

St Peter's Primary School

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Newsletter



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Spring has sprung! As we feel the temperature rise and the mornings and evenings getting lighter, our school community continues to thrive. We have a very busy time to report on this term so far with many fun and exciting activities yet to take place before we stop for the spring break.

Staffing Update

Mrs Duckett has indicated that she would like to return to work in May. Both Mrs Duckett and her beautiful baby girl are doing very well, we will be delighted to welcome her back very soon.

We have many students visiting St Peter's Primary School and nursery class at present. They are thoroughly enjoying their time with us and they are learning lots from our very skilled and knowledgeable staff. Thank you for giving them a very warm welcome to our school community.



Religious Life of the School

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us at Mass on Ash Wednesday especially on such a rainy day. Our pupils behaved beautifully and were a credit to themselves and their families. They have made many Lenten promises, please pray for them to remain strong during this important time in our Liturgical calendar.

Please remember to include in your prayers our Primary 4 and Primary 7 pupils who are preparing to receive Sacraments very soon. Primary 4 will receive the sacrament of First Confessions on 18 March at 7pm in St Peter's Church. You are all welcome to attend and offer your support. Canon Eddie and Deacon John continue to support our children on their faith journey so well and we are very grateful for this. Both Primary 4 and Primary 7 pupils will participate in retreats during the month of May which will help them prepare for this time in their lives.

Learning and Teaching

We recently received a visit from Susan Bell, our Education Manager, who spent time in classes observing learning and talking to children about their progress as well as the overall life and work of our school. She was very pleased with her time here and agreed that what we are doing at present is good. This means we show important strengths with some areas to develop. We would really like to involve you more in your child's learning and would urge you to take part in any family learning/information events on offer. Thank you to those who have expressed a keen interest in what we have offered so far this year.

Our family Art Club has now started and I was delighted to see so many children and adults participating in the lesson. The atmosphere in the room was very relaxing and enjoyable. I could see some masterpieces being created.



Lockerbie Manor Residential Outing

I would like to inform you that our Primary 7 pupils really did themselves proud during their visit to Lockerbie Manor. Staff at the centre commented on their good manners and attitude towards giving everything a go. We were really proud of them and their achievements. I can honestly say that we had a wonderful time (staff and pupils) with lots of fun and laughter. Thank you for preparing them so well. I would like to offer a special thank you to Mr McKechnie and Mrs MacLean who were happy to give their time to accompany our pupils on their visit, it was a huge success!



Sporting Activities

A massive well done to our boys and girls netball and football teams who have represented our school so well at local tournaments. Thank you to Mrs Thomson, Eileen and Donna (parent Volunteers) Mrs Robertson, Ms McGregor, Mr McIntosh and Mr McKechnie who have been supporting them throughout the year to prepare and attend these events. Our children are fabulous ambassadors of St Peter's Primary.

Renfrewshire Active Schools provide many clubs for your children to attend at lunchtime and after school. Please look online to sign up for the clubs offered to your child's year group.

Euroquiz

Well done to our Primary 6 children who participated in this event. They came 4th of 12 primary schools from across Renfrewshire. I am aware of how much time they spent preparing and I am extremely proud of them I'm sure you are too. Thank you to Mr McKechnie for supporting and guiding them.

Drama After School Club – Our drama group are preparing to perform 'The X Factory' on Thursday 23 May. More information regarding tickets coming soon.



Spring has definitely Sprung!

Wow! Our school has been enjoying a tremendous treat lately while watching little chicks hatch from eggs. Thanks to Mrs Campbell and primary 1/2 who have taken responsibility for new life in St Peter's. Children have witnessed them hatching and have been learning all about their development as they became little chicks needing nurture and care. Thank you to

Mrs Ewing and others who are happy to take responsibility for the development of our newborns.

Fundraising

Our very enterprising pupils are keen to raise funds for many good causes. Thank you for the support you have offered and your various contributions. You are very generous.

Olivia Mooney and Hannah Matthews have been selling daffodil pin badges for Marie Curie Cancer Research for a small donation.

Fundraising group are organising International Day in aid of Cancer Research (wear something related to a country around the world) £1 per child, £2 per family,

Missio/Sciaf group are selling 20p toast during Lent for SCIAF (Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund)

P7 are organising 'The Fiver Challenge' for 18th April. This is to raise fund for the Bishop's Charity which is MISSO

P7 will organise stalls and activities for the children to participate in.

