

St. Peter's Primary School October/November Newsletter 2018



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Dear Parents/Carers

We have now reached the season of autumn with lots of crisp days, sunshine and the beautiful colours of nature – when it's not pouring down from above! I am delighted to see many of our pupils continuing to come to school in smart uniform and dressed for the weather with suitable outdoor jackets/coats and footwear. Lots of learning takes place both in and out of the classroom daily so this is very encouraging. Thank you for your cooperation.

Staffing update

We will be welcoming Lynsey McGregor, our new Additional Support Needs Assistant (ASNA) after the October holiday. We are looking forward to having Lynsey with us as part of our staff team.

St Peter's School Motto and our Vision, Values and Aims



'Believe and you will Achieve'



Through the teachings of Jesus Christ we aim to ensure that St Peter's is a learning environment where we lead our children through a Curriculum for Excellence in:



- An inclusive school that is known for its high standards and caring atmosphere
- A place where pupils, staff and parents have a feeling of community, of loyalty and belonging and are motivated to learn because of this

Shine ✨

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- A place where there is respect and care for all – in our own and in other communities
- A place where our curriculum meets the needs, abilities and aptitudes of all our pupils and develops in them the necessary skills for lifelong learning
- A place where pupils, staff, parents and partners plan together to ensure careful use of resources and opportunities for all to succeed



- A place where success and achievement are celebrated
- A place where the Christian ethos shines through everything that we do
- We value safety, education, health, responsibility, respect, friendship and success
- We live our lives focused on remaining faithful to the teachings of the Gospel
- Our vision is to provide a safe, happy, caring, supportive and stimulating environment where everyone is welcomed. We work, learn and achieve together. We respect and care for everyone and everything around us. St Peter's Primary is a school that sets high standards of learning and celebrates the achievement of each individual.

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Religious Life of the School

Our Primary 7 pupils did us proud as always, when they attended the Paisley Diocese Vocations Mass in St. Mirin's Cathedral on Friday 5 October. They all enjoyed this special celebration with other primary 7 pupils from schools across Renfrewshire, East Renfrewshire and Inverclyde. The rest of the school attended First Friday Mass at 10am in St Peter's church and this was a very peaceful and prayerful experience for all. A huge thank you to everyone who came along to help on Friday at both St Mirin's Cathedral and St Peter's Church. We are running very short of helpers when we are attending Church on the First Friday of every month and would really appreciate your help. If you can offer assistance in any way we would be delighted to hear from you.

All Saints Day – Primary 1 – 7 pupils will attend St Peter's Church on Thursday 1 November for the feast of All Saints. Please come along to help if you can.

Catholic Schools Good for Scotland – This year our St Andrew's Cluster Schools (this includes St Paul's, St Charles', St Mary's, St John Ogilvie, St Fergus', St James', Mary Russell and St Andrew's Academy). Scottish Education Mass will take place in St Fergus' Parish Church on 22 November at 7pm. Everyone is invited to attend and we look forward to seeing you there.

There will be a meeting for the parents/carers of all primary 4 and primary 7 pupils who are preparing to receive the Sacraments (First Penance and First Holy Eucharist and Primary 7 Confirmation). Canon Eddie will host this meeting in St Peter's Parish Church Hall. We work in close partnership with Canon Eddie and Deacon John while supporting our children on their faith journey and I am sure you will feel well supported too, especially during this important time in your child's life. Please do not hesitate to contact me at the school if you wish to discuss any matter related to your child receiving the Sacraments.



Meet The Teacher Events

Thank you to everyone who came along to these. I trust that you found the sessions both enjoyable and informative. I would like to say thank you to our team of dedicated teachers who took the time to prepare and deliver such successful sessions.

Parents Evening

These will take place on Wednesday 14 November (5-8pm) and Thursday 15 Nov (3-6pm). Please remember to complete and return your slip indicating your preferred date option. Letters for this have already been distributed.



Book Fayre

The Book Fayre will be here from Monday 12 till Wednesday 21 November 2018, children will be able to browse the book shelves with their class at allocated times and parents will have an opportunity to view and purchase a book for their child at Parents' Evening.



Credit Union

This is a little reminder that a representative from Whitecart Credit Union is here every Tuesday morning. This encourages our children to learn about the value of saving money. Please contact a member of the school office team if you would like further information.

Parent Council

We are so grateful for the work of our Parent Council. Unfortunately, the most recent meeting was very poorly attended with only 2 parents. Thank you to those who sent apologies on the night. Please do your best to come along and support these meetings as without your support and involvement many aspects of school life would not be possible. It was tremendous to see so many come along to enjoy the movie club on Friday 5 October. This is always a popular event! The next movie club will take place on Friday 2 November 4-6pm.

