

# BULLETIN

ST. CHARLES' PRIMARY SCHOOL  
**May/June 2024**

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Dear Parents,

We are currently awaiting final staffing allocation for next session from Renfrewshire Council Children's Services. When that is confirmed, classes for session 24-25 will be formed. All parents will be advised of their child's class & class teacher before the end of June. It is children's attainment & progress in learning which forms the basis of any decisions made regarding pupil class allocation. Parents are respectfully reminded that while we always ensure that children are placed with others they are familiar with, we are unable to change classes for children to be with individual friends & such requests cannot be accommodated. In childhood friendship groupings regularly change & children are supported to form new friendships & extend their social circle.

All children will have a transition day on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June when they will spend time in their new classroom with their new teacher. In past years we have found this to be a helpful exercise which all children have benefitted from. Transition days can often help allay any wee worries an individual child may have about moving on to a new stage or new teacher.

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#### SCHOOL UNIFORM REMINDER

Children should come to school each day wearing uniform. An increasing number of children especially boys are wearing sports clothes such as tracksuits. I understand that if your child has outgrown uniform at this time in the school year you may not want to replace. If this is the case, please let a member of staff know & we would be happy to provide uniform. We have a number of high-quality items available in school & there is no need for children to wear alternative clothing. This also applies to footwear if anyone requires support, we are always able to help meet costs.

Children are not permitted to wear club football colours or clothing with slogans that relate to alcohol or tobacco items.

**REMEMBER-**The school office ladies are hosting a "Sip & Shop Uniform" afternoon on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2.00-4.00pm. 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. Please come if you can, we want to make this an annual event & need your support to make it a success.

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#### SPIRITUAL LIFE OF OUR SCHOOL

All classes have been learning about & saying The Holy Rosary this month. We are also having lay helpers from St Charles Parish visiting regularly throughout the month to support Primary 3 & Primary 4 to learn this special prayer of devotion to Our Lady. As always, we are grateful to Father Jim (School Chaplain) and the volunteers from the parish for the support they give to our children and the role they play in their faith formation.

The travelling Rosary will continue to go home with P4 children each day.

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#### SCHOOL SHOW - Wednesday 12th & Thursday 13th June

Tickets for the school show will be Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> of May to all parents of pupils involved in the production of High School Musical to allow tickets to be purchased ahead of general sale on Tuesday of next week. Tickets will be available to purchase via Parent pay on priced at £4 per adult and £2 per child/concession.

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#### PARENT HUB

The next planned meeting will be held in the school on **Weds 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 6.30pm**. All parents/carers are welcome to attend Parent Hub meetings so please come along if you can. On **FRIDAY 31<sup>st</sup> May** the Parent Hub will be hosting the Annual Summer BBQ. This has always been a very successful fundraiser in the past & is a great night out for all the family.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved in the Parent Hub for their ongoing commitment & hard work in organising events & fundraising for the benefit of our whole school community. Dates of future meetings will be published early in the new school session and please remember the Parent Hub are always looking to recruit new members.

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#### PUPIL EQUITY FUNDING

Pupil Equity Funding is allocated to all schools across Scotland to close the poverty related pupil attainment gap in an equitable way. In St Charles Primary School our allocation for next session is £89,425. This session the money was used to employ an additional Additional Support Needs Assistant & 28 hours of a teaching post. These staff work directly with individuals and small groups of children who require extra support with learning as well as ensuring readiness to learn each day for others.

A short survey will be sent out via text this week to give parents the opportunity for you to share any suggestions you have which may influence how this fund could be used in Session 24-25. Is there anything you feel your child or others could benefit from/you would like to see introduced? It would be helpful when planning to hear your views.

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#### FREE SCHOOL MEALS & CLOTHING GRANTS

All children in Primary 1-5 now receive a free midday meal. If your child, or the child you care for, is in Primary 6 or Primary 7, And if you satisfy certain financial conditions, you will be eligible to apply for free school meals and/or a clothing grant for each school aged child.

Your child may be entitled to free school meals if you are in receipt of income support, any income-related element of employment and support allowance, working tax credit, child tax credit, pension credit or Support Under part V1 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.

I would strongly encourage all families to apply for free school meals (if they think they are entitled, as currently there are additional payments being made by Renfrewshire Council to cover the cost of this entitlement over holiday periods. You can apply for free school meals at any time in the school year & you need only apply once in each school year. Please note that school meals are only paid from the date the application is processed. The payment is not backdated.

Apply online at: <http://renfrewshire.gov.uk/Freeschoolmealsandclothinggrants>

A clothing grant is a payment made by Renfrewshire Council to qualifying parents or carers to assist with the purchase of school uniforms. Clothing grant payment is £120 per eligible pupil. A maximum of one grant will be paid for each child during any school year.

Apply online at: <http://renfrewshire.gov.uk/Freeschoolmealsandclothinggrants>

### SCHOOL SPORTS DAY

We are delighted to be able to invite parents to attend School Sports again this year. Weather permitting, this will take place outdoors. Please click on the link below for more information. In the event of rain, sports day will regrettably be cancelled for parents and children will compete in the school hall. A text will be sent out on the day should the weather prove to be too wet.

For Primary 1-3 Sports day Information Click [Here](#)

For Primary 4-7 Sports Day information Click [Here](#)

### LUNCH DEBT

I would urge all parents to check their child's Parent Pay account each week & ensure there are sufficient funds to cover the cost of school lunches. Like any other retail or hospitality transaction items selected must be paid for at point of sale. A number of children are continuing to accrue debt on a weekly basis as no funds are being deposited in their account for long periods of time.

Please speak to me at any time if your family are experiencing financial difficulty. We will always do what we can to help.

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society in St Charles Parish also continue to offer support for any family who may find themselves in difficult position purchasing food or energy. If you find yourself needing some assistance, please speak to Mrs Kelly or Mrs Hannigan who link in directly with the group. No personal information is ever shared with the volunteers.

### STRAWBERRY TEA

Mrs MacLean & the pupils of Room 13 will be hosting an afternoon of food & entertainment for grandparents & friends of grandparents. Please come along on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May at 1,30pm if you are free and are a member of the older generation! There will be a prize draw & lucky prize tickets on the day. There is no cost for tickets, but places are limited so you do need to book your space in advance. Please contact the school office if you are able to join us.

### 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>
Weds 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Parents' Evening 5.30pm-8.30pm	By appointment
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup>	P7 Visit from Royal Navy	Room 14 & 15
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Parents' Evening 3.30pm-6.30pm	By appointment
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
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. Please book a space for catering.	
Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup> May	Safe Kids Event @ St Mirren Stadium	Primary 6 pupils
Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup> May	FAB Club- Afterschool Family Learning Session 2	Invited pupils
Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Primary 7 fund raising day	All classes
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	CANCELLED
Tues 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day for Primary 1-3	All welcome
Weds 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day Primary 4-7	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
Weds 12 <sup>th</sup> June	School Show Performance- doors open @ 6:30pm - entry by ticket only	
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	School Show Performance- doors open @ 6:30pm - entry by ticket only	

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

Yours sincerely



Grace Hannigan  
HEADTEACHER