

BULLETIN

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PRIMARY
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0300 300 0181



School Motto – Arwen Gaughan Room 11

Where you are Loved, Included and Respected

Dear Parents,

At the end of a very difficult year for everyone I would like to thank you all for your continuous support and understanding.

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. Take care and we look forward to welcoming all our families back in August!

CLASSIFICATION FOR SESSION 21/22

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 the 64 parents who took the time to give their views in our parental Survey. 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 to ensure positive changes are made when required.

HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT SCHOOL LEAVERS

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.

P7 children will get an opportunity to visit St Andrew's Academy on Thursday 17th June in the afternoon. They will go to the High School by bus and get a welcome and a tour of the school.

SCHOOL BUS/FACE COVERINGS

Children must wear a face covering on school transport. Please make sure your child has a face covering if they travel on the school bus, or if they are going on a school trip.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

I thought it might be helpful to issue a reminder of our agreed school dress code at this time, as many parents will be purchasing new items of clothing for the new session. We will still be operating a more relaxed uniform in August, as we do not know what the restrictions will be at that time. The relaxed uniform is

- White polo shirt or white T shirt, black leggings, joggers or shorts.

As part of our relaxed uniform we are looking into purchasing tracksuits with a school badge. We will give more information soon with prices etc and we will contact parents to see if this would be of interest.

Parents can also dress children in the formal uniform if they prefer.

- Grey shorts/trousers/skirt, white shirt, white polo shirt, school tie, grey pullover/sweatshirt/cardigan, grey blazer with badge.

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.

All items of clothing should be clearly marked with your child's name.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

There will be a new school lunch menu from Monday 14th June. **Please note there will be no sandwich option.** Children will be going to the school canteen from Monday 14th June. We will be adhering to our risk assessment to ensure the safety of all children and staff. The link to the nursery and primary menu is below.

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/re/stcharlesprimary/>

CONTACTING THE SCHOOL

If parents need to attend the school at this time to drop items off or to pick up a child, please phone the school office from the gate and a member of staff will come to the gate. Thank you for your support with this. (0300 300 0181)

SCHOOL TRIPS

We are organising trips for classes. Trips will be in the local area due to restrictions. Some trip dates are below and more dates will follow.

CYCLE SAFETY

P7 and P6 children will be taking part in Bikeability training in the next few weeks. Mrs Armstrong will be in touch with more information. Provisional dates are 15th and 22nd June.

PARENT HUB

The last meeting of St Charles' Primary School Parent Hub will take place on Microsoft Teams on Wednesday 16th June at 6.30pm. All parents/carers are welcome to attend. Our Parent Hub are currently working hard to organise a few surprises for our P7 leavers! Thank you to the Parent Hub for all their support over the last year.

BREAKFAST CLUB

We will give parents more information about the Breakfast Club as soon as we can. The numbers we have attending our breakfast club make it difficult for us to operate with restrictions still in place.

ANNUAL SPORTS DAY

Our sports day will take place on **Tuesday 8th June**. Active Schools coaches and pupil leaders from St Andrew's Academy will support children in different sporting activities during the day. All children should bring a water bottle to school that day to allow water consumption during the day. There will be a Parent Hub tuckshop selling a set snack available for £1 per child. The snack will be a drink, an ice lolly and crisps. Children can bring £1 to school, or snacks from home

Parents will not be able to attend at this time. We will take plenty of photos to put on Seesaw or Google Classrooms.

REMINDER
SAFER SCHOOL PILOT

As you will be aware, the 'Safer Schools' pilot began on Monday 19 April and some streets outside the school are not to be used by cars during restricted times – namely at the start and the end of the school day.

This means that on weekdays during the school term, between 8.30am-9.15am and 2.30pm-3.15pm, no vehicles will be allowed in Rowan Street and part of Thrushcraigs Crescent – except those with an exemption. **This is for parking and driving in the street.**

Exemptions are in place for residents in the restricted streets and school staff through a permit scheme, as well as automatic exemptions for the emergency services, including doctors on call, district nurses, carers and support workers, postal service vehicles, school buses and transport vehicles, school contract taxis and blue badge holders dropping their child off or residing at or visiting a property in the restricted street.

The pilot aims to improve safety at the school gates, reduce congestion and emissions, and encourage active travel for our parents, carers and pupils on their daily commute by walking, wheeling or cycling to school instead of driving.

If you do need to drive, please park safely away from the school gates and walk the final part of their journey.

An experimental traffic regulation order (ETRO) is in place for the duration of the pilot and Police Scotland will be able to issue Fixed Penalty Notices for anyone found driving in these streets during the restricted times without a valid exemption.

The pilot is due to run until 31 December 2021 and you can find out more about it here – www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/SaferSchoolsPilot.

Kind Regards,

Gerard Hannah
Infrastructure, Transportation & Change Manager

Dates for the Diary

Wed 2 nd June	Ragbag collection	All pupils
Tues 8 th June	School Sports Day	All pupils
Wed 9 th June	Room 1,2,3 trips	Rooms 1,2,3 pupils
Wed 9 th June	New P1 entrants transition visit to school	New P1 entrants
Thurs 10 th June	Rooms 14 and 15 trips	R14 and 15 pupils
Mon 14 th June	New menus Nursery Fun Week	All pupils school & Nursery Nursery children
Tues 15 th June	Provisional Bikeability day	P6/7 children
Wed 16 th June	Parent Hub Meeting @ 6.30pm on Teams	All parents welcome
Thurs 17 th June	Rooms 10 and 11 trips P7 pupils visit to St Andrew's Academy	Rooms 10 and 11 P7 pupils
Fri 18 th June Mon 21 st June	Rooms 8 and 9 trips P7 Fun Day	Rooms 8 and 9 pupils Rooms 14 and 15
Tues 22 nd June	Rooms 5 and 7 trips Provisional Bikeability day	Rooms 5 and 7 P6/7 children
Wed 23 rd June	Nursery Graduation	Nursery children
Fri 25th June	Last day at school and nursery. Both close at 1pm	School & Nursery

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Judith Kirk".

Judith Kirk
ACTING HEADTEACHER

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN CONSULTATION

May 2019

We are now approaching the time of year which involves us reviewing our School Improvement Plan and our Pupil Equity Fund. We will be reviewing the progress we have made with our priorities for session 2018/2019, while setting new priorities for 2019/2020. Please use the reply slip attached to share your views. We are really keen to ensure that you feel involved and that your opinions are included.

School Improvement Plan **2018/2019**

Main Priorities:
Pedagogy of Play
Writing
Mindfulness
Numeracy

Pupil Equity Fund **2018/2019**

Main Priorities:
Family learning
Nurture
Inclusion Support Assistant
IT supports for children

What are we doing well?

Next steps for 2019/20