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SCIENCE CENTRE VISITS

I am delighted to announce that St Charles’ Primary have been picked to be part of an exciting partnership with Glasgow Science Centre! The aim of the partnership is to raise the profile of STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) with our children, families and communities. STEM is on our school improvement plan this year so this will provide fantastic opportunities for our school! Every class will visit the Science Centre in November. We will be looking for parent helpers. In the New Year the Science Centre on the road crew will visit the school to do pupil workshops, and they will offer a parent & child workshop in February.

# CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK

This year Scottish Catholic Education week will be celebrated in the parish on SUNDAY 24th 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, all reflecting on the theme of “Promoting Gospel Values.” This Mass will celebrate P7 pupils Mass of Enrolment. Mrs Kelly will send out more information about this.

# FUNDRAISING

Ms Kerr, Mrs Howe and Mrs Kelly & the Pupil Fundraising & Pupil Voice Citizenship Groups have decided to support local Food Banks this year. A separate letter will be issued by the committee for further information.

PARENTPAY

Parents will be contacted to open an account for Parentpay. This will be soon be rolled out to all schools in Renfrewshire and will mean pupils will not carry money to school. More information will follow from Renfrewshire Council.

# 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.**

CITIZENSHIP GROUPS

Our Citizenship Groups are up and running and we would like to invite parents to come in and participate if their child is in the **Eco Citizenship Group** on Friday 22nd November at 2pm for a fun activity. An invite will be sent soon. We will invite parents to groups throughout the year.

# PARENTS’ EVENING APPIONTMENTS

As previously advised there will be a Parent’s evening on Wednesday 13th November 5pm -8pm & Thursday 14th November 3.15pm – 7pm.Your child will be issued with an appointment time tomorrow. Myself, Mrs Kinsella, Mrs Kelly and Mrs Dolan 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 4th December 2019.

## Some dates for your diary- Including important Christmas dates

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| **Date**  | **Event**  | **Target Group**  |
| Wed 6th November | Visit to Science Centre. Packed lunches. | P7 pupils |
| Fri 8th November  | Dress Down Day-Donate chocolate for Christmas Bazaar  | All pupils  |
| Mon 11th November  | Parents Information Eve in St Andrews Academy 5pm-7pm  | P7 parents  |
| **Tues 12th November** | **CHANGE OF DATE HOUSE AFTERNOON. WEAR HOUSE COLOURS** | All pupils |
| Weds 13th November  | Parent/Teacher Interviews 5pm-8pm  | By appointment  |
| Thurs 14th November  | Parent/Teacher Interviews 3.15pm-7pm  | By appointment  |
| Fri 15th November  |  Dress Down Day-Filled jar for Christmas Bazaar | All pupils  |
| Tues 19th November | Mother Goose Show. Hopscotch | All pupils in school and nursery |
| Wed 20th November | SEAL Workshop for P1 parents. 9.30am | P1 parents |
| Thurs 21st November | Science Centre visit. Packed lunches. | P 2, P2/3, P3,P3/4 and P4 |
| Fri 22nd November  | Citizenship Groups. Parents invited to join their children in our Eco Citizenship group at 2pm Christmas Bazaar. PC will give more info.  | All pupils and parents with children in Eco groupAll welcome  |
| Sun 24th November  | Catholic Education Sunday Mass @ 10.30 in Parish. P7 mass of Enrolment  | All welcome  |
| Wed 27th November | SkoobMobile library bus | P1 pupils |
| Thurs 28th November | Science centre visit. Packed lunches. | P4/5, P5 |
| Fri 29th November | Science centre visit. Packed lunches.St Andrew’s Day Mass at Cathedral | P1, P5/6, P6Pupils will represent school |
| Mon 2nd December  | St Andrews Day **HOLIDAY SCHOOL CLOSED**  | All pupils  |
| Wed 4th December Thurs 5th December  | Infant Nativity Performances @ 1.45pm  | P1-P3 Parents & friends  |
| Wed 11th December | Nursery Nativity Performances @ 10.30am & 2pm | Nursery parents & friends |
| Thurs 12th December  | Wizard of Oz Panto in school hallChristmas Lunch (no sandwich option)Christmas Jumper day run by Fundraising Citizenship group. £1 pp  | P1-P7  |
| Fri 13th  December  | Carol Singers in Paisley Centre  | Upper school singers |
| Mon 16th December  | Parent Council – Family Christmas movie night  | More info to be issued by PC  |
| Tues 17th December | Carol Singers in Accord Hospice | Upper school singers |
| Weds 18th December  | **Nursery & school Christmas Parties (casual/party clothes)** | All pupils  |
| Fri 20th December  | School and Nursery close @ 2:30pm  | All pupils  |

**Please note:**

**School is closed on Monday 2nd DECEMBER for St Andrew’s Day holiday.**

**Early Closure at 2.30pm on Friday 20TH 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,

Judith Kirk

HEADTEACHER (Acting)

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