

# BULLETIN

ST. CHARLES' PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

As a school community we have worked very hard this year to establish new values and to introduce a new relationships policy based on our values of KINDNESS, HONESTY & DETERMINATION. We explore with the children what these values are & how we can put them into action & demonstrate them every day in school and at home. We strive to focus on & recognise positive behaviours in many ways & are committed to restorative approaches when behaviours are not as we would want them to be.

We have regular school assemblies where children's achievements big & small are celebrated in various ways with Shout Outs, The Walk of Fame, Achievement Stickers, House Points & Values Vouchers all being awarded. As well as this Parent Postcards & invitations for the Golden Tea Parties hosted by the Headteacher are regularly posted home.

Please chat to your child about any recent achievements & encourage him/her to complete a golden achievement slip to share at our next assembly.

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### WORLD HAEMOPHILIA DAY 2024

All pupils are invited to wear something RED to school on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April. We ask that all families donate £1. All money collected will be gifted to The Haemophilia Scotland Society (UK). This is a cause very close to our hearts as we have a pupil in our school who suffers from Haemophilia, which is a serious bleeding disorder for which there is no known cure.

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### PARENTS' EVENINGS

We look forward to seeing parents on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May** when there will be an opportunity to meet with teaching staff & receive an update on your child's progress this year. Ten-minute appointment slots will be available to book on the school app, there will be an email link sent to you, please ensure the office have the correct email address. The booking system will go live on **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May**. If you have any difficulties in booking a suitable appointment, please contact the school office for assistance.

Mrs Gavin who provides literacy & numeracy support for some of our children will also have appointments available to book. All senior staff (Mrs Hannigan, Mrs Kinsella & Mrs Kelly) will also be available both evenings- no appointment necessary.

Our pupil leadership team will be in attendance on both evenings to collect parental views on our school priorities. Please help us evaluate the work of our school by sharing your opinion of what you think we do well & what you would like to see improved.

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### SCHOOL UNIFORM SESSION 24-25

I hope a reminder on our school uniform may be helpful at this time of the year before new items are purchased for next session.

In St Charles' Primary School our agreed dress code is **grey trousers/skirt, white shirt & school tie, white polo shirt, grey jumper/sweatshirt or cardigan, grey blazer with school badge or an alternative outdoor jacket of any colour.** *Black or tartan items should not be purchased.*

As always between the beginning of May and the end of September, parents may dress their children in our agreed summer uniform-**Grey shorts with white polo shirt or blue & white gingham dress.** This is of course optional and will depend on the weather.

Children are asked to wear **shorts/leggings/joggers with school polo shirt & trainers or plimsols** for PE lessons.

I would respectfully ask that children do not wear hooded sweatshirts to school. This is only school uniform for Primary 7 children & is provided by the school in January each year.

The school office ladies are hosting a "Sip & Shop Uniform" afternoon on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2.00-4.00pm

Please come along & have a cup of tea/coffee, a chat with other parents & purchase some items of new & used uniform that will be on sale. We will have shirts, skirts, trousers, shorts, jumpers, summer dresses, jackets & footwear. These have all been donated by other parents and will be very competitively priced. There will be items on sale ranging from 50p-£2.50.

If you have any quality uniforms items that are no longer of use to your child, please consider donating these for others to buy. This helps other families to keep costs down & supports our children in their drive to make positive, sustainable changes in our school community.

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### SPIRITUAL LIFE OF OUR SCHOOL

Primary 7 pupils are to be confirmed by Bishop John in St Mirin's Cathedral during mass on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April. As previously advised mass begins at 6.30pm and children & sponsors should all meet school staff in the Cathedral Hall no later than 6.00pm. Seats inside the Cathedral are reserved only for children & sponsors therefore we advise that all other family members go directly into the cathedral to secure a space.

Children in Primary 4, are to be presented for the sacrament of Holy Eucharist (First Holy Communion) on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 10am & 12noon masses. There is a mass of Thanksgiving the following day at 10am (Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May) which we hope children & families can attend. Children can wear their communion outfits to this mass if they wish to do so.

Please keep all of our First Communicants & Confirmandi in your prayers.

In the Roman Catholic church, the month of May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. During May all classes will be learning about & saying The Holy Rosary in class and our pupil prayer group led by Miss Hanlon will continue to meet each week at lunchtime. Members of the St Charles' Parish Saint Vincent De Paul Group will visit the school regularly during May to support the children in praying the Rosary.

