



# ST DAVID'S PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2021

## HEAD TEACHER'S NOTE

We have had a busy month of November in school!!

Catholic Education Fortnight ran from Tuesday 16th November – Tuesday 30th November. This year's Theme was 'Celebrating and Worshipping'. Our P4 children visited St Margaret's Church with their parents to find out more about the Sacraments they will be receiving this year. We also had a competition for children to create a new school prayer. **Hope in P4/5 was the lucky winner! She created a beautiful prayer with her family.**



We also had Book Week Scotland which all the children enjoyed. P1 had a visit from the Skoob Mobile. The children took part in lots of activities including celebration dances, story maps and home learning tasks. P7 children from both schools have been helping staff from the Library Service to revamp our school library! We will soon be ready to launch.



We also took part in activities for Anti-Bullying Week. The theme for this week was 'One Kind Word'. Following the past 18 months where we have had periods of isolation and school closures, we have all valued kindness in our communities and how simple acts of kindness can strengthen communities. In school we will be reminding everyone about the power of kindness.

Kind Regards

Judith Kirk  
Headteacher

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## CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

We will be having our Christmas Lunch on Thursday 16th December. Children can wear Christmas jumpers/own clothes to school on Thursday 16th. We will have Christmas parties on Tuesday 21st December. Party clothes can be worn to school.

**School closes for the holidays on Wednesday 22nd December at 2.30pm. Pupils return to school on Thursday 6th January 2022.**

## PANTOMIME



Thank you for your responses to the Parent Council survey asking about our pantomime trip. You were asked if you would rather the children had a panto in the school or travelled to Glasgow to see one. Overwhelmingly the response was to go to Glasgow. We will be going on Wednesday 15th December to The Pavilion in Glasgow to see Cinderella. **Children MUST return permission slips or they will not be able to go to the pantomime. Please return forms ASAP.**

The school would like to say a **BIG THANK YOU** to the Parent Council for paying for the pantomime through fundraising.



## NATIVITY & CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Unfortunately, parents are still not allowed in the school. The children will be working on some Christmas celebrations, and we will post these on Seesaw so parents can see what they have been working on.

## REFUWEEGEE

The children have been learning about people less fortunate than themselves through Laudato Si, the Pope Francis project which aims to teach children about their world and looking after their environment. Caritas students from St Benedict's will be working with our children on Laudato Si. Our children are keen to help people less fortunate than themselves over Christmas. They would like to donate to the community led charity REFUWEEGEE, which is based in Glasgow. This charity supports refugees who have arrived in Scotland with nothing.

**We will have 2 non uniform days on Friday 3rd December and Friday 10th December and children should bring toiletries/Christmas gifts to school.**

We will then deliver these to the charity. Thank you for your support with this.

## SCHOOL PHOTOS

Thank you to all parents who purchased the school photographs this year. The school has made £243.32 in commission which is a fantastic amount of money and will be put towards the treats your children get over the course of the year.

## P6 & P7 TRANSITION



Our P6 and P7 children have had 2 visits to St Benedict's. They had a great time taking part in Science lessons and team building activities and the staff in the High School commented on how great the children from St David's Primary were!! We will keep parents up to date with any other.

## CHANGES TO SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Please note that there have been changes to the school holidays for May and October next year which were approved by Renfrewshire Council's Policy board on the 28th October. These can be viewed by clicking on this link: <https://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/article/11856/School-term-dates-and-holidays>

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

### Free School Meal Entitlement

The Scottish Government introduced free school meals for all children in P4 this year, which means that all children in P1, 2,3 & 4 now receive free school meals. The plan is to introduce free meals to children in P5 in January and the government wish to further extend this to children in P 6 & 7 in August 2022. Please see the info below to see if your child is getting what they are entitled to.

### Are You Getting What You Are Entitled To?

#### Free School Meals

##### Your child may be entitled to free school meals if:

- Your child attends a Renfrewshire school or has been placed in an educational establishment outside Renfrewshire by Renfrewshire Council, or;
- You receive income support, any income-related element of employment and support allowance, maximum working tax credits (if you earn less than £6,420/year), child tax credit only (if you earn less than £16,190) or pension credit.

