

BULLETIN

ST. CHARLES' PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Dear Parents,

I would like to thank the members of the Parent Hub who organised and hosted the Halloween Family Funtacular event last weekend in the church hall. The children described it to me as "a great success" and as you know they can be very harsh critics, so it must have been good!

Everyone enjoyed dressing up in school on Halloween too and all pupils received a small treat on the day. We had parades in the school hall & fun activities in class for all stages.

The next Parent Hub event is the annual Christmas Bazaar on Friday 29th November. If you would like to be involved in the preparation on the lead up to the night and/or you can help out on the actual night the Parent Hub would love to hear from you. Please contact Geri Taylor (Chairperson) on stcharlespaisleyparentcouncil@gmail.com or contact the school office and staff will be happy to pass on your name and contact details.

The Parent Hub will be starting collections for donations this Friday. Children can come into school every Friday in November wearing casual clothes (no need to wear school uniform) in exchange for a small donation for the Christmas Bazaar,

Friday 8th November- Children's books in good condition

Friday 15th November- Chocolate or sweets

Friday 22nd November- Bottles (including alcohol)

Friday 29th November- Decorated & filled jars.

On each date representatives from the Parent Hub will be at the gate to collect donations. Please note alcohol should only be dropped off by an adult.

A flyer from the Parent Hub with more info will be issued in school bags later this week.

SPIRITUAL LIFE OF OUR SCHOOL

Yesterday (4th November) we celebrated the Feast of our patron Saint Charles Borromeo. Here is our school prayer that all children say each day in class.

Saint Charles our patron, we ask you to guide us on our path that we may be gentle and faithful ambassadors like you. Enable us to be great learners, great friends and to celebrate our talents. Help us to show love and respect to all those that we meet and to grow in knowledge by following your loyal and faithful example. Amen.

Please encourage your child to say this prayer at home each day.

During the month of November children will be praying for deceased friends & family members in class & at assembly

NATIONAL BOOK WEEK 2024

This year "Book Week Scotland" begins on Monday 18th November. The theme is **Hope**. In school we will be having lots of fun events & activities throughout the week. Parents are asked to support their children by reading to &/or with them for at least 20 minutes each evening and chatting to them about the reading activities they have been involved in that day.

I am very grateful to Miss Tormey & Mrs Lamont-Hargan who are our literacy Co-ordinators in St Charles' PS. They have organised a very full & fun programme for staff & children which I know we will all enjoy greatly while learning.

Letters will be issued to children at different stages with all relevant information regarding the events which parents are included in. Dates & times listed at end of this bulletin.

- Children in ELCC will have a Book Bug Story Session
- P1, P2 & P3 children will be gifted a Book Bag
- P4 & P5 parents & children will be invited to enjoy a BINGO, BOOKS & BUNS event.
- P6 & P7 will enjoy story time with milk & cookies.

THEATRE TRIP

On 7th November the children who auditioned for a main part in the school show are going to see Disney's Aladdin at the Theatre Royal. This is a great opportunity to see the show in action! They will get a chance to see their characters come to life on stage and this will inspire their own performances. The children are very excited for their trip to the theatre.

INVITATIONS TO SHARE YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING

Thank you to all the Parents & extended family members who have attended our "Best Seat in the House" assemblies and "Open Doors" afternoons so far this year. There are several others planned for this school session. The children have really enjoyed sharing some of their learning with friends & family. Remember Open Doors is very informal, and parents do not need to attend for the full hour. It is fine to come along and stay for just a little while.

"Storytime by Fairy light" is a parent/child activity we introduced for P2 children last year to promote books & a love of story. We plan to host two sessions this year on Tuesday 26th November & Tuesday 3rd December 5pm-6pm. More information and a sign-up form will be issued to P2 parents. Spaces are limited & will be offered on a first-come basis.

I respectfully ask that parents do not arrive before scheduled times for any events as we have no waiting area if the weather is inclement.

