

## St. Anne's Primary School

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**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

Dear Parent/Carer,

### **P7 Leavers' Events, End of School Year events, and Information for Session 2022/2023**

We write to update on events planned to mark the leaving of our Primary 7 pupils, End of School Year Events for all our pupils, and information in preparation for next session.

#### **End of Year reports**

End of year reports for all pupils will be distributed this week, and no later than Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

#### **St. Anne's Fun Day – Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2022**

As the feast day of St. Anne, our school's patron saint, falls on the 26<sup>th</sup> of July during the school summer holiday, we traditionally celebrate our patron saint's day prior to the summer break.

On Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June, we will host our St. Anne's Fun day to celebrate St. Anne – on this day, our children are welcome to come to school dressed in their own clothes. There will be a range of fun activities for classes to take part in, including tug of war, basketball, hoopla challenge and lots of other fun active games.

We have also arranged for an ice-cream van to visit the school to provide all our children with an ice-cream treat. Please do contact the school office if an alternative to ice-cream is required for your child.

#### **End of School Year Mass and Thanksgiving for P7 pupils**

Our End of School Year Mass will be celebrated on **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2022** at 9.30am in St. Bernadette's Church. All families are welcome to attend, and as has been the practice in previous years, we would especially like to welcome the parents and families of our Primary 7 children

In addition to giving thanks for the year of learning we have had, at this Mass we gather together as a community to celebrate and give thanks for the contribution Primary 7 pupils have made to our school, and their achievements in the Pope Francis Faith Award. Certificates for this important award, and certificates for Sacrament of Confirmation, are presented to our P7 pupils at this Mass.

Please do try to come along to this important mass for our children, and especially important for our Primary 7 children.

On the afternoon of Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June, our Primary 7 pupils will have a special Leavers' celebration in their classroom with party food and cake.

### **St. Anne's Talent Show**

Each year in our school (in non-covid times!), our Primary 7 pupils are given a special "final task", where they assume responsibility for organising and running our St. Anne's Talent Show for pupils in the school. This is always a really exciting time for our Primary 7 pupils, and one which the whole school community looks forward to.

All of our pupils have opportunity to showcase their gifts and talents, whether this is singing, dancing, art, sport – the list is as endless as our children's talents! In particular, we encourage our Primary 7 children to give a "final showcase" of their talents.

Our St. Anne's Talent Show will take place on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2022. As with previous years, unfortunately we are unable to invite parents/families to this event due to the capacity constraints in our hall and we appreciate your understanding in this. We will, however, ensure pictures of this event are available for you to view on twitter.

### **New Classes and Transfer of Information**

We are in the process of finalising classes for next session with our local authority staffing team, and are awaiting confirmation of personnel for a small temporary staffing vacancy which we have. We hope to be able to inform you of class teachers for next session soon, and will distribute class structure letters as soon as we possibly can. We are working towards a date of no later than Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2022 for this, and we thank you for your patience and understanding in this matter.

Over the course of Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June, our class teachers will be meeting together to share information and to ensure a smooth transition for your child.

On Monday 27<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June, our children will have opportunity to work with their new class teacher. Please note, children will continue to enter and exit school using the current entry and exit points for their class. Once in the building, the Senior Leadership Team of the school will support children to move to their new classroom/class teacher so that they can spend these days with the new class teacher in their new classroom, and in new areas of the playground.

### **Primary 7 Leaver's Assembly (and other Leavers)- Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

As has been the tradition in our school for a number of years, we have a special "Leavers' Assembly" in the last days of term, where we again celebrate the contribution our Primary 7 pupils have made to our school community.

During this assembly, we have a special "commissioning service" for our Primary 7 pupils, where they are presented with a special leaving gift, both as a reminder of their time at St. Anne's, and as they begin the next chapter of their life at secondary school.

During this assembly, we will also give thanks for the contribution Miss Muir has made to our school community during her Newly Qualified Teacher year in St. Anne's Primary this year.

Again, unfortunately we are unable to invite parents/families to this event due to the capacity constraints in our hall, and we appreciate your understanding in this. We will, however, ensure pictures of this assembly are available for you to view on twitter.

### **Primary 4 – Sacramental Thanksgiving**

We will have a special celebration giving thanks for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion for our Primary 4 children on the afternoon of Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June. At this celebration, our children will have a little class party, with party food and cake.

