

ST. CHARLES' PRIMARY SCHOOL

October 2024

# BULLETIN

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*Where you are Loved, Included and Respected*



Dear Parents,

To keep all of our children safe we ask that you do not enter the school grounds until the gates are opened by a member of staff in the morning & at the end of each day. Please share this request with any member of your extended family who drops off or collects your child from school.

### BEST SEAT IN THE HOUSE

Like last year we plan to invite families to attend a "Best Seat in the House" assembly for each stage P1-P7. At this event your child and their classmates will tell you about some of their recent learning. We hope that parents/grandparents/friends will be able to attend to share the children's learning. These events were very popular & highly evaluated last year, and we hope this year will prove to be the same.

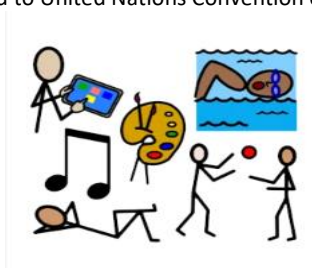


Primary 1	Tues 4 <sup>th</sup> Mar @ 9.15am
Primary 2	Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb @ 9.15am
Primary 3	Weds 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb @ 9.15am
Primary 4	Weds 13 <sup>th</sup> Nov @ 9.15am
Primary 5	Tues 29 <sup>th</sup> Oct @ 9.15am
Primary 6	Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> Jan @ 9.15am
Primary 7	Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> Feb @ 9.15am

### TOYS & PERSONAL ITEMS IN SCHOOL

An increasing number of children are bringing toys and items from home into school on a Friday for Fun 31 Time.

I would ask that only small toys/items that fit safely inside school bags are brought in to be used and children should be comfortable sharing their toys with others in the class. These are only for using at Fun 31 Time which is 31 minutes of child-led play which takes place in the classroom on a Friday afternoon. This is linked to United Nations Convention on Rights of the Child Article 31 which states –



Children have a right to rest, relax and play.

The toys/items are not permitted in the playground where they may be lost or damaged as this has caused a number of children to be upset and distressed over the last few weeks. I would also ask that no soft toys are brought to school as we continue to be vigilant in our practices to minimise any risk of infection in school.  
Thank you for your support in this matter.

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#### OPEN DOORS



Open Doors is an opportunity to visit your child's classroom. This is a relaxed and informal event when your child will share with you some of the recent learning which they have been undertaking in class. Dates for each class are as follows.

Room 1	Tues 29 <sup>th</sup> Oct @ 2.15pm	Room 9	Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov @ 2.15pm
Room 2	Weds 23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct @ 2.15pm	Room 10	Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct @ 2.15pm
Room 3	Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> Nov @ 2.15pm	Room 11	Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Nov @ 2.15pm
Room 4	Weds 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct @ 2.15pm	Room 12	Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> Nov @ 2.15pm
Room 5	Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> Oct @ 2.15pm	Room 13	Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> Nov @ 2.15pm
Room 6	Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov @ 2.15pm	Room 14	Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup> Oct @ 2.15pm
Room 7	Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov @ 2.15pm	Room 15	Weds 6 <sup>th</sup> Nov @ 2.15pm
Room 8	Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov @ 2.15pm		

**Doors will open each day at 2.15pm and I respectfully ask that parents do not arrive before this time as we have no waiting area if the weather is inclement.**

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#### HALLOWEEN

Children can come to school on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October dressed in a costume should they wish to do so. Each class will be involved in Halloween activities and children will receive a treat. Please note NO props should be brought into school as part of a costume - this includes masks. If your child would rather not wear a costume, they may come on this date wearing casual clothing. Please remember usual school lessons & activities will continue throughout the day and clothing needs to be suitable for going outside at breaks & for outdoor learning.



The Parent Hub are also planning to host a Halloween Event for all the family in St Charles Church Hall on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2:30-4:30pm

Tickets can be purchased by emailing [stcharlespaisleyparentcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:stcharlespaisleyparentcouncil@gmail.com) Adults £2 & children £1. Come along for games, treats & a Halloween quiz.

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#### FLU IMMUNISATIONS

Flu immunisations will be administered on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November** to all children who return consent form.

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#### PARENT HUB

The next meeting of the Parent Hub will be held in the school on **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October at 6.30pm**. All parents/carers are welcome to attend Parent Hub meetings so please join in if you can.

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#### **School Improvement Plan Session 24-25**

This document outlines our school & ELCC priorities for improvement this session. All the improvement objectives have been developed in consultation with children, parents & staff. Several other school partners have also contributed. Please continue to complete surveys & submit responses throughout the year as these opinions help us to continuously improve & will be considered when next year's plan is being devised.

