

# BULLETIN

ST. CHARLES' PRIMARY SCHOOL  
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Dear Parents,

In February each year we seek to engage with all our service users to gather views on the work of our school. This is an opportunity for parents to share their views on our school & how they feel their children's needs are being met. A link to a short survey will be text out to parents this week. Please take 5-10 minutes to complete this & make your views known. There is also a survey link that all children will complete in school and another which is shared with our community partners such as Active Schools Co-ordinator, School Chaplain, Parent Hub Office-bearers and others.

I will provide feedback on survey findings in the April Bulletin.

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#### STAFFING UPDATE

Mr John McGoldrick will be joining our staff team next week as Acting Depute Headteacher. Mr McGoldrick is currently Principal Teacher in Our Lady of Peace Primary School in Linwood and will be in post here for the remainder of Mrs Kinsella's absence. He will have responsibility for the care, welfare and education of Primary 4 to Primary 7 learners. We look forward to welcoming Mr McGoldrick and he is looking forward to meeting the children and families of St Charles'.

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#### SAVE THE DATE- SCHOOL SHOW PERFORMANCES

Pupils in P7 will be performing Aladdin on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2025.

Please save the date & more information will be shared on how to purchase tickets in the coming weeks.

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#### LENTEN EASTER EGG APPEAL

Lent is the six-week period leading up to Easter, beginning on Ash Wednesday until its conclusion on Easter Sunday, it is a time of preparation for the celebration of the death and resurrection of Jesus at Easter. Lent invites us all to make our minds and hearts ready for remembering Jesus' life, death and body resurrection. **This year Ash Wednesday is Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2025.** Father Jim will be in school on that date to distribute ashes to all children. The distribution of Ashes is not a sacrament and therefore all children whether or not they are catholic will be invited to receive them. Should any parent not want their child to take part I would ask that you contact the school office before Ash Wednesday to request your child to be withdrawn.

During the Holy Season of Lent, we encourage our children to pray, reflect on the Word of God, worship at Mass & give alms to those who need help. This year again we will be working in partnership with Steven Cameron Funeral Directors to gather & give alms in the form of Easter eggs. These will be distributed to children in the local area who may otherwise not receive one. We are asking that every child in the school donates one Easter egg during Lent. Our appeal begins on Ash Wednesday & ends on **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April** to allow time for collection & distribution before Easter Sunday. Please support this very worthwhile venture if you can do so.

Last year we collected 150 chocolate eggs, this year we are hoping to collect even more.

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#### PRIMAY 7 LEAVERS EVENTS

Lots of exciting activities are planned before the end of term. Please see information shared via teams for dates.

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#### RESIDENTIAL TRIP-DUMFRIES HOUSE

A group of Primary 7 children will be setting off on an adventure to Dumfries House in Cumnock on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February returning on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February. Mrs Dolan, Miss Leck, Mrs Winters will accompany the group. Information regarding this trip has already been shared with the parents of children who will be attending. If any parent requires more information or has any concerns, please contact Mrs Dolan via school office or email [stcharlesenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk](mailto:stcharlesenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk)

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#### PARENT HUB

The next planned Parent Hub meetings will be held in the school on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 6.30pm. All parents/carers are welcome to attend so please come along if you can. This is an opportunity for you to share your ideas and hear about the work of our school. St Charles' Primary Parent Hub can be found on Facebook <https://tinyurl.com/3h2kd3xt>

Thank you to all the parents who registered for the ASDA Parentkind Fund. A closing balance of £270 will be cashed in by Parent Hub to be gifted to the school at a later time. The Parent Hub have recently presented the school with a cheque for

£5000 to cover the cost of an outing for every child in the school this year. The donation will cover all the costs of bus transport & admission to venues. This means there will be no cost to families. We are very grateful for this generous donation.

The Parent Hub are hoping to host Spring Discos for our children. To do so, they require a minimum of 20 adult helpers. To be involved in pupil events all helpers require to be PVG checked. Even if you already hold a PVG certificate for your day job an additional one would be required to be involved in school events. We are appealing once again to parents and grandparents to come forward and offer their services as volunteers. It is only with your help events can take place. School office have already sent a link for PVG application. If you need this resent, please contact office as soon as possible. So far, we only have 15 volunteers who have applied.

#### **SAVE THE DATE - FRIDAY 6<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2025**

Parent Hub are hoping to host a Summer BBQ Event this year. This can only happen if enough helpers come forward. If you feel you can help out on the night or in the few weeks running up to the event please contact @StCharlesParentHub or pass our name onto the school office or any member of the Parent Hub. In total around 30 people are required to make this a successful event. Helpers for this event do not require to be PVG checked.