### **Winning House Team – Celebration of Success**

We will host a special assembly on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June to share with our children the House Team who have achieved the largest overall number of house tokens for this year.

The winning House Team will have a special treat on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2022, where they will visit World of Golf, followed by a party afternoon with party food. Letters giving further detail of this trip will be distributed to Winning House Team members on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

### **Achievement Assembly**

On Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June, we will have our final Achievement Assembly of the year where certificates for Successful Learner, Confident Individual, Responsible Citizen and Effective Contributor will be given to pupils identified by class teachers as having displayed these qualities.

## **Information for Session 2022/2023**

### **Self Evaluation**

Thank you for returning self-evaluation questionnaires to us, which we sent out in digital format this year. Our response rate was low this year – we received 24 responses out of a possible 120 (120 families in our school), which equates to a 20% return rate. We will look at ways in which we can improve on this response rate, and will consult with you during session 2022/2023 on the best way to gather your feedback.

The feedback you have given us will be used to help us to complete our School Improvement Plan for session 2022/2023 which is currently being finalised and is due for submission, along with our Standards and Quality report for this year, to our Education Manager on the 24<sup>th</sup> of June.

After approval from our Education Manager, we will publish our School Improvement Plan by the end of September 2022 on our school website. Hard copies of our School Improvement Plan and our Standards and Quality report for this year will also be available from our school office from September onwards.

In August 2022, we will provide a “You said, we did” document which will give information on how we have used your feedback to improve and will make reference to our School Improvement Plan priorities identified from your feedback.

### Primary 7 planning

As we progress into more normal times free of COVID restrictions and impact of COVID19, we can resume our normal practices for our P7 pupils in their final year.

Our school will continue our traditional practice of organising and hosting our P7 Leaver’s Dance, and we have been liaising with Inglison Country Club to book this for June 2023. We hope to be able to confirm the date of this event early in August 2022.

We are also in the process of requesting quotes for residential trip for next year’s P7 pupils, and again we hope to be able to provide you with further information early in August 2022.

We have been working with Trinity High School (and Park Mains High School) regarding transition events for the Primary 7 pupils, and will provide information to you on this at a Primary 7 Parents’ Information Session, which we plan to have on **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September at 6.00pm in our school**. At this meeting, we will also provide our P7 parents with information about Sacramental preparation and other events pertinent to the P7 year.

### School Uniform

As highlighted to you in previous communication, we are very proud of our school uniform which promotes pride, belonging and equity in our school.

For clarity, our uniform consists of:

Brown trouser/skirt/pinafore, light blue shirt/blouse, school tie, brown socks/tights, brown cardigan/jumper, brown/black school shoes (not trainers), school blazer (optional).

For PE:

Dark navy shorts, white polo shirt/t-shirt

In order to protect our school carpets, we also ask that children wear black plimsol style shoes whilst indoors.

*(Upper school children (P4-P7) are able to use our pitch during break and lunchtimes. As the pitch can make clothes quite dirty, we do ask that children bring old clothes and trainers to wear (pitch clothes) if using this area.)*

We respectively highlight the following:

- Brown tartan uniform (as advertised in some school wear outlets) **is not part of St. Anne’s uniform**. Please do not purchase brown tartan items.
- Trainers are not part of our school uniform, and in particular, branded trainers should not be worn to school. Please ensure your child has black school shoes for school.

- A number of school wear companies try to “up sell” their products by encouraging parents to purchase adornments such as piping and/or badges on blazers, jumper, pinafores etc. Whilst these are permitted on our uniform, they are an additional and unnecessary expense.
- Jewellery should be kept to a minimum, and ideally, not worn to school. For PE, we strongly encourage that all jewellery, including earrings, is removed. Long/hooped earrings are not permitted, and if earrings are worn, we would ask that these are stud type earrings. If you are planning to have your child’s ears pierced, we would recommend that you do this **at the start of the summer break** to allow time for your child’s ears to heal and for earrings to then be able to be removed for PE at the start of the school year.
- Watches are permitted and encouraged to support children in learning about time. For reasons of privacy and safety, we would remind you that watches which allow for voice and/or video recording should not be worn to school.

