



ST DAVID'S PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2022

DEAR PARENT'S

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy & prosperous new year. I am hoping 2022 will be a brighter year for us all filled with good health & happiness.

Although we are still unable to have parents visit the school building, we will continue to engage with our families in whatever way we can. Please remember:

- School staff can be contacted via email on stdavidsenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk or by telephone on **0300 300 0198**.
- Telephone appointments & video calls can be arranged at a mutually convenient time to discuss your child's learning and progress or any other aspect your child's experience in school.

We are delighted to be welcoming back Mrs Stephanie Mackenzie. She will be working with children in various classes with a focus on literacy.

We are sad to say goodbye to Jeanette Wilson this week. Jeanette has been a special needs assistant in the school since 2016. We wish her all the best as she moves on to a new job in a few weeks' time. She will be missed.

Kind Regards

Judith Kirk
Headteacher



MOBILE PHONES IN SCHOOL

If your child has received a new mobile phone for Christmas and you feel it is necessary for this to be brought to school, it is essential that your child follows school guidelines. Phones must be switched off when children enter the school gate in the morning and should be handed in to the school office during the day.

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COVID UPDATE

Thank you for your support with our staggered starts and finishes.

P1, P2/3 and P3/4 times are 9am – 3pm.

P4/5, P5/6 and P6/7 6 times are 9.05am – 3.05pm.

Please try to adhere to these times to avoid congestion with Cochrane Castle PS, who will be coming to school from 8.45am and leaving from 2.45pm. We would ask adults to not enter the playground if at all possible. **Face coverings should be worn by adults in the school grounds.**

Due to the pace of increase in the Omicron variant indoor class bubbles have been re-introduced to minimise pupils mixing across classes in the same way we are being asked to reduce mixing with other households in the community. Children will maintain their indoor bubbles for learning and dining experiences throughout the day.

ALL P1-P5 pupils are now entitled to a FREE school lunch each day.

WINTER CLOTHING

I would ask that you ensure your child comes to school each day wearing clothing appropriate for the season. Should your child not have appropriate warm winter clothing and/or footwear please contact the school & speak directly to Mrs Kirk or Miss Crawford who will be happy to rectify the matter. We are continuing to deliver learning outside on a regular basis and children are playing outside as much as possible, weather permitting.

One of the crucial mitigations to keep our school Covid-safe is ventilation. For this reason, the windows are regularly opened in school to ensure a safe and steady flow of clean air. Children need to be dressed in warm clothes every day and we have bought every child a school fleece which can be worn in class and under a jacket in the playground.



TRADITIONAL SCOTTISH MUSIC & CULTURE



P4/5 and P5/6 children will be taking part in Treòir. This is a series of workshops which aim to give pupils an experience of traditional music and Gaelic culture. Pupils work with a professional musician to learn about different traditional instruments, Scottish culture, and ways to get involved outside of school if they are interested in learning more. **All sessions are funded by Creative Scotland and Fèisean nan Gàidheal.**

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

I have issued advance notice of as many future events as possible.
Please note that these dates may be subject to change.

Thurs 6th January - School Re-opens

Thurs 13th January - Traditional Scottish Music Session (for 8 weeks) **P4/5 and P5/6**

Thurs 3rd February - Author visit (more details to follow) **P1-3**

Friday 4th February - First Friday Mass in St Margaret's Church at 10am (depending on restrictions) **P4/5 pupils**

Tues 8th February
P7 Confirmation Meeting for parents and pupils.
St Margaret's Church at 6pm **P7**

Friday 11th February
Active Schools Joint Campus Health Day **P1-7**

Mon 14th February
Mid-term break - School closed to staff & pupils

Tuesday 15th February

Mid-term break - School closed to staff & pupils

Weds 16th February

In-Service Day - School closed to pupils

Week Beginning Mon 21st Feb

Reporting to parents phone calls this week.
More details to follow **P1-7**

Wed 2nd March

Ash Wednesday service in school 11.30am **P1-7**

Sunday 6th March

Enrolment Mass for Confirmandi 10am
St Margaret's Church **P7**

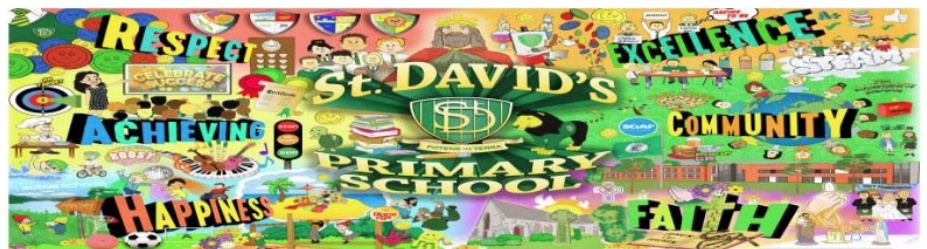
Tues 8th March

Sacrament of First Confession for P4 children in
St Margaret's Church at 2pm
P4 First Communicants

ACTIVE SCHOOLS CLUBS

Please keep an eye out for Active Schools Clubs starting soon. Links should be live from Monday. Clubs will be restricted to class groups. Every class will be offered a club, either during lunch time or after school.

All adults waiting at the school gate/entering the playground should continue to wear a mask and ensure they always maintain a 2-metre distance from others. We ask that you do this for the safety of everyone in our school community. These are small actions that help to keep everyone safe.



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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