

BULLETIN

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Dear Parents,

Autumn has most definitely arrived & we are all feeling the weather changing every single day. The children are all looking forward to Halloween & some are excited at the prospect of dressing up in costume. Children can come to school on Friday 31st October dressed up should they wish to do so. 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 the wearing casual clothing. Please remember lots of usual school lessons & activities will continue throughout the day and clothing needs to be suitable for going outside at breaks & for outdoor learning. All classes will be involved in fun Halloween activities in the afternoon such as games, drama, arts & crafts, music etc.

REPORTING PUPIL ABSENCE

If your child is absent from school, please phone the school office or email stcharlesenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk by **9.30am** on the first day of the absence. If no telephone call or email is received, parents will automatically receive a text message asking them to phone the school as a matter of urgency. This is to ensure your child's safety.

It is important to advise on when you think your child is likely to return and if unable to do so or if this position changes, then to call back if your child remains absent. If an absence is planned, please inform the head teacher in writing.

If a child requires to leave school early for any reason the school office must be contacted in advance to arrange collection and a reason given for this eg dental appointment.

No child will be permitted to leave early for any reason unless collected at the school office by an authorised adult.

PARENT HUB

St Charles' Primary Parent Hub can now be found on Facebook (St Charles Paisley Parenthub) & Instagram (stcharlesparenthub).

The Parent Hub will be hosting a Halloween disco on Wednesday 29th October P1-3 – 6pm until 6.45pm, P4-7 – 7:00pm – 8.00pm. **Tickets are priced £3 per child or £5 per family.** Permission slips have been distributed today with an envelope attached. **Please complete & return the permission slip with the money in the envelope provided.** There will be no entry on the night without the necessary permission slip being returned. All children will receive a drink and snack with each ticket purchased. Information has been posted on Parent Hub social media platforms.

Please note ALL children need to be collected from the building by an adult at the end of the evening.

The next Parent Hub event after the disco is the annual Christmas Bazaar on Friday 21st 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 Ashley King (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 collecting donations for the Bazaar every Friday in November. Children can come into school each Friday wearing casual clothes (no need to wear school uniform) in exchange for a small donation for the event. On each date representatives from the Parent Hub will be at the front door/ gate to collect the donations.

Friday 7th November
Friday 14th November
Friday 21st November

More info to follow on donations requested on each date.

OPEN DOORS

Open Doors events are currently well underway across the school. This is an opportunity to visit your child's classroom & to share with them some of the recent learning which they have been undertaking. It is a very informal session, and if the time or date is unsuitable due to work or other commitments perhaps a grandparent or other relative or friend could come along. It would be wonderful if all children had a significant adult attend.

Doors 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. All dates have already been issued & remaining dates can be found at the end of this bulletin.

CHRISTMAS JUMPER SALE

We are hoping to have a Christmas Jumper Sale during parents' evenings (Wednesday 12th & Thursday 13th November) as we have done in previous years. 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. Even Primark cannot compete with our prices!!

ST MIRREN SEASON TICKET

St Mirren football club has once again gifted every primary school in Renfrewshire with a family season ticket. We recently asked you to indicate if your family would be interested in attending a home game. All those who registered interest were entered into a draw & those children who were successful have been given a letter with the date & time of the fixture they are invited to attend. This letter should be presented at the ticket office on match day to permit entry.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER

Tempest Photography will attend the school **all day Tuesday 21st October** to take photographs of staff & pupils in the ELCC & school. Sibling group photographs will also be taken. Children should wear dress uniform for photographs.

NO DOGS ALLOWED

Parents are respectfully asked to refrain from bringing dogs into the school grounds at any time. Even if your dog is small & can be carried it should not be in the playground when you are dropping off or picking up each day.

OCTOBER REFLECTION on the HOLY ROSARY

During the month of October there will be a focus in all classes on the Holy Rosary which is a meditative prayer and a reflection on the life, ministry, and death of Jesus and of His Blessed Mother. Traditionally, the month of October is a time when we are all encouraged to pray the Holy Rosary. We will be having a whole school Rosary on Wednesday 29th October led by our House Captains.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please send your child to school every day dressed to participate fully in learning outdoors. This includes a waterproof jacket and appropriate and sensible footwear. All items of clothing should be labelled clearly to allow staff to return lost items. We already have a small collection gathering of lost jumpers/jackets/lunchboxes etc. all with no names. Please note that all lost items are disposed of at the end of every school term if not claimed.

As a school community we adopt a consistent dress code as it contributes to good order and discipline in many ways. It means that children don't have to decide what to wear each day and all the stress and pressure that that would bring to morning routines in the family home can be avoided. It means that children don't worry about whether they have the latest fashion items or worry that they risk criticism from their peers. Educational research has also found that a uniform promotes commonality among pupils, improves concentration and fosters a sense of pride, especially when children wear it in public. I know that school uniform items can be expensive to buy & to replace as children grow therefore, I would urge you to contact me directly if financial hardship is preventing the purchase of uniform items. The school is well placed to purchase items and support families if a wee bit of help is needed at any time. This would be a private arrangement, and your child need not know.