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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#### **SPIRITUAL LIFE OF OUR SCHOOL**

Primary 7 pupils are to be confirmed by Bishop John in St Mirin's Cathedral during mass on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2025 in the evening. 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.

There will be a pastoral visit to the school by Bishop John on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025.

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#### **POP-UP SHOPS**

There will be a pop-up shop in school on MONDAY 31<sup>st</sup> March selling small craft items & fancy goods. All items will have a springtime, Easter theme and will be affordable for children. Priced between 50 pence and £2 should allow children the opportunity to purchase using their own pocket money. Mrs Bryce will be supporting children in this venture.

Mrs Driver's enterprise group will be hosting an event on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March. There will be a donut stand and a stationery shop. The teams will be competing to see who will make the greatest profit.

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#### **LADIES NIGHT**

There will be a Ladies Night in St Charles' Church Hall on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2025, 7.30pm-11.30pm. Tickets will be available to purchase at the school gate on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February, donations for raffle prizes can also be handed at this time. All proceeds will be donated to school funds. We are currently saving up to purchase a new sound system for our hall & stage and new lighting units. This is essential equipment required for school performances and we are all really looking forward to seeing P7 performing Disney's Aladdin later this school year.

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#### **SHARING YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING**

Almost all classes have hosted a "Best Seat in the House" assembly this year. These events have allowed parents and families to share their child's learning particularly in relation to the United Nation's Convention on the Rights of the Child and Laudato Si. We will be requesting overall feedback from all parents after all class events are concluded and would really appreciate it you could take a few minutes to let us know what you thought of any you attended. Please tell us if you felt this was a worthwhile event, gave you a flavour of what your child is learning in school & most importantly any suggestions you may have on how we can improve in the future. Thank you in anticipation.

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#### **INTERNET SAFETY**

All classes will be learning about different aspects of on-line safety during our focus week 24th February to 2nd March 2025. such as information sharing & keeping themselves safe on-line.

In addition, children in P4-P7 will be exploring the theme from Safer Internet Day 2025 which is "**Too good to be true? Protecting yourself and others from scams online**"

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#### **BULB PLANTING & GROUNDS MAINTENANCE**

We are in desperate need of volunteers to help with planting bulbs in and around the school grounds. Mrs Bryce works with children to help keep our grounds looking neat and Mrs Tormey supports children to replant our pots. Coming into springtime we hope to recruit one or two more adult helpers to allow us to involve more children in gardening & planting activities. We would love to establish a vegetable patch too. If you have time, energy & are looking for a new project please consider volunteering to help us for a short time each week. It needn't be a huge amount of time, 1-2hrs each week would help us cultivate blooms to rival the Chelsea Flower show!

If you can spare some time, please speak to Mrs Hannigan at the gate or pop in for a quick chat to discuss what would be involved.

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**Some dates for your diary**

