

BULLETIN

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PRIMARY
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In our school we value.....

GOD'S LOVE, INCLUSION, EACH OTHER, RESPECT, HONESTY, HARD WORK & RESPONSIBILITY

Headteacher's Challenge this month (for pupils P4-P7) is #EACHOTHER -please see App notification.

All entries to be submitted by THURSDAY 29th NOVEMBER.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK

This year Scottish Catholic Education week will be celebrated in the parish on SUNDAY 25th NOVEMBER.

Please come along with your child to 10.30am mass on this date. There will be examples of pupil work on display in the church and pupils from St Charles' and St Andrew's Academy will be involved in different ways during mass & in parish activities throughout the week, all reflecting on the theme of "Ephphatha -Be opened." There will also be a special cluster mass to mark Catholic Education week, which will be celebrated in St Fergus' church on THURSDAY 22nd NOVEMBER at 7pm. Pupils & staff from St Andrew's Academy and all associated primary schools from across Paisley will be all in involved in this service. Please come along with your child & support catholic education in our Diocese.

A big thanks to all families who attended Mass last Sunday to celebrate the feast of our patron St Charles' Borromeo. Fr Jim was very complimentary about the children & commented on how great it was to see so many children representing our school community.

SAVE THE DATE - GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

The re-location of St Charles' Primary School to this building on Rowan Street was officially celebrated on 22nd January 1969. In recognition of this landmark event Bishop John will celebrate mass in the parish on Monday 21st January at 7pm & there will be an Open Doors event in the school on Wednesday 23rd January 2019. More information will be issued after Christmas so please save the date.

FUNDRAISING

Miss Leck & the pupil fundraising committee have decided to re-launch the Christmas Shoebox appeal this year, working in partnership with The Saint Vincent de Paul Society. Please see separate letter recently issued by the committee for further information.

The school has also agreed to support the work of three pupils from St Andrew's Academy who are fundraising to travel to Uganda, supporting the work of a primary school there. As two of the boys (Bradley Maher & Caolán Gavin) are former pupils of St Charles we are hoping to help them secure their target & enable them to take part in the Uganda Project in any small way we can. The boys are hoping to hold a children's book sale during Scottish Book Week at the end of this month. If you are clearing out before Christmas any books, which remain in good condition, please send them into school with your child. Books can brought to school starting tomorrow. A notification will be issued when enough books have been collected & donations are no longer required.

TRIPS & OUTINGS

Parents are asked at the beginning of each school year to complete & return an annual consent form to allow your child to participate in short trips/excursions in the local community during the school day. This allows children to participate in activities in neighbouring schools including our associated secondary school, the parish, undertake visits to local shops and parks. It allows the teacher to be responsive to pupil interests and to use our local community amenities to enhance pupils' learning opportunities when it is appropriate to do so. **We still have a number of children who have yet to return annual consent forms despite these being issued several times.** In an effort to include ALL children in outings/activities these will be issued one more time. If not returned I regret to inform you that your child will not be permitted to participate.

For other trips out of school, a separate consent form must be completed on each occasion and returned in advance of the planned date for excursion. **Failure to return completed consent forms when issued will result in your child being unable to take part in the trip.**

PARENTS' EVENING APPOINTMENTS

As previously advised there will be a Parent's evening on Wednesday 14th November 5pm -8pm & Thursday 15th November 3.15pm – 7pm. Your child should already have been issued with an appointment time. If you have not yet received this from your child, please contact the school office who can advise of your appointment time. Myself, Mrs Kinsella & Mrs Kirk are all also available on Parents Evenings should you want to make an appointment.

ADVENT MASSES

During the holy season of Advent, which is a time of preparation for Christmas, Father Jim will say mass in the school every Wednesday & Friday morning at 8.40am. Please make this part of your spiritual preparation for Christmas and come along with your child if you are able to do so. The first mass will be on Wednesday 5th December 2018.

Some dates for your diary- Including important Christmas dates

Date	Event	Target Group
Fri 9 th November	Dress Down Day-Donate a Jar for Christmas Bazaar	All pupils
Mon 12 th November	Parents Information Eve in St Andrews Academy 5pm-7pm	P7 parents
Weds 14 th November	Parent/Teacher Interviews 5pm-8pm	By appointment
Thurs 15 th November	Parent/Teacher Interviews 3.15pm-7pm	By appointment
Fri 16 th November	Christmas Bazaar (More info to follow)	All welcome
Thurs 22 nd November	OPEN HOUR Rooms 10 & 11 – 9am- 10am	Room 10 & 11 Parents welcome
Thurs 22 nd November	Catholic Education Week Cluster Mass in St Fergus' Church @ 7pm	All welcome
Friday 23 rd November	Family Night-time nature Walk	more info to follow
Sun 25 th November	Catholic Education Sunday Mass @ 10.30 in Parish	All welcome
Friday 30 th November	St Andrews Day HOLIDAY SCHOOL CLOSED	All pupils
Friday 7 th December	Collection day-SHOEBOX APPEAL	All pupils-see separate letter issued
Tues 11 th December	Infant Nativity Performances @ 1.45pm	P1-P3 Parents & friends
Thurs 13 th December		
Weds 12 th December	Jack & the Beanstalk Pantomime in school hall	P1-P7
Weds 12 th December	Christmas Lunch (no sandwich option)	P1-P7
Fri 14 th December	Christmas Jumper Day (£1 for charity)	All pupils
Mon 17 th December	Parent Council – Christmas movie night	More info to be issued by PC
Weds 19 th December	Nursery & school Christmas Parties (casual/party clothes)	All pupils
Fri 21 st December	School and Nursery close @ 2:30pm	All pupils

Please note:

School is closed on Friday 30th NOVEMBER for St Andrew's Day holiday.

Early Closure at 2.30pm on Friday 21st DECEMBER for Christmas holidays. Please make appropriate arrangements for your child to be dismissed.

A full list of school holidays is available on our school website or from the school office on request.

Yours sincerely,



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HEADTEACHER