

ST. CHARLES' PRIMARY SCHOOL

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BULLETIN

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Where you are Loved, Included and Respected



Dear Parents,

URGENT ACTION REQUIRED

If you haven't already signed up to parent Portal, we need you to do so without delay. Noted below are the main information/forms that you will be able to view and update via Parent Portal each session for your child/children. By using the portal, we will help reduce the volume of paper updates you receive over a session as well as reducing time spent filling out these forms.

- Annual Data Checks –you will be able to view these at any time and make amendments yourself and oversee your own child's details throughout the school session (main carer only).
- Parents Evenings - We will be using the portal for booking of appointment times
- National bus pass - can be applied for directly via this site.
- Young Scot card replacements - Can be requested directly via this site.
- Attendance check – You can view your child's attendance throughout the session. This will be introduced in new school session.
- Reporting your child's absence – You can report school absence. This is particularly useful if you are unable to call during the school day.
- Access Parent Pay (to consent and pay for trips) and Seesaw links will be available via this site.

There is an URGENT need for parents to complete Local Area Consent forms on parent pay (www.parentpay.com). Completing this allows your child to go outside of school grounds during the school day to visit local amenities to support their learning. Places such as the church, local shops, local park, library local care homes are regularly visited by small groups & classes of children. Unfortunately, if your child does not have a completed form, they are unable to be involved. Please complete this form without delay before **Weds 7th October**.

Please can you action as soon as possible to make sure you are kept up to date with all our communications for your child. If you need any help in registering your child for Parent Portal, please contact the school office and staff can support you with this.

BEST SEAT IN THE HOUSE

This session as in previous years families are invited 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.

OPEN DOORS AFTERNOONS

“Open Doors” events are an opportunity for you 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. A number of classes have already welcomed parents. All dates for this school session are listed again below for reference.

Room 1	Tues 6 th Oct @ 2.15pm	Room 9	Weds 7 th Nov @ 2.15pm
Room 2	Mon 5 th Oct @ 2.15pm	Room 10	Thurs 17 th Sept @ 2.15pm
Room 4	Thurs 8 th Oct @ 2.15pm	Room 11	Weds 23 rd Sept @ 2.15pm
Room 5	Fri 2 nd Oct @ 2.15pm	Room 12	Tues 22 nd Sept @ 2.15pm
Room 6	Weds 30 th Sept @ 2.15pm	Room 13	Weds 16 th Sept @ 2.15pm
Room 7	Thurs 24 th Sept @ 2.15pm	Room 14	Mon 21 st Sept @ 2.15pm
Room 8	Thurs 1 st Oct @ 2.15pm	Room 15	Thurs 10 th Sept @ 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.

There will be further opportunities later in the school session for parents to attend & share in their child’s learning. We hope every parent can attend at least one in-school event but understand this is not always possible for various reasons. If you are unable to attend please feel free to invite another significant adult in your child’s life eg grandparent, uncle, aunt etc who can come along instead.

HALLOWEEN

Children can come to school on Friday 30th 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. Any child who does not want to dress up can come dressed in casual clothing- no need for school uniform on this day.



The Parent Hub are also planning to host two Halloween Discos on the evening of Wednesday 28th October.
More information to follow

FLU IMMUNISATIONS

Flu immunisation forms have been issued to all school-aged children in Scotland. Please return this important form as soon as possible if you have not already done so. In St Charles’ Primary School immunisations will be administered on Friday 4th December to all children who have a completed consent form.

PARENT HUB

The next meeting of the Parent Hub will be held in the school on **Wednesday 21st October at 6.30pm. (not Wed 7th as previously issued)** All parents/carers are welcome to attend Parent Hub meetings so please join in if you can.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN Session 26-27

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 years plan is being devised.

STANDARDS & QUALITY REPORT Session 25-26

This document provides an update on the progress we 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 now been published on our school website www.st-charles.renfrewshire.sch.uk
If you have any questions or comments about either document, please contact the Headteacher on stcharlesenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk

PRIMARY ONE REGISTRATION SESSION 27-28

Please see below some useful information from Renfrewshire Council if you are registering your child for school starting in August 2027.

Where and When to register your child

Children who reach 5 years of age between 1 March 2027 and 29 February 2028 inclusive should be registered for education in their catchment school as follows:-

You must register your child in only one school, either the denominational or non-denominational school for your area. If you need information on schools for your area please telephone 0300 300 0170 or visit our website www.renfrewshire.gov.uk and search "find it on the map".

