

BULLETIN

ST. CHARLES' PRIMARY

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Dear Parents,

Thank you for your continued efforts at drop off and pick up times. All adults should 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 Glow Blog (Website).

SACRAMENTS

Our Primary 5 children celebrated the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on Saturday 7th and 14th November. Thank you to Fr Jim and the parish for all their support.

Our Primary 7 leavers celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation with their class groups in St Andrew's Academy in November. We would like to offer our congratulations to our P7 leavers.

We have agreed dates for our upcoming Sacraments for next year. These dates will be subject to change and we have agreed dates which will enable us to adhere to current Covid restrictions, which may still be in place.

Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist for P4 children – Sat 8th and 15th May 2021 10am and 12 o'clock Masses

Sacrament of Confirmation for P7 pupils – Mon & Tues 19th & 20th April 2021, Mon & Tues 26th & 27th April 2021 at 7pm.

The P7 Mass of Enrolment will be on Friday 4th December and P7 pupils will virtually join first Friday mass at 10am to participate.

Other dates for Sacrament classes will follow.

We have enrolled in the 'Laudito Si' school initiative to promote an Ecological Education. We will launch this during Advent.

PARENT HUB

The Parent Hub were delighted with the generosity of parents on Friday for raffle hampers. The children and staff would all like to say a big THANK YOU!!

This Friday, 4th December, pupils can wear own clothes/Christmassy clothes/crazy hair and should bring a donation for the Parent Hub raffle. The children have also designed a Christmas card in school, which have been printed to make a pack of 10 cards. Parents are asked to make a suggested donation of £3 per pack or £5 for families, for the pack(s) of cards. Cards will be sent home on Friday and money can be sent in from Monday. We also have children's Christmas masks which will be going on sale soon for a suggested donation of £3. We will send a text when they are ready to go on sale. Thank you to Maureen Haney for making the masks!!

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. The school has purchased some waterproof jackets and trousers for each stage of the school. This will ensure all children are suitably dressed outdoors.

We have enrolled in the Wriggle Litter Less Programme'/ Keep Scotland Beautiful. This will launch in January. More details to follow!!

STAFF UPDATE

Our congratulations go to Lynne Ferguson, who had a beautiful baby boy on 28th November!! We would also like to welcome Siobhan Wilson back from maternity leave on 7th December.

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. As a school most of our information will now be coming from Twitter, the School App and The School website. The Website has been updated and will now be called the School Blog. There is now a tab for Parent Hub news. We will no longer be using Facebook to update parents. If you need any help connecting to these platforms, please contact the school office.

NATIVITY

Usually at this time of the year we would be welcoming parents into the school and nursery for Nativity performances. All classes are working on 'The Magical Christmas Jigsaw' and teachers will send home photographs or short videos. We will also be having a Christmas lunch, Christmas parties and a virtual Pantomime, Jack and the Beanstalk!

Some dates for your diary

Please note that these dates may be subject to change.

Date	Event	Target Group
Fri 4 th December	Own clothes/Christmassy clothes/Crazy hair – donation for Parent Hub hampers Virtual Mass of Enrolment for P7 pupils & Room 13 participating in First Friday Mass at 10am – Link posted on Twitter Citizenship Group Meetings	All pupils P7 and Room 13 All welcome All pupils
Monday 7 th Dec	Christmas Lunch. Must be booked in advance.	All pupils
Wed 9th December	Virtual Parent Council Meeting at 6.30pm via SKYPE	All welcome
Wk Beginning 14 th Dec	Virtual Pantomime Jack and the Beanstalk all week for ELCC and School	All pupils
Wed 16 th December	Christmas Parties. Party clothes can be worn.	All pupils
Fri 18 th December	School & ELCC closes at 2.30pm for Christmas holidays	All pupils
Wed 6 th Jan 2021	School reopens	All pupils

The staff of St Charles' Primary and ELCC would like to wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas. Thank you for all your support this year.

Yours sincerely,



Headteacher Acting