Anti-bullying/Respect

Renfrewshire Council has updated their Anti-bullying policy in line with National Guidance. Mrs Thomson (Primary 2/3 teacher) and our pupil council are beginning work to update our St Peter's Policy which is aimed at developing positive relationships within our school community. Consultation with pupils has started and we will soon be looking for more of your views. Please remember that your opinion matters to us and without it we would not be able to shape the true future of St Peter's Primary. Brian Donnelly, Respect Me, is meeting with Mrs Maclean (Principle Teacher) to discuss how to support us with this. He will be keen to encourage your involvement and include as many people as possible. Please look out for further information to follow shortly.

'I Am Me'

The 'I Am Me' sessions which were recently delivered to all pupils on 17 September were evaluated very positively by pupils. You can view their evaluations by accessing the school website.

Mindfulness

All teachers and some support staff have started to complete work which will help them to become mindfulness practitioners. They will soon begin to adapt approaches within the classroom as a result with the aim of incorporating mindfulness practices. Mrs Fergusson (P6/7 teacher), is keen to provide information to parents/carers about this and will offer a session very soon. Look out for this coming shortly.



Sponsored Singalong

Primary 1 – 7 had a wonderful time in our school hall on Thursday 27 September while singing many of their favourite songs. Mrs Lawson and I are now big fans of "Shark Baby". Thank you to those who have donated sponsor money. Please be reassured that every penny raised goes towards school funds and our funds help to enhance many of the learning opportunities provided for our pupils.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

We would like to thank all our parents, carers and family members from our Nursery classes who helped at the fundraising coffee morning in aid of Macmillan. Families donated cakes, biscuits, and raffle prizes and came along to the event. Thank you all for your generosity, for giving up your time and for your donations. The nursery raised an amazing £174.00. Paisley Daily Express article and photographs are displayed in the nursery.

Nurture Information Sharing Evening

There will be a showing of KPJR Resilience DVD focused on learning more about the impact of ACES (Adverse Childhood experiences) on Tuesday 6 November at 4.00pm - 6pm in St Peter's Primary School Hall. Parents/carers from both St Peter's and Glenburn Pre 5 Centre are invited to attend. This is an excellent example of our partnership working within our local community. Our Educational Psychology service will be represented on the night. Look out for flyers and please let us know if you intend to be there.

Flu Immunisation

All children will be offered the flu immunisation on Wednesday 31 October. Please look out for consent forms and return to the school as soon as possible. Thank you for your co-operation.



St Andrew's Day

School will be closed to staff and pupils on Friday 30 November 2018.

Primary 7 Lockerbie Manor Excursion

All primary 7 pupils will be given the opportunity to attend Lockerbie Manor from Wednesday 20 February until Friday 22 February 2019. We are currently gaining expressions of interest and would be grateful if you could let the school know by Wednesday 24 October 2018 if you would like your child to participate.



Primary 6 & 7 Renfrewshire Road Race

Approximately 40 pupils from primary 6 & 7 will participate in the Renfrewshire Road Race on Friday 26 October. All pupils attending will be informed via letter and consent form. I am sure they will do us proud.

Non Uniform day 12 October

Pupils can come to school in their casual clothes in exchange for a bottle or chocolate which will be used in the parents' raffle during our Christmas Concert days.



'Pirates Show'

Pupils will enjoy a treat during the morning of 12 October when McDougall's Theatre Company will visit our school to perform their show "Pirates" for all of Primary 1-7.



Halloween

Pupils should bring Halloween costumes to school and may dress up for the afternoon where they will enjoy parties in class. There will be no competition and the purpose of the event is to allow the children to enjoy the fun aspect of Halloween while telling jokes, riddles, singing songs and dunking for apples. It is the preferred option that pupils do not go home at lunchtime to change in to costumes. There will be plenty of adult helpers and senior pupils to assist with costumes on the day.

School Holiday

The school will be closed from Monday 15 October until Monday 22 October (Monday 22 October is an in-service day and only staff should attend). Staff will be focusing on Mindfulness and the teaching of Writing on this day. Pupils should return to school on Tuesday 23 October at 9am.



Parking

I would remind you not to park in the school car park as this is a Health and Safety issue. Parking your vehicle in the staff car park is only permissible when arranged via the Senior Management Team.

As always, please feel free to contact me at the school should you wish to discuss any matter. I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Yours sincerely

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Head Teacher





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