



St. Peter's Primary School

Parental Newsletter



November 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are all well. Our first week using our new staggered entry/exit times seems to have gone very well indeed and I thank you for your cooperation with this. Please remember to wear your mask as you enter and exit the playground using our one-way system. This helps to keep everyone safe and reassured.



Religious Life of the School

Catholic Education Fortnight

Catholic Education Fortnight runs from Tuesday 16th November (Feast of St Margaret) – Tuesday 30th November (Feast of St Andrew). This year's Theme is 'Celebrating and Worshipping'. Children across the school will be participating in lessons focused on this theme. The Scottish Catholic Education Services website has lots of materials that can help provide information if you would like to learn more about this at home.



Laudato Si

Children will be participating in many activities over the next few weeks focused on what it means to be a Laudato Si school. We are responding together to the challenge set for us by Pope Francis by taking action to look after our world. In November and December, staff and children will be working through a series of lessons to develop their understanding of Ecological Education through learning, prayer, and actions.

Mass

Two classes will attend 10am Mass in St. Peter's Church every Thursday morning. This will be done on a rotational basis to allow all classes the opportunity. Each class will be given designated seats to sit on at either side of the Church. This is a wonderful opportunity to allow children to participate collectively in prayer inside the Church.

Class Visits

Father Andrew will visit all classes in school during the month of November. This is an excellent opportunity for Father Andrew to get to know our children better.

Confessions

These will take place in school during Advent for those who wish to attend:

Primary 5 & Primary 7a Tuesday 7 December

Primary 6 & Primary 7b Thursday 9 December

Sacraments

We have **provisional** dates for children in primary 4 and primary 7 who wish to receive the Sacraments. They are as follows:

Primary 4 Mass of Enrolment Wednesday 24 November 2021 at 6pm in St. Peter's Church

Reconciliation Thursday 24 March 2022 at 6pm in St. Peter's Church – children will receive confession on the altar.

First Holy Communion Saturday 14 May 2022 at 11am in St. Peter's Church

Primary 7 Mass of Enrolment Thursday 25 November 2021 at 6pm in St. Peter's Church

Confirmation Thursday 19 May 2022 at 6pm in St. Peter's Church

Please note these dates are subject to change.



Staffing Update

Mr McCambridge, our school janitor, is due to undergo surgery on his back this week which is why you won't have seen him around lately. We are missing Mr McCambridge very much as we are so fortunate to have such a fantastic janitor. I am sure you will all join with me in wishing him all the best for a speedy recovery.

Flu Immunisation

An NHS health team will be here at St. Peter's on 18 November to administer the nasal spray flu immunisation to all children whose parents have consented. Please ensure that you have returned the consent form in order for your child to be included in the programme. You can find more information about this by visiting the Public Health Scotland website.

<https://publichealthscotland.scot>



Parents Evening

Telephone calls will be made by all teaching staff this week. I know you will all be looking forward to hearing about your child's strengths and how we can work in partnership to help your child progress in all areas. Working together is key to your child's successful learning and I hope that you will thoroughly enjoy hearing all about their achievements.

Autumn Festival

Well done to primary 5 who created a wonderful Minecraft scarecrow and were the winners of our school competition. The scarecrows across the school were absolutely wonderful and the atmosphere on the day was tremendous as children made their way around (at their designated time) to view all of the creations made by each class. The children developed so many creative teamwork skills throughout the process. This will definitely be an annual event as there was lots of learning taking place and so much fun had by all.



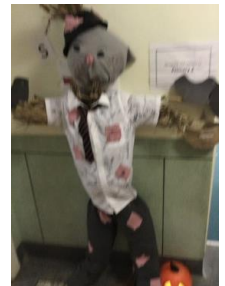
Our winning scarecrow from primary 5 – Minecraft



Primary 3/4



Primary 4/5



Primary 2



Primary 2/3



Primary 1



Primary 7b



Primary 7a



Primary 6



ELCC Class

Armistice Day

There are poppies within the school and children can put a donation in the box provided if they wish. As a mark of respect, we will be taking part in the national minute silence at 11 o'clock on Thursday 11th November to remember all those who served in our armed forces.

Anti-Bullying Week

This begins on 15th November, the theme for this week is 'One Kind World'. 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 consideration can break down barriers and brighten the lives of others. In school, we will be reminding everyone about the power of kindness. You can access more information and resources from the following 'Respect Me' website at home:

<https://respectme.org.uk>



Christmas Celebrations

Unfortunately, we will be unable to invite parents/carers into the school to enjoy a Christmas concert this year. However, we have plans for the children to perform traditional Christmas Carols and other festive songs which will be recorded and sent to you via an online link. It is very disappointing that we cannot enjoy these events in person but the important thing to keep in mind is that we must keep everyone safe and this is the best way to avoid potentially unnecessary transmission of the covid virus. I am sure you will all be very understanding of this and will look forward to seeing your child's class recording.



Playground Games

We are strongly supporting our children to play games that encourage a positive ethos at St. Peter's. Unfortunately, it seems that some children have gained access to information about a very inappropriate television programme called, "Squid Game." You may have heard about this in the press. We will not be allowing the children to play this game in the playground and I would ask that you ensure your child is not accessing information about this at home. Thank you so much for your cooperation.



Support staff encourage the children to play many traditional games and invite them to use the playground equipment that is there for them to enjoy. Children do not need to bring toys from home to use in the playground. I understand that some children may bring a small toy from home as a comfort and we will not discourage this.

Nut Allergy

We are a nut free zone as we have children with nut allergies in our establishment. Please ensure that no nuts are brought to school for snack or lunch. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated with this matter.

School Snacks

We encourage our children to consider ways in which they can be healthy and talking about the snacks we eat is one way of doing this. It would be helpful if you could also explore this at home with your children and ask them to think about what makes a healthy snack.



Please do not allow your child to bring lollipops to school as these can be very dangerous, especially when children are running around in the playground. The health and safety of everyone is always of the highest priority.

Parent Council

Our most recent meeting took place on 08 November 2021 at 6pm. Our pupil representatives attended this for the first 15 minutes and they were very keen to talk to our parent council about how we can work together to improve our school. The ideas they brought to the meeting were fabulous and gave everyone some real food for thought. Look out for some exciting fundraising coming soon!

The next meeting will take place on Monday 13 December at 6pm. You are all invited to come along and enjoy sharing ideas while building our community even stronger. All you have to do is send our chairperson your email address and he will send you an electronic invitation nearer the time. I look forward to seeing many of you there.

Chairperson Paul Doherty email: pauldoherty15@hotmail.com

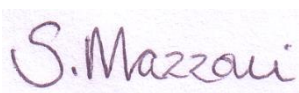


Changes to the school Holidays May 2022 and October 2022

Please note that there have been changes to the publicised holidays for May and October next year which have been 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>

Finally, I would like to thank you for the cooperation and partnership you have continuously provided. Your support has enabled us to continue to provide the children of St. Peter's with many valuable and engaging learning experiences while helping them to enjoy positive relationships. Together, we can achieve many great things for our school community. Let's keep working closely together to maintain high standards at St. Peter's Primary School.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads 'S. Mazzoni'.

Sharon Mazzoni

Our School Motto

‘ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE IF YOU BELIEVE IN YOURSELF’

Our school Vision

Our vision is to provide a safe, happy, caring, supportive and stimulating environment where everyone is welcome and no one feels alone. 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 achievements of each individual. We live our lives focused on remaining faithful to the teachings of the Gospel.



Respect

Responsibility

Kindness

Fairness

Honesty