# BULLETIN

**ST. CHARLES' PRIMARY**
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# November 2020

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Dear Parents,
Thank you for your continued efforts at drop off and pick up times. Our new staggered times are going very smoothly and we have hardly any congestion at the school gate and in the playground. All adults should now be wearing masks at the school gate and should be keeping a 2 metre distance from others. Information about wearing masks can be found on our school App and school website. With Track & Trace in St Charles' Primary and ELCC we would like to reassure parents that we are doing everything we can to minimise risks and keep everyone safe.

## SACRAMENTS

Our Primary 5 children will be celebrating the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on Saturday 7th and 14th November. We would like to say a big thank you to Fr Jim and the Parish for working so hard to co-ordinate these celebrations with the school and families. Thank you to Pauline Kelly who has met virtually with parents to go over arrangements for the Masses. Thanks also go to families for their patience and understanding. The children will enjoy a treat provided by the Parent Hub. Arrangements may be subject to change in line with local restrictions.
Our Primary 7 leavers will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation with their class groups in St Andrew's Academy.

## PARENT HUB

The Parent Hub AGM took place last week and I am delighted to announce that Raymond Quinn was voted in as Chairperson of the Parent Hub, Anji McAleer will continue as Vice Chairperson and Michelle McElwaine will continue as Treasurer. We are very lucky to have such an active Parent Hub who do so much for our children. A big THANK YOU!! from everyone in the school community. They will soon be organising fundraising donation drops in the run up to Christmas. Updates to follow.

## OUTDOOR LEARNING

Please make sure children are suitably dressed for colder weather. They should come to school with a warm, showerproof jacket and suitable boots. Soft shoes can be brought in each day for changing. We are purchasing a number of outdoor jackets and trousers for use in school. Please let the senior management team if you have any difficulties purchasing outdoor wear.

## HOUSE SYSTEM / CITIZENSHIP GROUPS

Our next House Afternoon will be on Tuesday 17th November. Children can wear own clothes/house colours. Please see below for house colours.
House Name (HOUSE COLOUR)
St Margaret (YELLOW): St Ninian (RED): St Andrew (PURPLE): St Mirin (BLUE): St Columba (GREEN)

Our next Citizenship Group Afternoon will be on Friday 4th December. At this time the children are doing House activities and Citizenship Groups in classes, then House Captains will share with everyone over virtual assemblies.

## INFORMATION UPDATES

We are keen for all parents to download our school APP which is suitable for apple & android phones. We regularly share information via the APP. Please search for **School App for Parents** in the Google Play or Apple App Store. When you have downloaded the app please search for our school name to see our dates, news & receive messages.
Please also follow the school TWITTER page @stcharlespais for regular updates.
**APP UPDATE!!!!!! Following the new features that have recently been released, the latest app version is required for these to work. You can update the app by either checking your device/App Store settings or uninstalling and reinstalling the app.**

TRAFFIC CONGESTION

Thank you for your great response to Walk to School Week! The school community made a great effort and it eased congestion around the school. Can I please ask that parents do not park in the **school bus zone.** We have asked the council to repaint the lines so the bus bay is clearly seen. The bus has been forced to park on the road and this is causing a great deal of congestion. We need to ensure the safety of our pupils and it is essential that the bus bay is not used during school drop off and pick up times.

Some dates for your diary

Please note that these dates may be subject to change.

| Date | Event | Target Group |
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| Mon 2nd November | Registration week for new P1 children. | New P1 parents |
| Friday 6th November | Room 12 Virtual First Friday Mass at St Charles' Church at 10am - Link posted on Twitter | All welcome |
| Sat 7th Nov | First Communion Masses in St Charles Church at 10am & 12pm | Ticket only |
| Sat 14th Nov | First Communion Masses in St Charles Church at 10am & 12pm | Ticket only |
| Tues 17th Nov | House Afternoon. House colours/own clothes can be worn | All pupils |
| Fri 20th Nov | Interim Reports issued to parents | All pupils |
| Mon 30th Nov | ST ANDREWS DAY HOLIDAY – SCHOOL & NURSERY CLOSED | All pupils |
| Tues 1st Nov | School reopens | All pupils |
| Fri 4th December | Room 13 Virtual First Friday Mass at St Charles' Church at 10m – Link posted on Twitter<br>Citizenship Group Meetings | All welcome<br>All pupils |
| Wed 9th December | Virtual Parent Council Meeting at 6.30pm via SKYPE | All welcome |
| Fri 11th Dec | Bishop John visiting the school | |
| Fri 18th December | School closes at 2.30pm for Christmas holidays | All pupils |
| Wed 6th Jan 2021 | School reopens | All pupils |

Yours sincerely,

Headteacher Acting