Primary 4 classes will be involved in the Travelling Rosary initiative which will provide each child with a Rosary to take home and use for family prayer. At the end of the month the children will keep the Rosary as a gift which they can use in the future. Fr Jim will lead a short prayer service in school to launch the initiative.

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#### PARENT HUB

The next planned Parent Hub meetings will be held in the school on Weds 24<sup>th</sup> April & Weds 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 6.30pm. All parents/carers are welcome to attend so please come along if you can. St Charles' Primary Parent Hub can be found on Facebook & on X.

#### SAVE THE DATE - FRIDAY 31st May

This Parent Hub Summer BBQ Event is planned for Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May This has always been a very successful fundraiser in the past & is a great night out for all the family. More info to follow. Please save the date for now

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#### Stramash for Schools Tour 2024

On Tuesday **April 30<sup>th</sup> 2024 we will have a visit from** three musicians who will showcase live traditional Scottish music, instruments and teach pupils some Gaelic language. Every child (P1-P7) will receive a leaflet to take home giving details of how to find out more about learning with the Fèis.

We are excited to once again participate in the Stramash for Schools tour to help develop our children's interest in traditional music and Gaelic language.

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#### SCHOOL SHOW

The P6 & P7 children will be performing High School Musical this year on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June. Performances start at 7pm, the doors will open at 6:30pm, raffles tickets and tuck items will be on sale. Tickets cost £4 per adult and £2 per child/OAP, tickets can be purchased via parent pay. A link will be sent to parent's when this payment item is live.

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#### SAFEKIDS EVENT

Safekids organised by Renfrewshire Council's Community Learning & Development team is a multi-agency experiential learning programme which aims to reduce the number of accidents in young people and also to promote positive behaviour and eliminate risks. The Safekids programme has been running in Renfrewshire for over 10 years and has proven to be very successful. Safekids is founded on the experiential learning ethos: "Tell me, and I may forget. Show me, and I may remember. Involve me, and I will understand". Every primary 6 pupil within Renfrewshire will have the opportunity to learn vital life skills through participation in a variety of safety workshops delivered by Community Safety Partners. Primary 6 children will be attending this event in St Mirren Park on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2024.

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#### P7 TRANSITION TO ST ANDREW'S ACADEMY

Primary 7 pupils transferring to St Andrew's Academy in August 2024 have already had a visit from Mrs Mcmillan (Head of Year) and individual transition meetings have taken place with the secondary pastoral care team. All pupils have been fortunate to visit the St Andrew's school library which has provided them an additional opportunity to see another aspect of secondary education. On Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May there will be another visit from the pastoral care team who will provide a question-and-answer session for the children.

Primary 7 pupils will be visiting St Andrew's Academy on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> and Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May. Pupils will be transported by bus from St Charles' to the high school on both days and will return before dismissal time.

Please note pupils should wear full school uniform (shirt and tie if available) on both days and bring a school bag as normal. If your child is entitled to a free school meal, this will be provided.

Should you have any questions regarding your child's P7/S1 transition please contact Mrs Kinsella.

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#### NEW ENTRANTS AUGUST 2024

A digital transition group is currently being established for all parents/carers of new entrants due to start school in August 2024. A group link will be sent out later this week. The link will provide access to important information regarding the move from Early Learning Childcare Class to Primary 1. There will also be messages & short videos posted to support all children during this time of transition. (April-June) New entrant children will be invited to visit the school on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> May 1.30pm-2.30pm to spend time in their classrooms, meet teachers and classmates prior to the summer holidays.

Parents are asked to accompany their child & attend the session in the school hall with Mrs Kelly. It is a great opportunity for parents to receive information about our school, the curriculum we offer and to ask any questions they may have relating to their own child.

Should you have any questions regarding your child's nursery/P1 transition please contact Mrs Kelly.

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#### BIKEABILITY TRAINING

Primary 7 children are being invited to take part in Bikeability training as an afterschool activity 3pm -4pm starting on Monday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of April. Sessions will be led by Mrs Angela Ferguson and supported by an additional Bikeability coach. Pupils will complete Level 1 and Level 2 which involves practising cycling skills in the playground then applying skills on the road. This practice will take place on roads near to the school. Any child that would like to take part should have access to a bike and a helmet in good working order. Safety checks will be completed at the beginning of each session. The club is expected to run for 8 weeks. A consent form will be sent out this week for parents to complete if their child is interested in taking part.

