



St. Peter's Primary School Newsletter September 2021



Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are all safe and well. It has been a lovely start to the school year with our children engaging in many fun and exciting learning opportunities. I would like to thank you all for your cooperation during this time as we do our very best to continue to reduce the transmission of covid. I am aware that this has resulted in some of you being contacted to collect your child from school (if they are presenting with a cough, a high temperature or loss of taste/smell). Please be reassured that we are following the guidance outlined for all schools and we will only contact you if we feel it is necessary.

Holiday weekend

St Peter's Primary School and ELCC class will close to pupils at the end of the day on Thursday 23 September 2021 and reopen on Tuesday 28 September 2021. Hopefully, the next few days will be an opportunity for everyone to rest and enjoy some family time.

Due to the holiday weekend there are issues with catering which has resulted in a change of menu on Tuesday 28 and Wednesday 29 September 2021. Please see the changes in order that you and your child can choose their lunch options on those days.

Tuesday 28 September: Baked potato with tuna mayo & salad OR Tomato herb & basil pasta with salad and garlic bread

Wednesday 29 September: Mince & mash with green beans OR Veggie nuggets with mash and green beans

Face Coverings

The Scottish Government has updated guidance for schools. Our school staff have been wearing face coverings in all communal areas of the school and have explained to our pupils why this is important. For parents, carers and visitors to our school, the guidance now states:

"Face coverings should be worn by parents and other visitors to all school sites (whether entering the building or otherwise), including parents at drop-off and pick-up."

We appreciate that there are exemptions to this but if you are able to, please wear a face covering in all areas of our school grounds at the start and end of the school day.

Parents visiting the school building

Regrettably no visitors can be received into the school building at present unless there are exceptional circumstances. We will arrange a video conference call via Microsoft teams or skype for meetings or if required for whatever purpose. All other communication should take place via telephone unless there has been a prior agreement.

If you need to pass on information to your child's teacher

Teaching staff can be contacted directly using glow email.

Information can be passed to the school office by telephone **(0300 300 0188)** or emailed to stpetersenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk

Please clearly mark correspondence with the name of the staff member you would like to make contact with.

If you need to speak to a member of Senior Management Team

Should you need to speak to a senior member of staff team this can be done by arrangement using telephone or video call. Please contact the school office by telephone (0300 300 0188) to arrange a suitable time for this to be scheduled.

Drop off and pick-up arrangements & One Way System

We intend to allow parents to enter the playground to drop off or collect their children, especially if they are in younger classes. We would ask, however, that you respect the one-way system that we have tried to introduce (entering via the stairs at Glenburn Crescent and leaving via the gates at Braehead Road). Where possible, older pupils can enter and exit the playground unaccompanied by an adult. We understand that this may impact on families where there is more than one child entering the building at different stages and we will be more than happy to accommodate this. Please get in touch if you require assistance to ensure a smooth start to the day for your child.

What happens if I am late to drop off in the morning?

It is imperative that children arrive each day at their allocated times. This avoids impacting on the timeslots of others and creating congestion. If you have missed your child's allocated timeslot, please contact the school office and we can arrange for someone to meet your child and welcome them into the building.

Pets in the playground

Renfrewshire council do not allow pets within school grounds. Please do not bring your dog in to the playground when you are dropping off and collecting your child

Labelling children's clothing & other items

I cannot stress how important it is that you label your children's items with their name clearly visible in order that staff members can return items to your child that have gone astray or have been mixed up with other children's clothing/items.

Tempest Photographer

It was lovely to be able to welcome tempest photography back to the school. The children were fantastic and the photographs turned out beautifully. I hope you are pleased with them and are enjoying your children's lovely smiley faces.

Religious life of the school

Primary 7 attended an online Vocations Mass on 17 September. The Mass was conducted by Bishop John in St Mirin's Cathedral and was shared with all Primary 7 pupils in Paisley Diocese. This was a lovely occasion for all primary 7 pupils to join in prayer.

Parent Council

St Peter's Parent Council have asked me to extend a very warm welcome to all our new families who joined us in August. I would encourage the parent forum to engage with the Parent Council who are a lovely bunch and are always looking to welcome new members. This is a great way of getting to know families within the school community and of course, making new friends.

Free School Meal Entitlement

Families who are in receipt of free school meals (not all P1 to P4 children but those who initially applied and met the criteria) will receive an Autumn payment in October (£160) and a winter payment in December (also £160). Renfrewshire Council will soon display information about this on their website. A payment date has not been agreed yet but it usually arrives a day or two before the school holiday.

Families will need to have applied for free school meals in order to get the payments and they won't be made retrospectively. More information and a link to the online application are here: <https://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/Freeschoolmealsandclothinggrants>

I would like to take this opportunity of wishing all our pupils and their families a wonderful holiday weekend.

Kind regards

S. Mazzoni
Head Teacher



Respect

Responsibility

Kindness

Fairness

Honesty