CHRISTMAS JUMPER SALE

We are hoping to have a Christmas Jumper Sale on Wednesday 13th & Thursday 14th November during parents' evenings. We are asking that you look out & launder last year's jumpers/ sweatshirts/tee-shirt that is now too small for your child & donate it to our sale. If you have any adult size jumpers, they would also be welcome. All items in the sale will cost £1. Please send any donations into school office as soon as possible.

LUNCH DEBT

I would ask all parents to ensure children always have adequate funds available on Parent Pay to cover the cost of school lunches. While all children P1-P5 are entitled to a free school lunch, an increasing number of children in P6 & P7 are regularly presenting for a school lunch with no means to pay. The school is required to issue debt letters each week until any outstanding balance is paid. Please speak to Mrs Hannigan if you are experiencing difficulty in providing your child with a midday meal.

PARENTS' EVENINGS

Parent/teacher interviews will be held in the school on Weds 13th November 5.30pm-8.30pm and on Thursday 14th November 3.30pm-6.30pm. Appointments will be available to book on St Charles' PS App. The booking system will go live on 6th November, you will be sent an email link by the end of the school day so keep an eye for this it could possibly go to your junk mail. Please remember you need to book an appointment for each child. (2 children= 2 appointment times) If you have any difficulties in booking a suitable appointment, please contact the school office for assistance. As always, all senior staff are available on the evening on a drop-in basis.

SANTA DASH

P7 children will take part in a sponsored event to raise money to purchase leavers hoodies on Thursday 5th December. Good Luck to all involved! Sponsor forms will be issued November 22nd.

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

SAVE THE DATE: We are planning to host an event for grandparents and the elderly members of our school community on Thursday 12th December 24. More information to follow.

REGISTRATION OF NEW ENTRANTS (PRIMARY ONE) FOR AUGUST 2025

If your child will turn 5 years of age between 1 March 2025 and 28 February 2026, you should register them for school between Friday 1st and Friday 8th November 2024. Registration is completed online.

If you want your child to go to another school which is outside of your catchment area, you'll need to register them at a school within your catchment area first, then make a placing request.

If you can't register your child for school until after Tuesday 7 November, please contact the school office to advise before this date. We will be happy to make alternative arrangements.

Children who will be 4 when school starts in August 2025 can be deferred and get an additional year of free nursery and childcare. Please talk to your child's nursery or childminder.

Visit [Renfrewshire Council's website](#) to apply for any of the above.

During the registration process, you will be required to produce the following documentation to support your child's entry to school:

1. Child's full Birth Certificate
2. Most recent Council Tax Notice or if not currently resident in the property either a concluded missive or a signed and witnessed tenancy agreement/lease.
3. Child Benefit Statement. (In the event that a Child Benefit Statement is not available, a Driving Licence or a Bank Statement/utility bill showing transactions over the most recent 3 months and the applicant's address may be accepted). Or if appropriate to current circumstances: Court Order / Looked After Child/Foster carer document(s).
4. Roman Catholic Baptismal Certificate if your child has been baptised.

You should be able to access further information by searching 'apply for a place at school' on Renfrewshire Council website.

We look forward to welcoming many new children & families to our school community next session.

PARENT HUB

IMPORTANT UPDATE- The planned meeting on **Weds 6th November has been cancelled.**

Some dates for your diary

I have issued advance notice of as many future events as possible to help you plan until Christmas holidays. Please note that these dates may be subject to change.