### Entrance and Exit Doors

At present, some of our pupils enter and exit the school through the classroom emergency exit doors. From August 2022, we will change this practice so that **all classes enter and exit the building through pupil entrance doors, not classroom doors**, as follows:

P1, P2 and P3 pupils – entrance and exit doors at Lower playground (next to the staff carpark and at the mural all next to Erskine Community Nursery).

P4 and P5 pupils – entrance and exit doors at upper playground, next to steps leading up to lower playground.

P6 and P7 pupils – entrance and exit doors in upper playground, at steps next to large rectangular tarmac playground area.

On Monday 27<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2022, we will ensure that all of our children are clear as to where their class will enter and exit the building for next session. We will also ensure that there is clear signage on the first day of term in August as way of reminder of the above.

### Parent Council

The Annual General Meeting of our Parent Council will be held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at 7pm in the school.

Please do consider attending and becoming a member of our Parent Council – you don’t need to attend every meeting, just willing to help out! Our Parent Council meetings in the school at 7pm on the first Tuesday of every month, excluding August, January and April.

### School Closure for Summer

We would like to remind you that **school closes for summer break at 1pm on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2022.**

On this day, we will have a short break from 12.00-12.45pm to allow children who are in receipt of free school meals to access lunch. If your child is not in receipt of free school meals, they can, of course, have a packed lunch during this time, or, if you prefer, can take the break and eat lunch at home.

### **Finally – A message from Mrs Boyd**

As this year draws to a close, I would like to thank you, once again, for your continued support, patience and understanding in what has continued to be a very challenging and difficult year. Although many restrictions in wider society eased over the course of this academic year, of course in school we were very much operating under continued restrictions until Easter 2022, and continued to experience challenge throughout the year arising from staff absence as a result of COVID19 and other factors. This meant that, despite our greatest wish and desire, many of our normal practices and events simply could not go ahead, or were greatly impacted upon.

It was a source of great frustration to us that we could not have our families as involved in school life as we would have wished, or to share in our celebrations and successes this year with you in the way we would have hoped.

Thankfully, we are now able to look forward with hope to much better times, and we are really looking forward to having a normal school year where we can not only reinstate, but improve on, our working with you and helping you to be fully involved in your child's learning and life at school. This will include, but will not be limited to:

- \*Meet the Teacher event (September)
- \*Sharing our Learning Open Day event (linking to IDL contexts for Learning for Social Studies: People and Past Events) in October
- \*Parents' Evening in School (November and March)
- \*Nativity Concerts (December)
- \*Burns Day Celebration Concert (January)
- \*Sports Day (May/June – date to be confirmed)
- \*Family Learning Events for Literacy (September), Numeracy (October), Digital Literacy including online safety linking to AntiBullying Week (November), STEM (January), Health and Wellbeing including God's Loving Plan (March),
- \*Sacramental Preparation support for families (in conjunction with St. Bernadette's Parish) (throughout session)
- \*Parental involvement in working parties, for example, homework development policy Development, Review of "Respect for All" policy, Mental Health policy and practice development.
- \*Fundraising events such MacMillan Coffee Morning (September), Mary's Meals fundraising (December), SCIAF (Lent), MISSIO (Sacramental fundraiser – May)
- \*Opportunity for involvement in Focus Weeks and Days (E.g Modern Language Week, Scottish Maths Week, Scottish Book Week, World Book Day, Health Week, STEM and Developing Scotland's Young Workforce Week)
- \*Pupil Voice Group Parent/Carer Representatives (Laudato Si Steering Group, Reading

Schools Award Steering Group, Digital Literacy Steering Group, Gardening Group, Junior Road Safety Officer Group)

\*Parent Council involvement and support.

As we move towards the summer break, I'd like to take the opportunity to thank all of our parents and carers, our children, our staff and all of our partners for the immense support over the course of this year. This year has been far from easy, but together, we have continued to move forward and to try to provide the best for our children, and I want to express my genuine and sincere thanks to everyone in our community for their commitment to and love for our children.

I hope and pray that you all have a very relaxing and joyful summer (with plenty of sunshine!), and have lots of opportunity to meet up with friends and family, and reconnect with people and experiences now that we move into a more normal time.

With every good wish for a wonderful summer break.

Yours sincerely

Nuala Boyd  
Head Teacher.