BULLETIN

ST. CHARLES' PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

I would like to thank all the members of the Parent Hub who organised and hosted the Halloween Disco event last Wednesday night in the school hall. Special thanks to Geoff the DJ who made the night a great success. The children all seemed to have a fabulous time. This event raised £640.00 total from ticket sales, tuck shop & the sale of glow sticks. Everyone enjoyed dressing up in school on Friday too and all the children had the opportunity to be involved in fun activities with their teachers in class.

The next Parent Hub event is the annual Christmas Bazaar on Friday 20th 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 continue collecting donations every Friday in November. Children can come into school on each of these dates wearing casual clothes (no need to wear school uniform) in exchange for a small donation of £1 or any of the items listed below for the Christmas Bazaar.
Friday 6th November- Bottles (juice, wine, spirits, shampoo, ketchup etc)
Friday 13th November-Decorated Christmas jars (filled with sweets & treats)
Friday 20th November- Cakes & biscuits (Home baking or shop bought)

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

SPIRITUAL LIFE OF OUR SCHOOL

Fr Jim, our school chaplain, said Holy Mass in school on Tuesday 3rd November as our whole school community came together to celebrate the Feast of our patron Saint Charles Borromeo.

Here is our school prayer that all children say in class. Please encourage your child to say this prayer at home each day.

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.

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

IMPORTANT PUPIL SAFETY INFORMATION

We are increasingly concerned about the number of vehicles parking and driving irresponsibly around the school at drop-off and pick-up times. The safety of our children is paramount, and it is essential that all drivers take greater care before a serious accident occurs.
I have spoken to Police Scotland about some of the unsafe behaviours we are seeing from drivers. (Vehicles have been observed stopping in the middle of the road to let children out, carrying out three-point turns near the school gate, reversing onto the main road, parking across the school vehicle entrance, and at the public bus stop). I realise that parents are often in a hurry at these times however it is important that safety is not compromised.

Please also remember as previously advised that the side street is reserved for residents and families of children with disabilities and should not be routinely used for access to school.

To help promote safer behaviour, we are launching our "Ann Asks" road safety campaign with pupils at assemblies on 3rd November. Ann, our Crossing Patroller, will be encouraging everyone to park better and take care. Pupils will also be invited to enter a poster competition, with the winning design being printed on a banner and displayed outside the school.
We ask all parents and carers to support this important initiative by parking considerately and helping to keep every child safe on their journey to and from school.

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, a 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 as assistance can be offered.

PARENTS' EVENINGS

Parent/teacher interviews will be held in the school on Weds 18th November 5.30pm-8.30pm and on Thursday 19th November 3.30pm-6.30pm. Appointments will be available to book on Parent Portal only. The booking system has already gone live this week & you should have received a text advising you of this.
Please remember to make an individual appointment for all of your children. (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. Mrs Moore (Key Worker) will also be available on the night to meet informally with parents of children she works with. There is no need to book an appointment time for this meeting.

SANTA DASH

P7 children will take part in a sponsored event to raise money to purchase leavers hoodies on Thursday 3rd December. Good Luck to all involved! Sponsor forms will be issued November 20th.

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 10th December. More information to follow.

READING SCHOOLS WEEK

Reading Schools Week begins on Monday 16th November. To mark this, children will enjoy a range of exciting reading activities organised by Miss Tormey, our Literacy Co-ordinator.
Highlights include:

- ELCC: Bookbug Story Session
- P1-P3: Book Bag gift for every child (see dates list, children and wear PJ's/Onsie/ Comfy clothes)
- P4-P5: Bingo, Books & Buns family event (limited places - return slip will be required). This event will take place the following week.
- P6 & P7 will enjoy story time with milk & cookies.

Information letters will be sent to relevant year groups with further details. We look forward to celebrating a love of reading across our whole school community

We encourage parents and carers to support their child's reading by spending 20 minutes reading together each evening and talking about the activities they have enjoyed in school.

PARENT HUB

IMPORTANT UPDATE- The planned meeting on Weds 6th November has been cancelled. The next meeting will be in the school on 20th January 2027 at 6.30pm.

Some dates for your diary
Please note that these dates may be subject to change.

Date	Event	Target Group
Sunday 1st November	10.00am All Saints Day – Parish Mass at church	All welcome
Tuesday 3rd November	2.00pm Feast Day Mass in school hall	Whole school
Tuesday 3rd November	3.00-4.15pm School show rehearsals – Shrek Jr. – in gym hall	Cast and production
Thursday 5th November	5.00-7.00 P7 Parent's Information meeting at St Andrews Academy	P7 parents
Friday 6th November	10.00am First Friday Mass at church	P6
Friday 6th November	Non uniform day – parent hub donation day (wk 2 bottles/ £1)	Whole School
Tuesday 10th November	3.00-4.15pm School show rehearsals – Shrek Jr. – in gym hall	Cast and production
Friday 13th November	Non uniform day – parent hub donation day (wk 3 Decorated jars/ £1)	Whole School
Sunday 15th November	10.00 am P7 Confirmation Mass of Commitment – St Charles Church	P7 Confirmandi
Monday 16th November	St Margarets Feast Day – children in this house can wear yellow to school	Pupils in St Margaret's House Group
Tuesday 17th November	3.00-4.15pm School show rehearsals – Shrek Jr. – in gym hall	Cast and production
Tuesday 17th November	2.15pm – Book Week – book gifting	P2 & families
Wednesday 18th November	0930am – Book Week – book gifting	P1 & families
Wednesday 18th November	2.15pm – Book Week – book gifting	P3 & families
Wednesday 18th November	5.30-8.30pm Parent's evening night 1 (by appointment only)	Whole school
Thursday 19th November	3.30-6.30pm Parent's evening night 2 (by appointment only)	Whole school
Friday 20th November	Non uniform day – parent hub donation day (wk 3 cakes/ £1)	Whole school
Friday 20th November	6.00-8.00pm – Parent hub – Christmas Bazaar	Whole school
Sunday 22nd November	10.00am Holy Communion Mass of Enrolment – St Charles Church	P4 Communicants
Tuesday 24th November	3.00-4.15pm School show rehearsals – Shrek Jr. – in gym hall	Cast and production
Friday 27th November	St Andrew Feast Day – children in this house can wear purple to school	Pupils in St Andrew House Group
Monday 30th November	**St Andrew's Day holiday – school & ELCC closed**	**Whole school & ELCC**
Tuesday 1st December	3.00-4.15pm School show rehearsals – Shrek Jr. – in gym hall	Cast and production
Tuesday 1st December	6.00-7.00pm Dumfries House parents meeting – school hall	
Friday 4th December	Flu Immunisations (for children that have returned consent form)	Whole school
Friday 4th December	10.00am – First Friday Mass – St Charles Church	P5
Sunday 6th December	10.00am – Parish Family Mass & Confirmation Prep	Whole school

Yours sincerely



Grace Hannigan
HEADTEACHER