

# BULLETIN

ST. CHARLES' PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

I would like to thank everyone who has sent cards, flowers and messages of support to myself & the staff team in recent days. We are continuing to support our children on a daily basis. If any parent feels their child has been adversely affected by recent events & would like to request additional support, please speak to either Depute Headteacher (Mrs Kelly or Mr McGoldrick) who can refer to external partners if required.

## SPIRITUAL LIFE OF OUR SCHOOL

Primary 7 children were presented to Bishop John during holy mass at St Mirin's Cathedral on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April to receive the sacrament of Confirmation. I would like to congratulate all the Confirmandii & thank everyone who has supported them in their preparation; parents, sponsors, our school chaplain Fr Jim & especially Miss Tormey who prepared the children so well, and co-ordinated all aspects of this occasion with our diocesan RE advisers.

Children in Primary 4, are to be presented for the sacrament of Holy Eucharist (First Holy Communion) on Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> May at 10 am & 12 noon masses. There will be a mass of Thanksgiving the following day (Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May) which the parish extend a warm invitation to children & families to attend. Children can wear their communion outfits to this mass on this day if they wish to do so.

Please keep all our First Communicants & Confirmandi in your daily prayers

In the Roman Catholic church, the month of May is celebrated as a Marian month dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. All children will be learning about & saying The Holy Rosary in class this month. The Travelling Rosary will also continue to be sent home to Primary 4 families during May to support families to pray the Rosary together at home.

## SCHOOL TRIPS

End of year school trips have all been booked for all children as follows.

Stage	Destination	Cost	Date
Primary 1	Sealife Loch Lomond	£648.40	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May
Primary 2	Glasgow Science Centre & Planetarium	£643.00	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May
Primary 3	Amazonia	£626.00	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> May
Primary 4	Kelburn Country Park	£690.00	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June
Primary 5	Amazonia	£691.60	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> June
Primary 6	Finlaystone Country Park (including Den building Activities)	£663.50	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June
Primary 7	Heads of Ayr	£1140.00	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June

As you can see from these figures it is very expensive to take children on excursions. The cost of transport has increased significantly over the last few years. Each price is reflective of the number of children participating & number of adults required for safe supervision. The Parent Hub have very kindly agreed to contribute towards the cost of trips however they are also trying to fundraise for playground improvements which is what the children have identified as their priority. The money raised so far from recent sponsored event (approx. £2200) will also be used for playground improvements as we are hoping to install a new climbing frame & other static equipment in the back playground. The total cost of this, before any discount, is £16,153.67. \*If you still have sponsor money to hand in please do this as soon as possible.

With this in mind, I am asking all parents to contribute £5.00 towards the cost of their child's trip. Payment should be made on Parent Pay as soon as practical & preferably before 1<sup>st</sup> June 26. If any parent is unable to pay the full amount in this timeframe a lesser contribution would be gratefully received. Please speak to Mrs Kelly or Mrs Hannigan directly if this request for payment causes any difficulty for you.

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#### PARENT HUB

The next planned Parent Hub meetings will be held in the school on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May at 6.30 pm. 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 also be found on Facebook <https://tinyurl.com/y54j5wuj>.

#### PARENT HUB FAMILY BBQ

Change of date- As advised this annual fundraiser will now take place on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June. 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 your name onto the school office or any member of the Parent Hub. **Helpers for this event do not require to be PVG checked.** This is always a great event with lots of fun for all the family. We really hope you & your family can make it along on this new date.

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#### PARENTS EVENING APPOINTMENTS

Parents evenings are **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 1730-2030 & Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May 1530-1830.**

**\*Please note that appointments must be booked via Parent Portal\***

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#### FAB CLUB

We will be running our FAB Club again for children and families in Primary 3. During this 4 week club, children and their families have opportunities to read, cook and play together. More information will be given to Primary 3 pupils.

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#### SPORTS DAY

We would love to invite our parents and families to our Sports Day on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2026. Primary 4 - 7 will take place between 09.30 and 11.30am and Primary 1 - 3 will be at 13.15 - 14.45pm. Pupils should come to school wearing sports clothes and something to represent their house colour. A tuck shop will be available. In the event that we cannot proceed due to wet weather, Sports Day will unfortunately need to be cancelled. Activities for pupils would still go ahead for pupils indoors.

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#### SAFE KIDS

'Safe Kids, organised by Renfrewshire Council's Community Learning & Development team, is a multi-agency experiential learning program aimed at reducing accidents among young people, promoting positive behaviour, and eliminating risks. The program has been running in Renfrewshire for over 10 years and has been very successful. Safe Kids is based on the experiential learning ethos: "Tell me, and I may forget. Show me, and I may remember. Involve me, and I will understand." Every Primary 6 pupil in Renfrewshire will have the opportunity to learn vital life skills through various safety workshops delivered by Community Safety Partners'. The event will take place on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May at St Mirren stadium.

