



Parental Newsletter



March Update 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have reached the end of term 2 and the Spring break has now arrived. It has been such a lovely term! We are very glad to have enjoyed many happy days this term while our children have been learning so much and enjoying the fun and engaging activities planned for them by very hard working staff. Thank you for working so well with us to ensure we provide the children of St. Peter's with the best opportunities. We know you work very hard at home to support their learning and we really appreciate your partnership.

Religious Life of the School



Father Andrew

Please continue to keep Fr Andrew in your thoughts and prayers. He is currently supported by the clergy of Paisley Diocese who are helping with various aspects of the Parish. The children have made some lovely cards to help cheer him up and he was absolutely delighted when two children from primary 4 delivered these to him. The school community also sent a lovely gift and he was very appreciative of this.

First Confession

Thank you to Mgr Denis Carlin who led a beautiful service while many of our primary 4 children received the Sacrament of First Confession. It was a lovely evening of song and prayer. Well done and congratulations to all of the children! I am sure there were many proud families in St. Peter's Church during the evening of 24 March 2022.



Easter

The children are very excited about the Spring break approaching, as are staff. I am sure you are all looking forward to spending time with your lovely children and having some quality family fun. Holy week is a very important time in our liturgical calendar and there are many events held in our church to allow the parish community to come together in prayer. It would be lovely for the children to be able to attend these and talk about their experiences when they return to school. If you are unable to attend Mass in person there will be many online masses that you can access using a phone, tablet or computer.

Staffing Update

We have now welcomed Miss Carolann Draycott to the school as a part-time additional support needs assistant. I am sure she will enjoy being a member of staff here at St. Peter's and you will all be able to get to know her very soon. Mrs Lawson and I recently interviewed for our 20 hour classroom assistant post and appointed Ms Michelle Cairns. I am sure Michelle and Carolann will soon enjoy being very valued members of our staff team.

Sadly, we said goodbye to Mrs Dawn Thomson, Early Years Support Worker, from our ELCC class on Friday 25 March. Dawn supported many children in our early learning and childcare class for the past 3 years. The children have benefited from her warm and friendly approach and her lovely cheery smile each day. I would like to take this opportunity to formally thank Dawn for all her hard work while at St. Peter's. She will be missed a lot by staff and children.

Primary 1 Transition

We plan to provide some opportunities for our children who will become primary 1 in August 2022 to attend St. Peter's for some transition events. This will involve them visiting the school and having the experience of being in a primary 1 classroom engaging in some learning experiences with their new primary 1 teacher. I look forward to meeting our new pupils very soon. The events will take place on the following dates:

10.10am-11am	Tuesday 17 May
10.10-11am	Wednesday 25 May
10.10-11am	Tuesday 31 May
10.10-11am	Wednesday 8 June

You will receive a letter of invitation nearer the time but I thought it would help for you to have these dates in advance so that you can plan and prepare.

Provision of Water

Please encourage the children to bring a water bottle to school. Water is provided throughout the day and children can refill their water bottles using our water coolers which are situated around the school. This helps them to stay hydrated which helps improve concentration and focus.

Pupil Enterprise

A massive well done to the children of primary 7 who have led fantastic fundraising activities this week. They included the whole school in their 'fiver challenge' activity on Wednesday. This involved our primary 7 children working cooperatively in groups with each group being given £5.00 to spend. The aim of their project was to use the £5 to create a small business opportunity and involve the school by allowing them to buy items from their project or participate in an activity set up by the group in order to make a profit. Thank you so much to all parents/carers and families for supporting their venture. They managed to raise a magnificent £256.40.

A portion of the money raised will be given to the Bishop's charity which is MISSIO. This is presented to Bishop John when the children receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. The remainder of the money will be used for primary 7 end of year celebrations.

Cycling

Cycling lessons will begin after Easter - week beg. 21st April and will continue until the last week in June. Mrs Maclean will provide primary 5-7 parents/carers with further details.



Primary 6

Swimming lessons will begin for primary 6 children after the holiday. They will attend the Lagoon leisure centre on 26 April, 3 May and 10 May. I am sure many children will be very excited to participate in these lessons and it will be lovely to see some children going on a school outing again.

Parent Council

Our parent council continues to meet once per month via microsoft teams. Thank you to everyone who supports their work. The children were very lucky to have received an easter egg as a gift today and they are all very thankful. We also received a donation of easter eggs from Renfrewshire Toy Library which were very gratefully received. Our children are very lucky indeed!

Mr Paul Doherty continues to be the chairperson of our parent council and he organises our meetings. We would really like to see many of you there. Please send Paul an email if you are able to attend the next meeting which is on Monday 25 April at 6pm via microsoft teams.

