



**ST ANNE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**NEWSLETTER**  
**August/September 2022**



*"Within our learning community, we will inspire one another to achieve our full potential.*

*Children, families and staff will be supported, challenged and listened to. Rights for all will be respected and promoted, with Christ and love at the centre of everything we do.*

*Working in positive partnerships, highly motivated staff will actively strive to create a nurturing, stimulating and joyful environment - **making learning fun!**"*

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**Welcome!**

In this, our first newsletter of the session 2022/23, we would like to warmly welcome all of our returning children and families back to school – it's great to see you again, especially after such an extended period away from school!

We would also like to extend a special warm welcome to all of our new children and families in Primary 1 - we are really looking forward to working with you!

Each month, we will keep you up to date with events and news in our school via our newsletter and webpage. We also use Twitter and text messages to let you know about day to day activities and information – please ensure you send us your most up to date mobile number and remember to follow us on Twitter - @StAnnesPSE

**Home/School/Parish Links**

Each month, we will keep you up to date about how we are working with the parish of St. Bernadette's to support our children on their faith journey.

Father David Boyd is our school chaplain and is a regular visitor to the school to help us to prepare for and celebrate class Masses, Liturgies and Sacraments, in addition to supporting our faith formation work.

A chaplaincy planning meeting for session 22/23 will be held on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2022, and from this, we will update you on important chaplaincy dates such as opening and closing of term masses, Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

**Family Funday/BBQ**

St. Bernadette's and St. John Bosco parishes will hold a family BBQ Day from 11am to 2pm on Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> August in the grounds of St.

Bernadette's church. There will be entertainment for children, face painting, a fire brigade, beat the goalie, play your cards right, small cuddly animals from Lamont Farm, candy floss, burgers and hot dogs etc. Admission is free, so why not pop along!

**\*\* REMINDER\*\***

**September Weekend:**

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2022 and Monday**  
**26<sup>th</sup> September 2022 - Holiday.**

**School reopens on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September**  
**2022.**



### Trinity High School News

We are very proud of the strong partnerships with our associated high school, Trinity High School, and other cluster primary schools. All cluster schools work closely together to ensure that together, we achieve the best possible outcomes for our children.

\*The first Cluster HT meeting of session will take place in St. Anne's Primary on 5th September. Trinity High School Modern Languages staff will visit Primary 7 weekly from 7<sup>th</sup> October to 11<sup>th</sup> November 2022 to support Curriculum for Excellence Modern Languages 1+2 approach, where P7 pupils learn Italian as well as French.

\*Mrs Julia Barron will visit St. Anne's Primary each Friday to provide woodwind tuition to some of our P6 and P7 pupils.

\*Mrs Spears, Trinity Transition Teacher, will work in our P7 class each Monday from 29<sup>th</sup> August, supporting curricular transition to S1.

\*Trinity High School will host an Opening of Term Mass on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm (at Trinity High). Following Mass, there will be a family quiz– all families of cluster schools are most welcome to attend.

\*An information evening for Primary 7 parents will be held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October at Trinity High School – information on this will follow soon.

### Parent Council

**We NEED you.  
Can you HELP?**

The first meeting of our Parent Council for session 2022-2023 will be held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September at 6.30pm. The first part of this meeting will be the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Parent Council where Office Bearers roles will be confirmed.

**Please see the attached letter regarding the Parent Council and meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> of September.**

### **\*\* Health Promoting School\*\***

We are committed to supporting your child's social, emotional and physical well being. We work with a range of partners to help us to do this, including our Active Schools Coordinator, Mr Robert Campbell.

We will shortly confirm Active Schools Clubs which will be available this term. Once confirmed, clubs can be booked through Class for Kids website:

<https://ri-stannes.class4kids.co.uk/term/10>

We are delighted to inform you that our school will participate in the local schools football league. We have managed to secure a coach to deliver a P5-P7 girls lunchtime football club, and a P5-P7 afterschool football club. A separate letter has been issued to P5-P7 parents regarding this.

We hope to be able to provide an outdoor residential experience for our P7 pupils in Term 3 – further information on this will be shared with our P7 parents via letter, and at our **St. Anne's P7 information evening which will be held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup>**

**September 2022 at 6.30pm in the school.**  
**We ask that all P7 parents attend this event if possible.**

We continue to use the PATHS programme throughout all stages of the school (Promoting Alternative Thinking Strategies) to support emotional and social well being, and continue to promote the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) in all aspects of learning and teaching in our school.

