

# St. David's Primary School



## Newsletter

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## Head Teacher's note

Dear Parents/ Carers,

October has been a wonderful month for us. We have enjoyed so many things together including the first of our Outdoor Learning Days, introducing our new Family Cooking group, welcoming the Dog's Trust in to most of our classes and we have just launched our Family Learning Sessions in Dream Island, not to mention the Hallowe'en celebrations.

Our school is always a busy place with lots going on - keep up to date with everything via our website and social media accounts.

*Linda Berry*

### **Staffing update**

We recently said goodbye to Mrs Nethery who returned to her native Canada. Mrs Granger is currently taking over her role in P6/7 on Fridays for a short period whilst we find a replacement. We have also welcomed Ms Gray into P4/5 who will be working with the class until the end of November as a Student Teacher.

### **Parent Council Hallowe'en Disco**

Huge thanks to all our Parent Council Members, helpers and everyone who supported the Hallowe'en Disco. It was a great success and a very enjoyable end to the Hallowe'en celebrations for all our pupils. As well as being lots of fun, these events are essential for our Parent Council to keep on fundraising throughout the year. This event raised over £100! Our Parent Council are committed to working towards a pantomime trip for our whole school again. If you think you could help out or offer new ideas, we'd love to welcome you along. We'll keep you posted about the next meeting.

*Save the date:*



### **Outdoor Learning Day**

Just a reminder that Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November is an Outdoor Learning Day for all pupils throughout the school. Our pupils and staff will be taking their teaching and learning outdoors in the local community, building on the great experience they had in October. Please come dressed for the weather - layers of clothing are an excellent way to stay warm and comfortable. As always, we have plenty of waterproof suits and spare wellies if needed.



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### **Pick up and Drop offs**

Pupil safety is a high priority for us at all times, especially at the beginning and end of the day. I'd like to take this opportunity to remind you that **all pupils should enter and exit the building via the pupil doors at the side of the building**. These doors are supervised by school staff and provide pupils with direct access to the cloakrooms and classrooms. The only exception to this should be on occasions where a pupil is arriving at school after 9am or leaving before 3pm. Please note, the main entrance remains the access point for the breakfast club. St David's pupils who attend this will also now stay inside until 9am.

We are also increasingly aware of concerns raised by parents and carers regarding the safety of the car park at pick up and drop off times. The school provides ample car parking spaces as well as a drop-off area and we would encourage everyone to make safe use of these. There is a one-way system in operation around the car park which must be adhered to for the safety of all. Additionally, disabled parking bays must only be used by blue badge holders and all pedestrian zones must be kept clear from vehicles at all times (e.g. zebra crossing, car park pedestrian access). We fully appreciate that the vast majority of our parents/carers adhere strictly to this guidance and share the same safety values as us and we hope that together, we can make the car park a safer zone for all.

### **Stickers**

We have recently introduced some new stickers for our pupils which you may see coming home with your child.

*Ask me about...* - These stickers are designed to share great learning with everyone on campus. When a child is wearing one of these stickers, we encourage everyone to ask them about the theme of their sticker and help them to share what they have been doing and how they have been learning.

*BOOST* - This session we have introduced a new approach in all of our classrooms. We are learning how to be more independent when we are 'stuck' and are developing strategies to help us. We remember these using the acronym **BOOST**: **B**rain - What do you already know? **O**bserve - What could you use to help? **O**nline - have you tried the iPad or computer to help you? **S**haring - Have you asked a friend? **T**eacher - Now you are ready to ask your teacher. We will be giving these stickers to pupils who are putting these strategies in to place.

### **Home Shared Learning**

Our latest Home Shared Learning Grids came home on 1<sup>st</sup> November. These are distributed monthly and can also be found on the school website. Home Shared Learning is not compulsory but is a great way to get involved in your child's learning journey and spend some one to one time with them.

The back page of the Home Shared Learning is a great space to share information about what you have been doing together and achievements of your child out of school. We'd love to hear all about it.

### **Anti-Bullying**

Thank you to all our parents/carers who attended the event at the Lynnhurst Hotel to share your views about Anti-Bullying. Your opinions are so important and are key to us creating a relevant policy for our school community. If you were unable to make it along, please take a few minutes to complete the online survey to share your views. A link to the survey can be found on the letter that came home or the school website. If you'd prefer a paper copy, please ask at the office.

### **Book Week Scotland**

This special event in the school calendar is fast approaching and we have some fantastic events planned for the week beginning 19<sup>th</sup> November. The aim of this celebration is to promote the love of reading in all our young people and families. People of all ages and walks of life will come together in our school and community venues to share and enjoy

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books together. We will also have special gifting sessions for our younger pupils who will receive their Bookbug or Read, Write, Count bag.

Please remember that we are hosting special family learning sessions every Tuesday in Dream Island (school library) - these have been really well received and we would love to see you there. A letter with all the dates and times was sent home recently - if you'd like another copy, please contact the office or look at the website.

### Diary Dates

1 <sup>st</sup> November	All Saints Day - Mass celebrated in school at 1.30pm Home Shared Learning Grid sent home Cooking Club - 1pm
5 <sup>th</sup> November	Cinebus visiting all classes
12 <sup>th</sup> November	Outdoor Learning Day - please come in school uniform but dressed for the weather Anti Bullying Week starts
13 <sup>th</sup> November	P7s attending Hearty Lives Festival at St Benedict's HS
16 <sup>th</sup> November	P6/7 Attending Mass to celebrate feast of St Margaret.
19 <sup>th</sup> November	Catholic Education Week Starts Book Week Scotland Starts
29 <sup>th</sup> November	St Andrew's Day Celebration - Details to follow Pupils welcome to wear Tartan to school
30 <sup>th</sup> November	Holiday
4 <sup>th</sup> December	Choir to Johnstone Day Care Centre
5 <sup>th</sup> December	P7 to Adviento celebration at St Benedict's HS Choir to Braehead Shopping Centre Parent Council Family Movie Night - Details to follow
6 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Fayre
10 <sup>th</sup> December	Pupil Flu Vaccination Programme
11 <sup>th</sup> December	Choir to Cochrane Care Home
12 <sup>th</sup> December	Choir to Ranfurly Care Home
13 <sup>th</sup> December	Choir to Council Leaders Meeting & Johnstone Day Care Centre
14 <sup>th</sup> December	Jingle Bell Mile Interim Reports sent home
18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Nativity Show Christmas Jumper Day
20 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Mass Christmas Party
21 <sup>st</sup> December	Non- Uniform Day Joint Campus Carol Service Close for Christmas Break

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