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#### Some dates for your diary

I have issued advance notice of as many future events as possible (until the end of June) to help you plan. Please note that these dates may be subject to change.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Target Group</b>
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Father Jim in school for P7 Confessions	Rooms 14 & 15
Weds 17 <sup>th</sup> April	FUNDRAISER- Wear RED to school day - £1 per family donation	All classes
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> April	Confirmation Mass in St Mirin's Cathedral- 6.30pm	P7 Confirmandii

Sun 21 <sup>st</sup> April	Mass of Thanksgiving in St Charles Church – 10.00am	P7 Confirmandii
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	P7 Bikeability Training starts- limited spaces	Rooms 14 & 15
Weds 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Parent Hub meeting in school @ 6.30pm	All welcome
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> April	Golden ticket tea parties – nominated pupils	P6 & 7 pupils
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> April	Prayer service for P4 children to launch Travelling Rosary Initiative	Rooms 7 & 8
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> April	P7 Bikeability	Room 14 & 15
Tues 30 <sup>th</sup> April	“Stramash for Schools” tour visit-Traditional Scottish Music session	All classes
Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	<b>IN-SERVICE DAY- School &amp; ELCC closed</b>	
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Golden ticket tea parties – nominated pupils	P4 & 5 pupils
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>HOLIDAY- School &amp; ELCC closed</b>	
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Transition visit from St Andrew’s Academy Staff	Rooms 14 & 15
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> May	HOLY DAY of OBLIGATION-Feast of the Ascension- Mass in school	All classes
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Morning Mass & Confessions in St Charles’ Church	Rooms 8 & 9
Sat 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Sacrament of Holy Eucharist @ 10am Mass in St Charles’ Church	Room 8
Sat 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Sacrament of Holy Eucharist @ 12noon Mass in St Charles’ Church	Room 9
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Thanksgiving Mass for First Communicants & families	All welcome
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> May	P7 Bikeability	Room 14 & 15
Weds 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Parents’ Evening 5.30pm-8.30pm	By appointment
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Parents’ Evening 3.30pm-6.30pm	By appointment
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> May	P7 Bikeability	Room 14 & 15
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> May	P7 Transition Day 1 (St Andrew’s Academy)	Rooms 14 & 15
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> May	New Entrant Induction afternoon 1 (New entrants for Aug 24 & Parents) 1.30pm-2.30pm	
Weds 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	P7 Transition Day 2 (St Andrew’s Academy)	Rooms 14 & 15
Weds 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Parent Hub meeting in school @ 6.30pm	All welcome
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	FAB Club- Afterschool Family Learning Session 1	Invited pupils
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	P7 Fundraising day – more info to follows	All classes
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> & Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>HOLIDAY- School &amp; ELCC closed</b>	
Tues 28 <sup>th</sup> May	New Entrant Induction afternoon 2 (New entrants for Aug 24 & Parents) 1.30pm-2.30pm	
Weds 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Strawberry Tea @ 1.30pm in school hall -All grandparents & friends of grandparents are welcome	
Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup> May	Safe Kids Event @ St Mirren Stadium	Rooms 12 & 13
Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup> May	FAB Club- Afterschool Family Learning Session 2	Invited pupils
Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> May	SAVE THE DATE: Parent Council Summer Event- Evening BBQ-more info to follow	All welcome
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	P7 Bikeability	Room 14 & 15
Tues 4 <sup>th</sup> June	P4 stage mass in school hall with Father Jim @ 2pm	P4 pupils & families welcome
Weds 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day for St Andrew’s House, St Margaret’s House & St Ninian’s House- more info to follow	All welcome
Weds 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day for St Columba’s House & St Mirin’s House - more info to follow	All welcome
Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> June	FAB Club- Afterschool Family Learning Session 3	Invited pupils
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> June	First Friday mass in St Charles Church	Room 10
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Sip & Shop afternoon- Uniform sale (New & Used Items) 2.00pm - 4.00pm	All welcome
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> June	P7 Bikeability	Room 14 & 15
	Golden Ticket Tea Parties for nominated pupils	Rooms
Weds 12 <sup>th</sup> June	School Show Performance- doors open @ 6:30pm - entry by ticket only	
Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> June	School Show Performance- doors open @ 6:30pm – entry by ticket only	
Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup> June	P7 Leavers Event in school hall 7-9pm	Rooms 14 & 15
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> June	P7 Leavers Assembly	P4-P7 pupils
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> June	P7 Leavers Mass in St Charles’ Church @7pm	All welcome

**Early closure- On the last day of term (Thursday 27th June) school will close at 1pm.**

Yours sincerely



Grace Hannigan  
HEADTEACHER