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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Target Group</b>
12.02.2025	ELCC Parent Cooking Session in dinner hall	Selected families
13.02.2025	Lunchtime Club – Mini Kickers Football – 12.30-1.00pm	Selected P3+4 pupils
13.02.2025	Afterschool Club – Dodgeball – 3.00-4.00pm	Selected P5-7 pupils
<b>14.02.2025</b>	<b>In-service Day – School and ELCC closed to pupils</b>	
<b>17.02.2025</b>	<b>Mid-term holiday – School and ELCC closed to pupils</b>	
<b>18.02.2025</b>	<b>Mid-term holiday – School and ELCC closed to pupils</b>	
19.02.2025	Pupils return	
19.02.2025	ELCC Parent Cooking Session in dinner hall	
20.02.2025	Lunchtime Club – Mini Kickers Football – 12.30-1.00pm	Selected P3+4 pupils
20.02.2025	Afterschool Club – Dodgeball – 3.00-4.00pm	Selected P5-7 pupils
21.02.2025	Children are invited to wear Rainbows, Scouts, Brownies etc uniform to celebrate "Thinking Day"	
21.02.2025	Afterschool Club – Handball – 3.00-4.00pm	Selected P5-7 pupils
23.02.2025	Welcome Mass at St Charles' Church – 10.00am	P5+6 pupils/families
24.02.2025	Lunchtime Club – Fun Games P1+2	Selected P1+2 pupils
25.02.2025	P7 Residential – Depart 09.30am	AD
25.02.2025	Gaelic Singing Lessons in class – 1.30-3.00pm	Primary 5
26.02.2025	Oral Health Team – talk and monitor brushing	P1 and P2
26.02.2025	ELCC Parent Cooking Session in dinner hall	
27.02.2025	Lunchtime Club – Mini Kickers Football – 12.30-1.00pm	Selected P3+4 pupils
27.02.2025	Afterschool Club – Dodgeball – 3.00-4.00pm	Selected P5-7 pupils
28.02.2025	P7 Residential Returns	AD
28.02.2025	Afterschool Club – Handball – 3.00-4.00pm	Selected P5-7 pupils
03.03.2025	Lunchtime Club – Fun Games P1+2	Selected P1+2 pupils
04.03.2025	Best Seat in the House Assembly – 9.15am	Primary 1
04.03.2025	Gaelic Singing Lessons in class – 1.30-3.00pm	Primary 5
05.03.2025	<b>Ash Wednesday – Ashes in school **</b>	<b>All pupils**</b>
05.03.2025	ELCC Parent Cooking Session in dinner hall	
06.03.2025	World Book Day – more info to follow	
06.03.2025	Primary 6 Cookery Club – more info to follow	
06.03.2025	Lunchtime Club – Mini Kickers Football – 12.30-1.00pm	Selected P3+4 pupils
06.03.2025	Afterschool Club – Football – 3.00-4.00pm	Selected P5-7 pupils
07.03.2025	First Friday Mass at St Charles' Church – 10.00am	Room11
07.03.2025	Afterschool Club – Basketball – 3.00-4.00pm	Selected P5-7 pupils
07.03.2025	Afterschool Club – Basketball – 3.00-4.00pm	Selected P5-7 pupils
10.03.2025	Lunchtime Club – Fun games P1+2	Selected P1+2 pupils
10.03.2025	Bedtime reading sessions with Skoobmobile – 5:45-7pm	Selected P1 pupils
11.03.2025	Gaelic Singing Lessons in class – 1.30-3.00pm	Primary 5
12.03.2025	ELCC Parent Cooking Session in dinner hall	
12.03.2025	Parent Hub meeting – 6.30pm	All welcome
13.03.2025	Lunchtime Club – Mini Kickers Football – 12.30-1.00pm	Selected P3+4 pupils
13.03.2025	Afterschool Club – Football – 3.00-4.00pm	Selected P5-7 pupils

14.03.2025	Afterschool Club – Basketball – 3.00-4.00pm	Selected P5-7 pupils
14.03.2025	Ladies night – church hall – 7pm – 11.30pm	Ticketed event
17.03.2025	Lunchtime Club – Fun games P1+2	Selected P1+2 pupils
17.03.2025	Bedtime reading sessions with Skoobmobile – 5:45-7pm	Selected P1 pupils
17.03.2025	Sacrament of Reconciliation – St Charles Church – 6.30pm	P4 Confirmandii
19.03.2025	ELCC Parent Cooking Session in dinner hall	
20.03.2025	Lunchtime Club – Mini Kickers Football – 12.30-1.00pm	Selected P3+4 pupils
20.03.2025	Afterschool Club – Football – 3.00-4.00pm	Selected P5-7 pupils
21.03.2025	Afterschool Club – Basketball – 3.00-4.00pm	Selected P5-7 pupils
24.03.2025	Lunchtime Club – Fun games P1+2	Selected P1+2 pupils
24.03.2025	Stage Mass in school hall at 2.00pm	Primary 1
24.03.2025	Bedtime reading sessions with Skoobmobile – 5:45-7pm	Selected P1 pupils
25.03.2025	Mini retreat – St Charles Church – 10am	Primary 7
26.03.2025	ELCC Parent Cooking Session in dinner hall	
27.03.2025	Lunchtime Club – Mini Kickers Football – 12.30-1.00pm	Selected P3+4 pupils
27.03.2025	Afterschool Club – Football – 3.00-4.00pm	Selected P5-7 pupils
28.03.2025	ELCC – Mother's Day afternoon tea – 1.30-2.30pm	ELCC parents
28.03.2025	Afterschool Club – Basketball – 3.00-4.00pm	Selected P5-7 pupils
02.04.2025	ELCC Parent Cooking Session in dinner hall	
03.04.2025	Easter egg appeal collection day	
03.04.2025	Whole School Lenten Easter mass in school	All pupils

**\*Parents are asked to contact the school office & advise if they would like their child to be withdrawn from this activity on religious grounds.**

Yours sincerely



Grace Hannigan  
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