Layla Adams, Erin Kennedy and Holly Baillie will be organising a nail painting stall at lunch time to raise money for school funds to raise money for school funds. (Please remember to let us know if you do not want your child to have their nails painted)

P5/6 are planning a bring and buy sale which will take place on 22 March for school funds (small amounts only required)

We are extremely grateful for all contributions!

Achievement

A huge well done to Jessica Raeside, Primary 6, who has made it to the final of STV Strictly Kids 2019. What a fabulous achievement! We are all very proud of Jessica and wish her well in the competition. I am sure you will all be happy to support her.



Career Day

All pupils are invited to present their chosen career of interest to their class by delivering a short talk on Friday 15 March. Pupils will then vote for the talk which interested or inspired them most. The winner of each class vote will present to the whole school during assembly on 22 March. All children will be given the opportunity to vote for their favourite talk and the overall winner will be HT for the day on Tuesday 26 March. Please encourage your child at home by supporting them to prepare and deliver their talk.

Seasons for Growth

Mr McIntosh and Mrs Phelps are preparing to deliver this programme next term for pupils who may benefit from the support. You will have seen details contained within the letter which was sent home recently. Please remember to return your consent for as soon as possible. Karen

Fraser, our homelink worker, is keen to deliver a Seasons for Growth group for adults and would be happy to hear from you. Please respond by completing the reply slip attached to the recent letter which was sent home. Alternatively, you can contact the school office who can issue you with another letter.

Parent Council

Thank you to everyone who is able to contribute to the work of this group. Our parents are currently working extremely hard to raise money which will go towards improving our outdoor learning opportunities by purchasing some new and exciting resources. All of your contributions are greatly appreciated.

The next parent council event will be the Spring Fling which will take place on 17th May. Please come along and offer your support. We really need more parents/carers to attend meetings so if you can spare the time you will be most welcome! The date of the next meeting is Wednesday 20 March at 6pm.



Eco Focus Fridays

Eco Focus Fridays are Friday 26th April, Friday 3rd May, and 17th May. On the 3rd May we will be taking part in the 'Renfrewshire Big Spring Clean' and will focus on litter picking. The other days, class teachers will plan 'eco' activities for their classes. We will soon issue a letter giving more information about the ECO Fridays. Parents/Carers will be welcome to come and join us with some of our tasks during these days.

Physical Education

Tae Kwon Do & Judo – Active Schools organised two taster sessions for us this term. Children from P1-P7 really enjoyed our Judo workshop lead by Jack. We are hoping to have another session during our Health Week in June. We are excited for our next taster workshop which is Tae Kwon Do on 25th March. Can all children remember to bring their PE kit during this day.

The Renfrewshire Primary School Road Race takes place on 28th March at On-x Linwood. Some of our P6 and P7 pupils will take part which will begin at 9.45am until 12.50pm. A bus has been arranged to take the children to and from the event.

Cycling Proficiency will take place for children P5-P7. Could the children possibly check that their bikes are working over the Easter Break. Letters will come soon, detailing which day each class will do cycling.



Summer Outing

We are in the process of planning this day out for the whole school. If you have any ideas for a different venue I would be happy to hear them. I will consult with pupils and staff very soon.

In recent years we have gone to Blair Drummond Safari Park, Heads of Ayr Farmpark and Finlaystone Estate, Langbank.

Health & Safety – Outdoor Learning

We have recently been focusing on enhancing outdoor learning opportunity, you may have seen many pupils in our playground with their teacher taking part in various activities. With this in mind, I would like to ask that you wait until 3pm before entering the playground to collect your child. This ensures that all children can happily engage in their learning without distraction. Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

School Improvement Plan

We are now approaching the time of year which involves us reviewing our school improvement plan for priorities for session 2018/2019 while setting new priorities for 2019/2020. Please use the reply slip attached to share your views. We are really keen to ensure that you feel involved and that your opinions are included. I look forward to hearing from you shortly.

May I take this opportunity to wish to a wonderful Spring Break when it arrives.

Yours sincerely

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Head Teacher

PLEASE NOTE OUR PHONE NUMBER HAS NOW CHANGED TO 0300 300 0188

School Improvement Plan

2018/2019

Main Priorities: PATHS
 Writing
 Mindfulness
 Numeracy

How did we do?

Next steps for 2019/2020

Summer Outing June 2019

Please write below any ideas you have for places to visit.

Comments/Feedback from Newsletter March/April 2019