##### APPLY ONLINE AT:

<http://renfrewshire.gov.uk/Freeschoolmealsandclothinggrants>

#### Clothing Grants

Parents or carers of children attending Renfrewshire primary, secondary or additional support needs schools during the school session who satisfy the financial conditions are eligible to apply for free school meals and/or clothing grants. A clothing grant is a payment made by Renfrewshire council to qualifying parents or carers to assist with the purchase of school uniforms. A maximum of one grant will be paid for each child during any school year.

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Tues 30th Nov** – HOLIDAY St Andrew's day.  
Pupils do not attend school.

**Wed 1st Dec** – Children return to school.  
Golf Pro Elderslie Golf Club - Lessons for all pupils -  
Caritas students from St Benedict's in to work with  
pupils.

**Thurs 2nd Dec** – Rugby coach in school all day.  
Workshops for all classes.

**Fri 3rd Dec** – Non uniform day bring toiletries/  
Christmas gift for charity.

- P6,7 pupils attend first Friday Mass at  
10am at St Margaret's Church.

**Wed 8th Dec** – Feast of The immaculate  
Conception. P4, 5 pupils attend Mass at  
St Margaret's Church at 10am.

- Caritas students from St Benedict's in to work  
with pupils.

**Fri 10th Dec** – Non uniform day bring toiletries/  
Christmas gift for charity.

**Sun 12th Dec** – P4 take cribs to Mass,  
either 10am or 12 o'clock at St Margaret's Church.  
(Cribs will be made in school).

**Mon 13th Dec** – Interim Reports home to  
parents.

**Wed 15th Dec** – Panto Pavilion Theatre  
Glasgow. Return around 4.30pm.

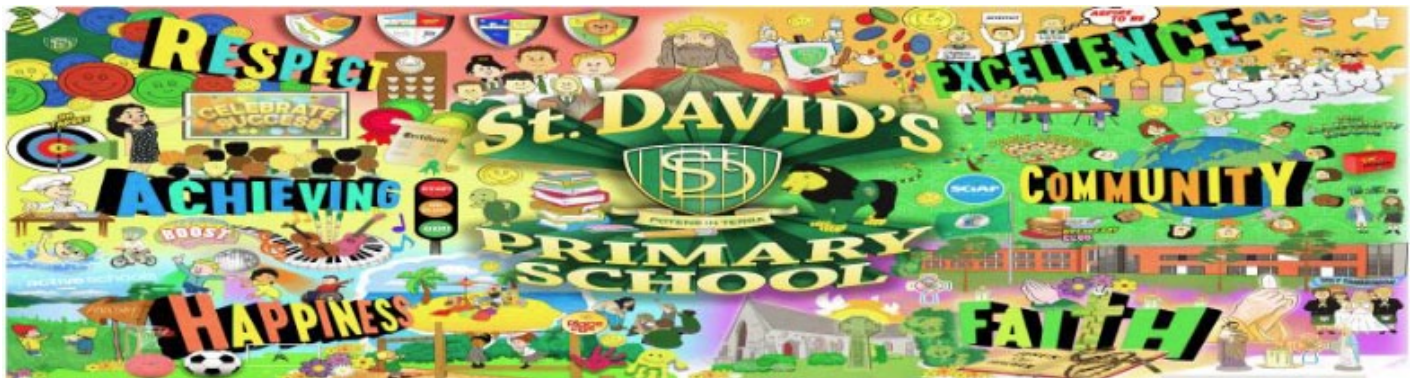
**Thurs 16th Dec** – Christmas lunch.  
Own clothes/Christmas jumpers can be worn.

**Fri 17th Dec** – Christmas Mass with  
St Margaret's PS. P4-7 pupils 10am Mass  
St Margaret's Church. (Parent helpers required.  
Please contact school if you can help).

**Tues 21st Dec** – Christmas parties.  
Party clothes can be worn to school.

**Wed 22nd Dec** – 2.30pm finish for holidays.  
Pupils return on Thursday 6th January 2022.

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.



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