

# St. David's Primary School

## Newsletter

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### Head Teacher's note

We had a great Halloween fun day on Friday. We would like to say a BIG THANK YOU to the Parent Council for raising funds and providing children with a party bag full of treats! Staff also had a great day dressing up!

Well done to the children who attended the Golden Ticket Tea Party last month. They are nominated for showing school values. They enjoyed lots of treats and we had a chat about school life and what they enjoyed about St David's Primary and things they would like to change or improve. Look out for the Golden Ticket coming through your door!!

**REACHing with Faith**



Please note - Dogs are not allowed in the playground. Please do not bring dogs into the playground when dropping off or picking up. Thank you.

Kind Regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Judith Kirk". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Judith Kirk

Headteacher

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CHANGES TO START AND END OF THE SCHOOL DAY

REACHing with Faith

As the weather is getting colder and wetter, we would like to make things easier for families. Having spoken to some parents, staff and the Headteacher at Cochrane Castle, we would like to change the start time for school and ask all children to **start school at 9am and finish at 3pm**. This will undoubtedly cause more congestion for parents who are dropping off in the car park. We would ask you to be patient and try to maintain a safe distance from others and to continue to wear face masks at drop off and pick up times. Please speak to school staff if this change in arrangements causes you any problems. This new arrangement will start on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November. Teachers will collect pupils from the playground in the usual way.

### STAFF

We would like to welcome Rebecca Cardy to our staff, she is an Early Years Officer who will be working with P1 and P2 children. Rebecca is employed through PEF (Pupil Equity funding). Welcome to the team Rebecca!!



### BEAT THE STREET

Well done to all the children, parents, carers and staff who got involved in the **'Beat the Street Initiative'**. Our P 6/7 and P5/6 classes enjoyed their trips to Lochwinnoch on the train, collecting points as they walked to the loch. Keep an eye on Renfrewshire Council's Facebook page for news on how to win prizes for walking to school.



### SOCIAL MEDIA

We are revamping our social media sites. Please follow us to get up to date information on what the children are working on in school. School Blog - <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/re/stdavids/> Facebook - St Davids Primary, Twitter - @StDavidsPS

It is important that parents return the consent forms to allow photos to appear on social media channels if you are happy for us to share your child's achievements in this way. Please ask the class teacher or school office for another form if you have not returned it.

## KEEP KIDS SAFE APP

The Keep Kids Safe App will launch on 22<sup>nd</sup> November. Here is some information about the App.

The Keep Safe Kids app is a new and easier way for children and young people to access health and wellbeing information and support as well as to report bullying directly to their school.

Pupils can open the app and make reports at any time of day or night as well as make anonymous reports, helping them to control when and how they tell someone about an incident or their concerns.

Reports are sent directly to that child or young person's school to be picked up in line with the school's anti-bullying and wellbeing policies. Reports are not held on the app or accessible to anyone else, ensuring confidentiality and reports will not be picked up outside standard school hours.

If you have wellbeing concerns for your child, please do not hesitate to contact us directly. We are here to help.

To find out how to download or use the Keep Safe Kids app, visit the I Am Me Scotland website (<https://iammescotland.co.uk/keep-safe-kids-app>)

## SACRAMENTS

This year our P4 children will be celebrating the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion. There will be a meeting for parents in St Margaret's Church in the next 2 weeks. Date TBC. Can I ask that pupils bring their Baptismal Certificates to school as soon as possible? If there are any issues with this, please let the school know. P7 pupils are preparing to celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation.

Here are some important dates for P4 and P7 pupils.

- P4 Parent and child meeting in St Margaret's Church at 6pm on 17<sup>th</sup> November
- P4 Mass of Enrolment St Margaret's Church at 10am Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November. Children attend church with family.
- P4 attend Mass with individual cribs for blessing. 10am. Children attend church with family.
- P7 Parent and child meeting in St Margaret's Church at 6pm Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February
- P7 Mass of Enrolment St Margaret's Church at 10am Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March. Children attend church with family.
- P4 Sacrament of **Reconciliation** St Margaret's Church at 2pm Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March. Parents can attend.
- P4 Sacrament of **First Communion** St Margaret's Church at 10am Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May. Followed by breakfast in the hall.
- P4 May Procession St Margaret's Church at 12 o'clock. Communion clothes can be worn. Children attend church with family.

- P7 Sacrament of **Confirmation** St Margaret's Church at 7pm Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May
- Feast of corpus Christi P4 and P7 pupils lead procession at St Margaret's Church 12 o'clock Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June. Children attend church with family.

### BIKEABILITY TRAINING

Our P7s have started Bikeability Training and they are really enjoying it. The children have all been supplied with a helmet and they should make sure they wear it when they are out on their bikes in the community.




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### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November - P6 and P7 children walking to Mass for Feast of All Saints

P1 Registrations this week online

Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov - P7 sight tests

Fri 5<sup>th</sup> Nov - Flu vaccinations for all children

Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Nov - P6 and P7 transition visit to St Benedict's

Mon 15<sup>th</sup> Nov - Catholic Education Week and Book Week Scotland

Wed 17<sup>th</sup> Nov - P4 Parent and child Sacraments meeting in St Margaret's Church at 6pm

Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov - Skoob Mobile for P1 children

Sun 28<sup>th</sup> Nov - P4 Mass of Enrolment St Margaret's Church at 10am

Mon 29<sup>th</sup> Nov - St Benedict's Maths teacher visiting P7

Tues 30<sup>th</sup> Nov - **HOLIDAY** St Andrew's day. Pupils do not attend school

Wed 1<sup>st</sup> Dec - Children return to school

Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec - P5,6,7 pupils attend first Friday Mass at 10am at St Margaret's Church (Parent helpers required. Please contact school if you can help)

*Once again, thank you for your continued support of our school and school community. Should you have any questions regarding this information, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.*