Registration will be live online from 2nd – 11th November 2026 on the above website. For those unable to register online we request that you telephone your local catchment school to make an appointment to attend in person during these dates.

Parents/carers must provide satisfactory documentary evidence of the age of their child and that their family reside within the catchment area of the school.

This evidence includes:

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 applicable)

This list above is not exhaustive, and the Council retains the right to ask for further information when proof of residency is not satisfied. Original documents must be produced upon request.

Class sizes

Parents are asked to note that legislation from the Scottish Government in October 2010 has limited primary one classes to a maximum of 25 pupils in each class.

This reduction in class size may affect the number of spaces available for placing requests. Children living in the catchment area have priority for registering in their catchment school. If you want to discuss this, please call **0300 300 0170**.

Redirecting children to other schools

Occasionally there are more primary one children registered in a school than there are places available. When this happens, we may have to redirect some pupils to another local school. We use a ballot to choose the pupils who are redirected, if this requires to happen, we let parents know as soon as possible.

Placing requests

The council has a duty to let parents choose the school they want to send their children to wherever possible. However, the council have to take various factors into account when they make decisions on placing requests. These factors include:

- the size of the school
- the number of children already registered at the school
- the number of children who already live in the catchment area, and
- other factors.

The council use a list of priorities when considering placing requests. Admissions to Schools and Placing Request Policy sets out these priorities.

If the council grant a placing request for one child, it's important to note that this does not guarantee that future placing requests for younger children in the same family will be successful.

Councils reserve places in schools for children who may move into the catchment area of the school during the school year.

Renfrewshire council's policy is to retain one space in each class, at each stage of primary school. Sometimes, it is not possible to retain a space in every class for children moving into the area because the classes are already full with children from the catchment area.

The council do not provide transport for children who make successful placing requests.

Please note that, once you register your child in a catchment school, the only way to move your child to another school (unless you are moving house) is to make a placing request.

Parents don't have a legal right to make placing requests for children who will be under school age when they start primary school.

However, if you have a particular school in mind, the council may be able to give your child a place there, but you can't appeal if we can't give your child a place.

Delaying the date when your child starts primary school

If you want to delay the date when your child starts primary school, you must still register your child. If you apply to defer your child's entry to school and your request is approved, we will offer your child's place at the catchment school to another child.

If you agree to delay your child's entry to school, you are giving up your entitlement to a place at the school. If you change your mind, it is likely that a space will not be available as it will have been allocated to another child.

If we grant your request, you will have to register the child again the following year at the catchment school. Please note we are unable to process a placing request application if you have applied to defer your child's entry to school. For more information, please contact 0300 300 0170 or visit our website at www.renfrewshire.gov.uk, alternatively you can also download the Scottish governments "Choosing a school", a guide for parents' booklet, at the following address: Choosing a school: a guide for parents, revised November 2016 - gov.scot

Although this information is correct at the time of printing, it is possible that arrangements could change either before the start of or during, the school year in question, or in relation to later school years. This is only general guidance.

SPIRITUAL LIFE OF OUR SCHOOL

During the month of October there will be a focus in all classes on praying the Holy Rosary which is a meditative prayer and a reflection on the life, ministry, and death of Jesus and of Mary, His Blessed Mother. The month of October is a time when the church encourages us all to pray the Holy Rosary. We will be having our first meeting to pray the Rosary on Monday 5th October led by Father Jim, our school chaplain and the children in Primary 5.

While visiting the school Father Jim has shared how pleased he is to see so many children and their extended families attending the monthly family mass organised by the Parish. Please continue to encourage & support your child to attend mass every Sunday and especially for planned family masses. The next family mass will be on Sunday 1st November at 10am. As this is the Feast of All Saints children are invited to come along in costume as their favourite Saint (although there is no pressure for children to dress up- all will be welcome, with or without costume)

CHRISTMAS FAMILY SUPPORT

Christmas can bring additional costs and place additional pressures on families. If you are concerned about meeting the cost of your family's Christmas this year, please speak to Mrs Kelly/Mrs Hannigan/Mrs Kinsella. We can often help in small ways, through the generous donations we receive from a small number of benefactors at Christmas time, by contributing to the cost of groceries & Christmas dinner, toys, clothing & toiletry gifts.