I would like to remind parents of items included in our agreed dress code-

Black or Grey trousers/shorts/skirts

White Polo Shirt (with or without school logo) /White shirt & school tie

Grey jumper/cardigan/sweatshirt (with or without school logo)- NOT BLACK or NAVY.

Outdoor jackets can be any colour, but no bright coloured items should be worn as indoor uniform.

Sports clothes emblazoned with logos should not be worn to school as they are not part of our agreed dress code.

PUPIL LEADERSHIP GROUP

Special congratulations to the Primary 7 children elected by their peers as House & Vice Captains Session 25-26. House Captains are Zara, Maddison, Callum, Owen & Chloe.

The Vice Captains from Primary 6 have an important role to play in supporting the work of existing House Captains. This year we have Edith, Hannah, Rachael, Maeve & Harlow.

Vice Captains hold this office for one year and then can stand for election as House Captains next session.

So far this session the group have already redesigned the Golden Ticket Tea Party experience that all children are involved in and are about to embark on self-evaluation related to the learning & teaching offer in our school. Watch out for them at the school gate after the holiday week as they will be around most mornings to encourage parents/carers to download & follow us on the Bluesky App.

Some dates for your diary

I have issued advance notice of as many future events as possible to help you plan ahead. Please note that these dates may be subject to change. Additional dates will be issued next month.

Date	Event	Target Group
Wed 1 st October	Toy donations welcome to school office as of today for Toy Sale next week	
Wed 1 st October	Football Festival at Ferguslie Sports Centre – 11.30am-2.00pm	Selected P7 children
Wed 1 st October	ELCC Cookery Club in dinner hall	Selected ELCC children and parents
Wed 1 st October	Doors Open Afternoon at 2.15pm – all welcome	Rooms 8 and 9
Wed 1 st October	Afterschool Club – Mini Kickers in school hall	Selected P2 and P3 children
Thurs 2 nd October	Doors Open Afternoon at 2.15pm – all welcome	Room 4
Fri 3 rd October	First Friday Mass in St Charles Church	Room 15
Fri 3 rd October	Doors Open Afternoon at 2.15pm	Room 5
Sun 5 th Oct	P6 Pope Francis Faith Award- Welcome Mass in St Charles' Church	P6 children & families
Mon 6 th October	Weight and Height checks	Rooms 1 and 2
Mon 6 th October	Doors Open Afternoon at 2.15pm – all welcome	Room 7
Mon 6 th October	Afterschool Club – Dodgeball in school hall	Selected P4-7 children
Mon 6 th October	Confirmation Parents Meeting @ 7pm- St Andrew's Academy	Confirmandii & Parents
Tues 7 th October	Doors Open Afternoon at 2.15pm – all welcome	Room 1
Wed 8 th October	Toy Sale Day – time tbc	
Wed 8 th October	ELCC Cookery Club in dinner hall	Selected ELCC children and parents
Wed 8 th October	Doors Open Afternoon at 2.15pm – all welcome	Room 2
Wed 8 th October	Afterschool Club – Mini Kickers in school hall	Selected P2 and P3 children
Weds 8 th October	Parent Hub Meeting in school @ 6.30pm - CANCELLED	All welcome
Thurs 9 th October	Doors Open Afternoon at 2.15pm – all welcome	Rooms 10 and 11
Fri 10 th October	Non-Uniform Day - £1 donation for School Fund	All School
Fri 10 th October	Doors Open Afternoon at 2.15pm – all welcome	Room 6
Mon 13th October	Mid-term Holiday – School and ELCC closed	
Mon 20th October	In-service Day – School and ELCC closed to pupils	
Tues 21st October	School and ELCC re-opens	
Tues 21 st October	Tempest Individual and Family pictures for School and ELCC	
Wed 22 nd October	ELCC Cookery Club in dinner hall	Selected ELCC children and parents
Sun 26 th October	P2 and P3 Welcome Mass in St Charles' church at 10.00am	
Mon 27 th October	First Holy Communicants Family information meeting in school	P4 families
Wed 29 th October	ELCC Cookery Club in dinner hall	Selected ELCC children and parents
Wed 29 th October	Halloween Disco – P1-P3 at 6.00-6.45pm - P4-P7 at 7.00-8.00pm	
Tues 4 th November	Feast of St Charles' – Patron Saint Day	
Wed 5 th November	ELCC Cookery Club in dinner hall	Selected ELCC children and parents
Thurs 6 th November	Flu immunisations taking place in school hall – AM	
Thurs 6 th November	P7 Parent's Information Evening at St Andrews Academy – 5.00-7.00pm	
Wed 12 th November	Parent's Evening Night 1 – 5.30-8.00pm	Selected appointments
Thurs 13 th November	Parent's Evening Night 2 – 3.30-6.30pm	Selected appointments
Sun 16 th November	P7 Confirmation Mass of Commitment in St Charles Church – 10.00am	