Date	Event	Target Group
Friday 1 st November	Holiday of Obligation- Feast of ALL SAINTS. Mass arrangements TBC	All pupils
Sunday 3 rd November	P7 Confirmation Prep at St Charles' Church @ 10.00am	
Monday 4 th November	Feast of St Charles Borromeo- Patron Saint of our school community	
Wednesday 6 th November	Doors open afternoon @ 2.15pm – all welcome	Room 15
Thursday 7 th November	Flu Immunisations administered to children with written parental consent	All pupils
Thursday 7 th November	Aladdin Pantomime at Theatre Royal, bus leaves school at 5.50pm (collecting pupils from St Andrews who are attending Information Evening)	Selected P6and7s
Thursday 7 th November	P7 Parent Information Evening in St Andrew's Academy @ 5pm	
Friday 8 th November	ParentHub Collection new and used books (non-uniform day)	
Sunday 10 th November	P7 Confirmation Prep at St Charles' Church @ 10.00am	
Wednesday 13 th November	Parents' Evening 5.30pm-8.30pm	By appointment only
Thursday 14 th November	Parents' Evening 3.30pm-6.30pm	By appointment only
Friday 15 th November	ParentHub Collection sweets/chocolate (non-uniform day)	
Sunday 17 th November	P7 Confirmation Prep at St Charles' Church @ 10.00am	
Monday 18 th November	Primary 1 Book Bag gifting session @ 9.15am.	P1 children & parents
Monday 18 th November	Primary 3 Book Bag gifting session @ 1.45pm.	P3 children & parents
Monday 18 th November	P5 Stage Mass in school @ 2pm	P5 children & families
Monday 18 th November	Doors Open Afternoon @ 2.15pm	Room 11
Tuesday 19 th November	Primary 2 Book Bag gifting session @ 9.15am.	P2 children & parents
Tuesday 19 th November	Doors Open Afternoon @ 2.15pm	Room 3
Tuesday 19 th November	Books, Buns and Bingo @ 1.45pm	P4 & 5 children & parents
Thursday 21 st November	Best Seat in the House @ 9.15am	Primary 4
Friday 22 nd November	ParentHub Collection Bottles (non-uniform day)	
Friday 22 nd November	Story time with milk & cookies.	P6 & P7 children
Friday 22 nd November	Skoobmobile Visit for P1	P1 children
Tuesday 26 th November	Tempest Photography – Individual and Family Pictures	
Tuesday 26 th November	Story Time by fairy light	Invited children & Families
Friday 29 th November	ParentHub Collection decorated/filled jars (non-uniform day)	
Friday 29 th November	Christmas Bazaar	ALL WELCOME
Monday 2nd December	ST ANDREWS DAY – School & ELCC closed	
Tuesday 3 rd December	Pupils Return	
Tuesday 26 th November	Story Time by fairy light	Invited children & Families
Wednesday 4 th December	P6 Swimming at Lagoon Leisure Centre (AM)	
Wednesday 4 th December	Parent Hub Meeting in School Hall at 6.30pm	
Thursday 5 th December	P7 Sponsored Santa Dash	P7 children
Friday 6 th December	First Friday mass @ 10am – St Charles Church	Room 14
Monday 9 th December	Confessions in school	P5, 6 & 7 pupils
Wednesday 11 th December	P1 & P7 dental inspection (visit 1 of 2)	
Wednesday 11 th December	P6 Swimming at Lagoon Leisure Centre (AM)	
Wednesday 11 th December	Christmas Dinner for school and nursery	
Thursday 12 th December	Carols by Candlelight	Grandparents & friends

Friday 13 th December	Nursery Nativity 1:45pm	
Monday 16 th December	P1 & P7 dental inspection (visit 2 of 2)	
Monday 16 th December	Infant Nativity dress rehearsal	
Tuesday 17 th December	PACE Christmas Panto 2-4pm (20 tickets)	
Tuesday 17 th December	Infant Nativity 1:45pm (P1 & P2)	Ticket only
Wednesday 18 th December	Infant Nativity 1:45pm (P1 & P2)	Ticket only
Wednesday 18 th December	P6 Swimming at Lagoon Leisure Centre (AM)	
Friday 20 th December	Whole school Christmas service with Father Jim	
Friday 20nd December	EARLY CLOSURE for ALL CHILDREN	

Yours sincerely



Grace Hannigan
HEADTEACHER