Paul Doherty pauldoherty15@hotmail.com

Primary 7 parents/carers have formed a separate committee to plan a leavers' celebration for all primary 7 children. The date of their next meeting is Thursday 21 April at 6.30pm. Please provide Mrs Gillian Jamieson with your email address so that you can be included in the meetings and in all relevant correspondence.

Gillian Jamieson gillian1207midwife@hotmail.co.uk



Covid Update

We have received further updates indicating that restrictions will be reduced when we return after the holiday. We plan for all children to begin their day at **9am and finish at 3pm**. This means we will **no longer have a staggered start and end to the day**. I would ask that you continue to move swiftly through our school grounds and refrain from gathering. Adults may continue to wear face coverings and maintain a sensible physical distance to continue to prevent the transmission of covid. I am aware that everyone will be keen to avoid the virus and I am sure that you will all do what you can to keep everyone safe and well.



I am delighted that you have continued to show your full support to the school this year. You have been a tremendous help in ensuring that our school community continues to thrive and our children are able to enjoy learning in a safe and happy environment. I look forward to continuing to work in partnership with you during our summer term.

Finally, I wish you all a very happy and holy Easter. Enjoy this very special time celebrating with your family.



As always, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school by telephone or email should you wish to discuss any school matter.

Best wishes,

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

Sharon Mazzoni

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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

Some dates for your diary...



Holiday dates to note:

14/04/2022 Holy Thursday

15/04/2022 Good Friday

17/04/2022 Easter Sunday

Tuesday 19		School reopens to staff and pupils
Thursday 21		Cycling lessons begin today for primary 5-7 (Mrs Caitlin Maclean organising)
		Dog's Trust here to visit p4-7
	6.30pm	Parents' meeting for primary 7 parents/carers to discuss leavers celebrations (Gillian Jamieson – parent organising)
Monday 25	am	Emma McCrystal here to discuss Big Spring Clean week with primary 6 & 7
	6pm	Parent Council meeting
Tuesday 26	10.35-10.55am	Primary 6 at Lagoon Leisure Centre for swimming lessons
Wednesday 27	am	Group of primary 6 pupils and Miss Marilena Pacitti at Euroquiz competition
	1.30pm	Group of primary 6 & 7 girls attending Renfrewshire Football Tournament
	3.45pm	Group of primary 6 & 7 boys attending Renfrewshire Football Tournament at Glennifer High
	am	Primary 1 height and weight screening
Thursday 28	1.30pm	Primary 7 transition workshops organised by homelink service

May

Monday 02		May Day Holiday
Tuesday 03	10.40-11.55am	Primary 6 at Lagoon Leisure Centre for swimming lessons
	am	Heartstart providing workshop for primary 7 pupils
Thursday 05		In-service Day
Friday 06	10am	Whole school virtual assembly
Tuesday 10	10.05-11.55am	Primary 6 at Lagoon Leisure Centre for swimming lessons
Wednesday 11	1.30pm	Group of primary 6 & 7 girls at Renfrewshire football tournament
	3.45pm	Group of primary 6 & 7 boys at Renfrewshire football tournament
Friday 13		Primary 7 attending Athletics event at On-X
	1.30pm	Primary 1 dental screening
Saturday 14	11am	First Holy Communion in St. Peter's Church (primary 4 pupils)
Monday 16		Bishop John visiting St. Peter's to meet primary 7
Tuesday 17		Primary 7 visit to St. Andrew's Academy (transition event)
	10.10-11am	Primary 1 transition event here at St. Peter's (for new entrants Aug 2022)
Wednesday 18		Primary 7 visit to St. Andrew's Academy (transition event)
Thursday 19	7pm	Primary 7 pupils receive the Sacrament of Confirmation
Wednesday 25	10.10-11am	Primary 1 transition event here at St. Peter's (for new entrants Aug 2022)
Friday 27		HOLIDAY
Tuesday 31	10.10-11am	Primary 1 transition event here at St. Peter's (for new entrants Aug 2022)

June

Wednesday 01		Garden Party for ELCC class – primary 7
Thursday 02		HOLIDAY – QUEEN’S PLATINUM JUBILEE
Friday 03		School closed for exceptional closure day
Monday 06		School reopens to staff and pupils
Wednesday 08	10.10-11am	Primary 1 transition event here at St. Peter’s (for new entrants Aug 2022)
Thursday 09	1.30pm	Primary 7 transition workshops organised by homelink service
Friday 10	10am	Virtual whole school assembly
Monday 13		Health focus week
Thursday 23		Primary 7 Awards Ceremony (time and details to be confirmed nearer the time)
Friday 24		Primary 7 Leavers’ Celebration
Tuesday 28	10am	Whole school virtual assembly
	1pm	School closes for Summer holiday

