog regularly - events and updates are posted weekly and often daily.

Other dates for your diary

School Nativity performances will be on 18th & 19th December at 11:00am

P4-7 Christmas Party Mon 18th Dec at 1:15pm

P1-3 Christmas Party Tues 19th Dec at 1:15pm

P7 will visit Kilbowie Outdoor Residential Centre 11th- 15th June 2018

Mobile Phones

Just a reminder that children should not bring mobile phones to school.

Not only are they an expensive item, they are also unnecessary since if a parent needs information regarding their child during the school day, the office is always happy to help. If a child does bring a mobile phone to school for whatever reason, they should hand the phone into the office and collect it at the end of the day.