

BULLETIN

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Dear Parents,

At the end of yet another very successful school year. I would like to thank you all for your continuous support and involvement.

We wish our P7 children the very best as they move on to secondary education and I know they all have the potential to do very well.

On behalf of the staff of St Charles' Primary School, I would like to wish you and your families a great summer break. I hope that we can all have some rest and relaxation over the holiday period and, fingers crossed, we can all enjoy a little bit of sunshine at home or away, wherever we may be.

CLASSIFICATION FOR SESSION 19/20

Our staffing allocation for next session should be finalised soon. As soon as this information is with me, I will be working with the extended management team to consider class groups & deployment of teaching staff for next session. Parents will be advised of their child's class & teacher before the end of term.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS

Thank you very much to all the parents who took the time to comment on the work of our school, with the form attached to our last newsletter. Your thoughts & opinions are very important especially at this time of year when we, as a school community, are formulating a School Improvement Plan outlining our priorities for the next year. Staff and children are regularly involved in evaluating the work of the school in an effort to ensure positive changes are made when required.

HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT

Each year Renfrewshire Council staff at HQ spend a considerable amount of time in August and September trying to establish accurate numbers of children who are travelling/should be travelling on school contract vehicles. This is largely due to some parents who have not applied for home to school transport for their children when transferring from primary to secondary. Parents often do not realise that they have to apply at transfer and pupils in some cases will use the transport when they are not allowed to do so. This can lead to overcrowding on vehicles and causes a delay in the issuing of privilege passes to non-entitled pupils.

With this in mind, I urge Primary 7 parents to complete an online application. This can be made by searching school transport on the council website www.renfrewshire.gov.uk. This will take you straight to a link for the online application form. The transport eligibility address list is also available online where you can check if your address qualifies.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

As in previous years, I thought it might be helpful to issue a reminder of our agreed school dress code at this time of the year, as many parents will be purchasing new items of clothing for the new session.

In St. Charles' Primary School, parents are asked to provide their children with the following items of school uniform:

- Grey shorts/trousers/skirt, white shirt, white polo shirt, school tie, grey pullover/sweatshirt/cardigan, grey blazer with badge.
- On gym days it is helpful for children to wear white polo shirts instead of white shirt & tie

During the months between the beginning of May and the end of September, parents may dress their children in the summer uniform. This is optional and will very much be dictated by the weather. The summer uniform is:

- Grey shorts, white polo shirt for boys
- Blue gingham dress for girls

Please note blazers with coloured braiding or checked/plaid skirts/pinafores are not school uniform. I would ask parents to support the school and not to purchase such items. Local retailers have been advised that these are not in accordance with our agreed school dress code.

Children should wear black shorts, white polo/tee-shirt and sandshoes or training shoes during PE lessons. In the interests of health & safety, of both individual and others present, all jewellery must be removed before taking part in physical education lessons or physical activities. This includes swimming lessons in Primary 6. **All items of clothing should be clearly marked with your child's name.**

BREAKFAST CLUB

The children who currently attend the breakfast club can continue to do so. Any vacancies arising because of P7 children transferring to high school are balloted for new P1 children and children on the waiting list. If your child/children currently has a place, which will not be required, please advise Mrs Winters or school office at your earliest convenience. This allows the place to be allocated to another child who needs it. The cost next session will continue to be £1 daily per child and is payable directly to Mrs Winters at the club either daily or weekly. An application form for a place may be requested at any time from the school office and your child's name can be placed on the waiting list, which is reviewed annually.

POPE FRANCIS FAITH AWARD

The P7 children who have completed the work towards achieving the PFFA have had their work sent to the Scottish Catholic Education Service for verification. Children who are successful in achieving the standard will be presented with the award at the P7 Leavers Mass on Monday 17th June at 7pm in St Charles' Church. P6 children involved will continue to work towards the award next session.

BIG THANKS

Thank you to all who attended last Friday's event, which was a big success. I am sure you will agree it was a very well organised event by our Parent Council & volunteers, who responded to the weather and provided fun activities in the hall. I would like to acknowledge the hard work of our Parent Council and thank all the volunteers involved for their hard work & commitment especially in the fundraising they undertake as all children benefit greatly from it. A special thank you to Raymond Quinn (Chairperson) for his continuous commitment in co-ordinating the work of our very active Parent Council.