**We respectfully ask that children bring a healthy snack to school – PLEASE, NO SWEETS OR CHOCOLATE!**

**We would also remind you that NO NUT PRODUCTS are allowed in our school. Please encourage your child to bring their water bottle to school each day. Please note, ONLY PLAIN WATER IS PERMITTED IN CLASS IN WATER BOTTLES.**



Working in positive partnership with all in our school community is an essential part of the vision for our school and ELC Class.

Each month, we will ask for your views via suggestion/comment pro-forma. If you have any suggestions or comments about how we can improve our service, please let us know via these pro-formas, or contact us directly at the school.

### Involving You

We want you to be as involved in and informed about your child's learning as far as possible.

**\*Meet the Teacher (6<sup>th</sup> September)** – opportunity to meet your child's teacher and have a look around the school.

**\*Learning Targets** – your child will work with their class teacher to set targets in learning for the coming term. Learning Targets are sent home to you at the beginning of each term.

**\*Learning Target Review** – at the end of each term, your child will discuss their progress in achieving their learning targets with you.

**\*Parents' Evenings** – Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2022 and Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2023

**\*End of Year Report** – June 2023

**\*Focus Week Involvement** – such as Scottish Maths Week, Health Week and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths)

**\* Parental Workshops** – We will continue to provide opportunities to learn more about our approaches in Literacy, Numeracy and other curriculum areas and activities. On Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September (which is also our MacMillan Coffee Morning), we will host our first family learning workshop on the "Talk for Writing" approach which we are using in school.

**\*Additional Support Meetings** - ongoing throughout the year.

**Communication** – newsletters, website, twitter.

Please remember that you can also view your child's learning journey folder at any time – please just contact the school office to do this.



## **MacMillan Coffee Morning - Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

We are delighted to announce the return of our annual coffee morning in support of MacMillan Cancer Support, which our Primary 7 pupils (with a little help from their P1 Buddies!) will host!

Our families and parishioners are most welcome to attend our coffee morning, but to help in managing numbers, we ask that families and parishioners attend at the following allocated times:

10:00am -10:30am – P1 to P3 children and their families

10:45am – 11:15am - P4 to P6 children and their families

11:15am – 11:45am – P7 children and their families & parishioners

**We would welcome donations of cakes and biscuits for this event. In order to manage allergies, could we please ask that donations are shop purchased as these are clearly labelled with allergens. Your understanding and help in this is greatly appreciated!**

On this day, we will host family learning workshops on our Literacy (Writing) approach (Talk for Writing)

P1-P3 Family Learning session – 9:15am – 10:00am  
P4-P7 Family Learning Session – 10:00am - 10:45am



## **Tempest Photography**

**Please note, Tempest Photography will visit the school on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> of October** to take photographs of each class, sibling groups and individuals.

There is no requirement to purchase photographs if you do not wish to do so.



### **Pupil Voice**

We want our learners to be actively involved in their learning and in our school. In addition to Termly Learning Targets (see information on page 3 of this newsletter), we will:

\*Encourage our children daily to think about their “big” termly target, and what they need to do during that particular day’s learning to help them progress towards the “big” target. To help us do this, we will use the **GROW** model in class to help our children identify daily personal targets in learning:

**Goal** – What do I want to achieve today?

**Reality** – how far am I towards reaching my goal?

**Options/Opportunities/Obstacles** – What can I do to reach my goal? What might help me? What do I need to consider or avoid?

**What next?** – What do I need to do next in my learning to help me reach my “Big” termly target?

### **What can you do to help?**

Each day, discuss with your child what their “Big” termly target is, and what they did during learning to help them move towards this.

Encourage your child to have a “growth mindset” – for example, celebrating mistakes as a great opportunity for learning, seeing challenge as important in the learning journey, and using the power of “yet” (I can’t do it – yet!)

Attend our Literacy (Writing) family learning event on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September to learn more about how we develop writing in school, and how you can support writing at home.

### **Pupil Voice – continued...**

As well as use of Termly Learning Targets and daily “GROW” conversations and reflection, we will also increase our pupil’s participation through Pupil Voice Groups which will begin this term, and continue throughout the academic session.

### **How Good is OUR School (Pupil Council) –**

Led by Mr Welsh, this group will comprise of representatives of P4-P7. The group will use Education Scotland resource “How Good is OUR School”, and will work with Mr Welsh take part in self-evaluation activities to help us continue to improve our school.

**Laudato Si Steering Group** -This group, led by Mrs Boyd, comprises of representatives from P4-P7, staff, parents, and parish. Using the Scottish Catholic Education Service resource “Laudato Si Schools”, this group will help to plan and implement actions which will help our school respond to Pope Francis’ call to care for our Common home.

### **Digital Schools Scotland Steering Group**

Led by Mrs McAllan, this group will help to plan and implement actions which will help our school work towards achieving the Digital Schools Scotland award.