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#### PRIMARY 7 TRANSITION ACTIVITY & LEAVERS EVENTS

**Transition-** Members of the pastoral care team from St Andrew's Academy will be visiting P7 classes next week to speak to the children and discuss transition needs with Mr McGoldrick & the classteachers. All P7 children transferring to St Andrew's in August will spend two days visiting and experiencing some aspects of secondary school life on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May with children from all other associated primary schools.

Care- experienced children can also access additional support if this is required. Mr McGoldrick can make all necessary arrangements with the Pastoral team at St Andrew's Academy if you feel this is required for your child.

**Leavers Events-** dates for events at end of this bulletin. Additional information will be issued directly to P7 parents.

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#### HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

Every class has two hours of Physical Education (PE) each week, and the expectation is that all children participate unless they are unwell or injured in which case parents must inform the school office or write a note for the teacher. A number of children at all stages are coming to school without gym kit on the days this is required.

Please can you ensure your child brings shorts or joggers and a t-shirt as well as suitable footwear to participate indoors and outdoors.

Participation in PE is very important aspect of children developing healthy lifestyles & habits for the future.

An increasing number of girls are also presenting on PE days with earrings that they are unable to remove. This means often they cannot participate. For safety reasons I would ask that you ensure your child does not wear earrings to school on a day when they are participating in PE or other sporting activities alternatively your child can have these covered with micropore tape at home before coming to school. This is cheap to purchase & readily available in local pharmacies.

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Some dates for your diary

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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Target Group</b>
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>School &amp; ELCC closed – Inservice day</b>	<b>All pupils</b>
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	World of Work Week – Parent & Child activities (more info to follow)	All pupils
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Bikeability – session 2	Selected P7 pupils
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Confessions in school – 11 am	P4 pupils
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Parents evening – 5.30-8.30pm – by appointment only - booked via Parent Portal	All pupils
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Parents evening – 3.30-6.30pm – by appointment only - booked via Parent Portal	All pupils
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Holiday of Obligation Ascension Thursday- all children will attend mass in parish or in school	All pupils
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	P4 Mass & First Communion rehearsal – St Charles Church @ 10am	P4 Communicants only
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Non-uniform – wear your house colour day – more info from parent hub will be issued	All pupils
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Pupil leadership group – tuck shop sale at morning break– all proceeds for playground improvements	All pupils
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	First Holy Communion Mass – 10am & 12pm – St Charles Church	P4 Communicants & families
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Parish Mass of Thanksgiving – 10am St Charles Church	P4 Communicants & families
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Bikeability – session 3	Selected P7 pupils
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	P7 football friendly match – Dargavel 3.30pm	Selected P7 pupils- parents welcome to attend
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	P7 Induction Day (1) – St Andrews Academy	P7 pupils
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	P7 Induction Day (2) – St Andrews Academy	P7 pupils
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	P1 induction – stay and play	New entrants
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Safekids event	P6 pupils
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Non-uniform – wear your house colour day – more info from parent hub will be issued	All pupils
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>School &amp; ELCC closed – May holiday</b>	
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Parent Hub meeting – school hall @ 6.30pm	All welcome
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> May	P6 Curriculum Swimming lessons – Lagoon Leisure Centre	P6 pupils
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> May	Fab club – session 1 – 3.15-4pm	Selected pupils & families
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	ELCC sports day – 9.15-11.00	ELCC pupils & families
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Non-uniform – wear your house colour day – more info from parent hub will be issued	All pupils
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	P7 football friendly – St John Ogilive – 3.30pm	Selected P7 pupils
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	School show – Matilda	
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	School show - Matilda	
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	P7 fundraising day – more info to follow	All pupils
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	P6 Curriculum Swimming lessons – Lagoon Leisure Centre	P6 pupils
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Fab club – session 2 – 3.15-4pm	Selected pupils & families
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	P6 stage trip – all information available on parent pay	P6 pupils
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	P5 stage trip – all information available on parent pay	P5 pupils
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	P4 Stage mass in school	P4 pupils & families
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day	All pupils
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Fab club session 3 – 3.15-4pm	Selected families
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	P7 Leavers Event – 7pm (school hall)	P7 pupils
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	P4 stage trip – all information available on parent pay	
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	P7 stage trip – all information available on parent pay	P7 pupils
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Fab club – session 4 – 3.15-4pm	Selected pupils & families
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	ELCC end of year celebration – 1.45pm	<b>ELCC preschool pupils &amp; families only</b>

Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Parent Hub – summer BBQ – more information to follow	All welcome
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	P7 leavers & PFFA mass – 7pm St Charles Church	P7 pupils & families
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	"Bump Up Afternoon" when children visit new classroom & new teacher to support transition	
<b>Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>SCHOOL AND ELCC-1PM Early Closure*</b>	

**\*Early closure- On the last day of term (Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June) school will close at 1pm. Gates will open at 12.45 pm with Primary 1 & Primary 2 children dismissed in the playground at 12.55 pm. P7 will leave the school via the front entrance to a guard of honour from the whole school community P3-6 pupils will then be escorted by class teachers to the gate in line with normal dismissal arrangements.**

Yours sincerely



Grace Hannigan  
HEADTEACHER