SAINT VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society in St Charles Parish continue to offer support for any family who may find themselves unable to purchase food or pay energy bills. If you find yourself needing some assistance at any time throughout the year, please speak to Mrs Kelly or Mrs Hannigan who link in directly with the group, no personal information is ever shared.

NON -UNIFORM DAY

Friday 9th October will be our first non-uniform day of this session. Children are invited to come into school wearing casual, recreational clothing. They are asked to contribute £1 on the day (which can be paid in cash). All money collected is for our School Fund which is used throughout the year to pay for small treats and activities which benefit all children.

Please remember no club football colours should be worn & clothing should be appropriate for school setting to allow children to participate in normal lessons throughout the day, indoors & outdoors.

TOY SALE

Parent Hub are hosting a Toy Sale in school on Wednesday 7th October. Donations of new, nearly new, used and in good condition toys are still very welcome. Children can purchase a new toy on the day for a small amount of money.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER

TEMPEST Photography will attend the school on Wednesday 28th October to take individual & family group photographs of children in the school & ELCC. Class group photographs will also be taken at P1 & P7 stages. **Further information will be issued.**

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
Thursday 1 st October	2.15pm Room 8 Doors Open Afternoon	Room 8 Parents
Thursday 1 st October	Afterschool Club – Dance – P3-4 (session 3of4) in gym hall	Active Schools
Friday 2 nd October	10.00am First Friday Mass at church – P7 stage	All welcome
Friday 2 nd October	2.15pm Room 5 Doors Open Afternoon	Room 5 Parents
Sunday 4 th October	10.00am Primary 6 Parish Family Mass and PFFA Introduction at church	All welcome
Monday 5 th October	2.15pm Room 2 Doors Open Afternoon	Room 2 Parents
Monday 5 th October	7.00pm Primary 7 Cluster Confirmation preparation meeting for parents and children at St Andrews Academy	Primary 7 Confirmandi
Tuesday 6 th October	2.15pm Room 1 Doors Open Afternoon	Room 1 Parents
Wednesday 7 th October	Toy Sale – Parent Hub – more info to follow	Whole school
Wednesday 7 th October	2.15pm Room 9 Doors Open Afternoon	Room 9
Wednesday 7 th October	3.00-4.00pm Afterschool Club – Netball – in gym hall (session 4 of 4)	P5-6
Thursday 8 th October	2.15pm Room 4 Doors Open Afternoon	Room 4 Parents
Thursday 8 th October	3.00-4.00pm Afterschool Club – Dance – in gym hall (session 4 of 4)	P3-4
Monday 12th October	School and ELCC closed – Mid-term holiday	
Monday 19th October	In-service day – School and ELCC closed to pupils	
Tuesday 20th October	School re-opens	
Tuesday 20 th October	3.00-4.15pm School show rehearsals – Shrek Jr. – in gym hall	Cast and production
Wednesday 21 st October	6.30-8.00pm Parent Hub Meeting in gym hall	All welcome
Monday 26 th October	2.15pm P4 Confirmation meeting for parents in school	P4 parents
Tuesday 27 th October	P7 retreat to Carfin with Fr. Jim	P7
Tuesday 27 th October	P6 Road Race – more info to follow	Selected P6 children
Tuesday 27 th October	3.00-4.15pm School show rehearsals – Shrek Jr. – in gym hall	Cast and production
Wednesday 28 th October	AM – Tempest Photography Individual and Family pictures	School and ELCC
Wednesday 28 th October	6.00-6.45pm Halloween Disco	P1-3
Wednesday 28 th October	7.00-8.00 Halloween Disco	P4-7
Thursday 29 th October	11.00am Community Police to visit about fireworks	All stages
Sunday 1 st November	10.00am All Saints Day – Parish Mass at church	All welcome
Tuesday 3 rd November	2.00pm Feast Day Mass in school hall	Whole school
Tuesday 3 rd November	3.00-4.15pm School show rehearsals – Shrek Jr. – in gym hall	Cast and production
Tuesday 3 rd November	6.30-8.00pm Parent Hub Fundraiser meeting	All welcome
Thursday 5 th November	5.00-7.00 P7 Parent's Information meeting at St Andrews Academy	P7 parents
Friday 6 th November	10.00am First Friday Mass at church (P6 stage tbc)	P6

Yours sincerely



Grace Hannigan
HEADTEACHER