### **Reading Schools Award Scotland Steering Group**

Led by Miss Robertson, this group will help to plan and implement actions which will help our school work towards achieving the Silver level of Reading Schools Scotland award.

### **Junior Road Safety Officers Group**

Led by Mrs Boyd, this group will help our school to find more sustainable ways of travelling to school, and will help to plan Walk to School Weeks, and Road Safety Week and Health Week activities.

### **Gardening Group**

Led by Mrs McAllan with the help of Mr James Richardson and Mr Martin Bonnar from St. Bernadette’s Parish, this group will help to improve our garden areas around the school. A particular thanks must be given to Mr Richardson and Mr Bonnar who have done so much already to improve our garden at the front entrance of the school – it is looking fabulous!





In addition to monthly newsletters, letters via school bag drop, website and SMS text messages, we also try to make use of Twitter to share some of the learning experiences in our school.

As always, our staff are working really hard and, whilst they will make every effort to post tweets to share learning with you at home, at times we may be a little quieter on twitter depending on what is going on in the school at that time.

**Please note, the main purpose of our Twitter account is to share learning experiences undertaken by our pupils. We will not be able to respond to comments or queries posted within the twitter feed.** Should you wish to contact the school, please send an email to our enquiries email address or telephone the school office (see page 1 of the newsletter for contact details).



We will continue to try to keep our website as up to date as possible. Please do “have a wee look” regularly, and remember that within the “Parent Zone section, you will find “whole school news” section to keep you up to date.



### **GLOW and Homework**

Last session , we continued to build on digital literacy skills, and made good use of GLOW for home learning (homework) activities.

From early September, all homework for P1- P7 will be posted on Google Classroom by your child’s teacher (s). We are currently working hard in school to ensure all pupils are able to access their Google Classroom independently before home learning activities are posted in your child’s GLOW classroom in September.

To help you to support your child, we will send home information on GLOW, and how your child can access this – please watch out for the text informing you when we have put this information into your child’s bag.

In addition to GLOW (Google Classroom), your child will also have access to Heinemann Active Maths online games to support numeracy and mathematics learning, and Linguascope to support learning in French.

All of your child’s login details will be distributed to them. Please encourage your child to keep their login details safe and in a secure place. Should your child require a reminder of their login details, please contact the school office.

***Please note, as with all login details, these are personal to the individual and should not be shared. Therefore, if your child has lost their login details, we will distribute directly to them rather than to parents/carers***

***Parents/Carers SHOULD NOT use their child’s glow account.***

## Expectations of Behaviour and “Respect for All” policy

We are very proud of the high standards of behaviour which we have in our school, and each year, we strive to maintain and extend the very good reputation our school has in our community. In school, our recent assemblies have focused on ensuring all of our children are clear on what our school vision and values are, and how we can ensure that each day, we “Love One Another”.

We have discussed with our children our “Contract of Behaviour” which we will shortly send home - this “contract” outlines for our children (and their families) our expectations regarding behaviour, and the promise to uphold the school values.

Our expectations of behavior link very closely to our “Respect for All” policy (previously called our anti-bullying policy). This policy is due for review, and we would like to invite our parents/carers to participate in a working party to review this policy. Please do contact the school office if you would like to be involved in this.



## CAN YOU HELP??

We are looking for children’s comics for our class libraries.

If you, or anyone you know, has children’s comics appropriate for 5-12 year olds which they no longer need, we would love to have them! Please can you send any old comics into the school office.

Each term, all of our classes visit Erskine Library on at least one occasion. If you can help as a Parent Volunteer to accompany children (with school staff), we would love to hear from you!

## Important Dates

We are still working on our annual “Important Dates” document, and will distribute this to you as soon as possible.



## CAR PARKING

In the first instance, we would absolutely encourage you **NOT** to drive to school, but instead to promote active and healthy lifestyles for our children by walking, cycling or scootering to get to school.

If you cannot avoid driving, can we remind you of the following:

\*Parents/Carers **SHOULD NOT** park or drop off/pick up on the roundabout or drive in the school grounds. This causes congestion, and poses a health and safety risk to our children and families.

\*Please do park safely and avoid parking on the main road. We would also ask for consideration for our neighbours when parking – please do not block driveways/cause congestion in residential streets surrounding the school.

\*Please **DO** park in the church car park (Father David very kindly gives us permission to use this area), or at Mains Drive shops car parking area.

*Please note, the school car park is for staff and blue badge holders only.*

We have previously asked for parent/carer support in car parking – if you would like to volunteer to be a parking steward, we would love to hear from you!