This session Parent Council money raised helped meet the cost of new gym equipment. It also paid for new albs for First Communicants, helped to furnish class libraries, and our new Tranquillity Den, and will also contribute towards new technology, including a new PA system.

I would also like to acknowledge the hard work of Miss Leck and the pupils of the Fundraising Citizenship Group as they have co-ordinated all our charitable fundraising this year and in total have raised £1477.22

Successful fundraising is of course only possible with your support so I would also like to thank the wider parent body for the contributions made over the year.

WORKSHOPS

Our P5, 6 and 7 classes recently participated in Tree of Knowledge workshops which focussed on resilience, transition and determination. Pupils gave very positive feedback. Other classes will soon be participating in RSPCA workshops.

Thank you to Cat Blackmore, our Inclusion Support Assistant who recently organised Heart Start training for parents. Parents who attended found it to be a very informative course.

CYCLE SAFETY

P6 children recently brought bicycles to school to learn about cycling safely. They completed the Cycling Course and did very well. Thank you to Mrs Armstrong and Mr Wilson.

PARENT COUNCIL

The next meeting of St Charles' Primary School Parent Council will take place in the school on Wednesday 19th June at 6.30pm. All parents/carers are welcome to attend.

SUMMER TRIPS

All classes will be going to Blair Drummond for trips this June. Parents should have received a consent form. Children should wear white polo shirts and can wear joggers, leggings or shorts. Jackets should be worn in case of rain. Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered to help. Pray for sunshine!!

ANNUAL SPORTS DAY

As previously advised **THURSDAY 6th JUNE** will be this year's planned sports day. Following a similar format to last year, we will be having some competitive sports again. The main event will take place on the field at the back of the school and there will be a stall selling tea, coffee & soft drinks. All children should bring a water bottle to school that day to allow water consumption during this event.

P4-P7 will compete between 10am & 12am and P1-P3 will compete between 1pm & 3pm. A flyer will be sent home before the date with more detail.

Parents should note that this event will only go ahead weather permitting. If the event has to move indoors due to inclement weather then parents should not attend, as unfortunately there is no room in the hall for spectators. If this is the case & parents need not attend a text will be sent out as early as possible on the day to advise.

Dates for the Diary

Tues 4 th June	P1-3 summer trip to Blair Drummond	P1-3 pupils
Wed 5 th June	Nursery sports day in school hall Tree of Knowledge Workshops	Nursery children and parents P6 – 7 pupils
Thurs 6 th June	Sports Day	All P1-P7 pupils and parents
Fri 7 th June	First Friday Mass @ St Charles' Church 10.30am	P4 pupils
Mon 10 th June	School Show dress rehearsal for school pupils	P1- P7 pupils
Tues 11 th June	P7 summer trip to Blair Drummond	P7 pupils
Wed 12 th June	SPCA Workshops P7 School Show @ 7pm	P1-7 pupils All welcome. Ticket event.
Thurs 13 th June	Mary Russell 50 th Anniversary Mass at Cathedral P7 School Show @ 7pm	HT and 4 pupils All welcome. Ticket event.
Monday 17 th June	P4-6 summer trip to Blair Drummond	P4-6 pupils
Tues 18 th June	Annual reports out The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe M&M Productions in school hall	All P1-P7 pupils All P1-P7 pupils
Wed 19 th June	Nursery Concerts at 10.30am and 2pm Coding Club trip to West College	Nursery children and parents Pupils from Coding Club with Miss Tormey
Thurs 20 th June	Citizenship group Meeting	All P1-P7 pupils
Fri 21 st June	End of Term mass at 2pm in school hall P7 Leavers Disco at St Charles' Church hall at 7pm.	All P1-P7 pupils P7 pupils
Mon 24 th June	House Afternoon	All P1-P7 pupils
Wed 26 th June	SPCA Workshops Winning House of the year afternoon	All P1-P7 pupils TBC
Thurs 27 th June	Magic Show in hall	Nursery and P1 and 2
Fri 28th June	Last day at school and nursery. Both close at 1pm	School & Nursery

Yours sincerely

Judith Kirk
ACTING HEADTEACHER