

BULLETIN

ST. CHARLES' PRIMARY

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Where you are Loved, Included and Respected

Dear Parents

We are very sad to tell you that we are saying goodbye to two valued members of our school staff at the end of March. Brian Wilson our fantastic janitor is retiring. He has been in St Charles' for 13 years. He is an exceptional janitor who goes above and beyond every day. He helps to run all the school shows, from lights to sound and music. He records concerts and Christmas Nativities and helps to direct children. He organises Primary 7 yearbooks, providing photos and videos and CDs of memories for every pupil. He is an excellent DJ for school events. He is loved by everyone in the school community. Parents, pupils and staff all think very highly of him. He helps out on all our residential school trips. To the children he is the 'Big Boss' of the school. We will be very sorry to lose him when he goes.



We are also losing Esther Reid our Catering Manager. She came to St Charles Primary to pay for her daughter's Communion dress 30 years ago, and never left! She knows every child in the school and is a welcoming face in the school canteen. She has a smile for everyone, and her lentil soup is legendary! She will be missed by all children and staff at St Charles'.



We will have a low key send off for Esther and Brian at the end of March. We hope to celebrate with them later in the year when Covid restrictions ease.

SCHOOLS UPDATE

All nursery and P1-3 children returned to school on Monday 22nd February 2021, with home learning continuing for our children in P4-7. We currently have 3 hubs operational for P4-7 children, could I please ask that parents keep the school office informed of work rotas as the children should only attend this when there is no alternative childcare.

The First Minister was quite clear in her announcement that the return to school for P1-3 did not signal a wider easing of restrictions and the '**stay at home**' message remains very much in place.

The return of the P1-3 children will be monitored over the next few weeks to assess the impact on community transmission of the new more infectious variants. It is vital, as a school community, we do all in our power to minimise the opportunities for transmission and keep everyone associated with our school as safe as possible. In doing this we have the best chance to see our P4-7 children return soon (possible date 15th March).

As our P1-3 children return the COVID-19 mitigations that were in place before we broke up in December will continue. Including:

- Strict social distancing for adults
- Only one adult per family accompanies/collects our P1-3 children.
- Adults are still required to wear a face-covering at the school gates.

All parents were sent a Parent Guide with more details. Please let the school know if you were not sent the link and we will check our contact details for you.

COMMUNICATION

For P1-3 parents, could I ask that any correspondence returns to the normal lines of communication. E.G. Calls to the school office or emails via the school enquiries. Messages sent via Seesaw will not be seen by teachers outwith school hours.

For Primary 4-7 parents Class teachers will be available during working hours via Seesaw or Google Classrooms. We will update parents through text, the School App and the School Blog.

PARENT/PUPIL VIEWS

Following the Renfrewshire Council survey on Home learning at the start of the new term, we would like to thank the parents who took part. Renfrewshire Council have issued a letter with the results of this survey.

We have followed this up by asking all children to complete our Pupil Leadership Team Survey on Google Classrooms. We will give feedback soon.

WORLD BOOK DAY

World Book Day is Thursday 4th March. Children can dress up as a book character or wear own clothes to school. Virtual book tokens will be available for every child. Mrs West will send a link. If parents would like a paper copy, they can let the school know. Children will enjoy a day of literacy activities and a book session in school with cookies and milk. P4-7 children are welcome to dress up at home and send in photos!

Some dates for your diary

Date	Event	Target Group
Mon 22 nd Feb	Nursery & School reopen	Nursery P1-3 pupils P4-7 hub children
Sunday 28 th Feb	Nursery applications for 2021.22 close today	All pupils
Monday 1 st March	Pupil Leadership Survey closes today	All pupils
Tuesday 2 nd March	P7 to S1 Transition meetings	Some P7 pupils
Thursday 4 th March	WORLD BOOK DAY Dress up/own clothes can be worn	All pupils
Friday 5 th March	First Friday Mass	Hub children
Mon 15 th March	Possible return of P4-7. More info to follow.	P4-7
Fri 2 nd April	Holiday – School & Nursery closed	All pupils
Mon 19 th April	Nursery and school reopen Sacrament of Confirmation. More details to follow	All pupils Selected P7 pupils
Tues 20 th April	Sacrament of Confirmation. More details to follow	Selected P7 pupils
Mon 26 th April	Sacrament of Confirmation. More details to follow	Selected P7 pupils
Tues 27 th April	Sacrament of Confirmation. More details to follow	Selected P7 pupils

Yours sincerely,



Headteacher Acting