#### **Standards & Quality Report Session 23-24**

This document provides an update on the progress we have made in meeting last year's improvement objectives and provides information on how our school uses the Pupil Equity fund allocated from Scottish Government.

Both key documents have been published on our school website [www.st-charles.renfrewshire.sch.uk](http://www.st-charles.renfrewshire.sch.uk)

If you have any questions or comments about either document, please contact us on

[stcharlesenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk](mailto:stcharlesenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk)

## REGISTRATION FOR PRIMARY 1 -AUGUST 2025

Parents/carers of all pre-school children attending our ELCC should have already received a leaflet explaining how to register for school August 2025. If any parent has not received this, please ask at the school office. Registration will be online through the Renfrewshire council website from **1<sup>st</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> November 2024**. Please find link below.

[Apply for a place at school - Renfrewshire Website](#)

When you are applying for a school place, you must provide:

- evidence of your child's age
- proof that your family live in the catchment area of the school.

You will need to provide:

your child's full birth certificate

- your most recent Council Tax notice
- a Child Benefit Statement
- a Roman Catholic baptismal certificate, if required.

If you don't have a Child Benefit Statement, you'll need to provide us with one of the following:

- driving licence
- bank statement
- a utility bill, such as a gas or electricity bill, dated within the last 3 months that shows your current address.
- a court order, Looked After Child or foster carer documents.

Renfrewshire Council may ask you for more evidence if more proof of where you live is needed. You must provide original documents if they are requested.

Please don't hesitate to contact the school office if you have any queries.

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### STAFFING UPDATE

Mrs McWilliams will be taking up a temporary post in St Fillan's Primary School Houston as Principal Teacher. I will advise Room 13 parents who her replacement as class teacher will be as soon as possible.

Miss Lori-Anne Tormey has been appointed Acting Principal Teacher in St Charles' while Mrs McWilliams is away to St Fillan's Primary School.

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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 December) to help you plan. Please note that these dates may be subject to change.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Target Group</b>
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> October	SAVE the DATE- Confirmation Retreat in St Andrew's Academy @6.30pm-8pm	Confirmation children & parents
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	IN-SERVICE DAY- School & ELCC closed for pupils	
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> -Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>OCTOBER MID-TERM HOLIDAY - School &amp; ELCC closed</b>	
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	School & ELCC Re-open for all pupils	
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Doors open afternoon @ 2.15pm – all welcome	Room 1
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	Doors open afternoon @ 2.15pm – all welcome	Room 14
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Doors open afternoon @ 2.15pm – all welcome	Room 5
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	Welcome Mass in St Charles' Church @ 10.00am	P2 & P3 children & families
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> October	Best Seat in the house assembly @ 9.15am – all welcome	P5 children & families
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> October	Doors open afternoon @ 2.15pm – all welcome	Room 1
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> October	P7 Stage Mass in school @ 2pm	P7 children & families
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	Doors open afternoon @ 2.15pm – all welcome	Room 4
Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Halloween activities (pm) – Halloween costume/own clothes to be worn	All pupils
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Holiday of Obligation- Feast of ALL SAINTS @ 11am	All pupils
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Doors open afternoon @ 2.15 – all welcome	Room 7
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Feast of St Charles Borromeo- Patron Saint of our school community	
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Doors open afternoon @ 2.15pm – all welcome	Room 6

Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Doors open afternoon @ 2.15pm – all welcome	Room 8
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Doors open afternoon @ 2.15pm – all welcome	Room 15
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Flu Immunisations administered to children with written parental consent	All pupils
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	P7 Parent Information Evening in St Andrew's Academy @ 5pm	
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Doors open afternoon @ 2.15pm – all welcome	Room 9
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Doors open afternoon @ 2.15pm – all welcome	Room 12
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Doors open afternoon @ 2.15pm – all welcome	Room 13
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Best Seat in the House assembly @ 9.15am – all welcome	P4 children & families
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents' Evening 5.30pm-8.30pm	By appointment
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents' Evening 3.30pm-6.30pm	By appointment
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Doors open afternoon @ 2.15pm – all welcome	Room 11
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	Doors open afternoon @ 2.15pm – all welcome	Room 3
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	Tempest photographer – Individual & family group photos	All pupils
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	School & ELCC closed – St Andrew's day	All pupils

**Early closure- On the last day of term Friday 20th December 2024 school will close at 1pm.** Pupils & teachers return Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Yours sincerely



Grace Hannigan  
HEADTEACHER