



Parental Newsletter



May 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Our summer term is now well underway and our children are enjoying the little pockets of sunshine that have been appearing from time to time. This is a term full of fun with many engaging learning experiences on offer each day. There are so many exciting things to look forward to while our children complete their first full year at school in a while with no lockdown interruptions. It has been an absolute pleasure and a joy to be able to see everyone face to face each day. Thank you to all of you for continuing to support the work and life of the school. Onwards and upwards!

Religious Life of the School



Father Andrew

Father Andrew is very unwell and in need of lots of prayers. I would urge you all to keep him in your thoughts and pray for him each day. He will appreciate that our school community is thinking of him.



First Holy Communion

A huge thank you to Mgr Denis Carlin who celebrated the Sacrament of First Holy Communion with the children of primary 4 on Saturday 14 May in St. Peter's Church. It was a beautiful Mass and I am sure you will agree that it was very special to be able to be together in person while we prayed for and supported our children. Well done and congratulations to them! It was clear for everyone to see how proud their families were of them.



Confirmation

Many children in primary 7 will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at 6pm on Thursday 19 May in St. Peter's Church. They have spent a lot of time preparing for this important occasion in their lives and I am sure they will all feel very special as they receive the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit. Bishop John came to visit the children on Monday 16 May. This was a lovely time for the children to get to know him in person and enjoy participating in some lovely conversation. They sang beautifully while Bishop John played the piano and this brought smiles to many faces. Please keep the children in your thoughts and prayers.



Staffing Update

Mrs Karen Ewing, Classroom Assistant, will retire on Thursday 26 May. Mrs Ewing has worked at St. Peter's for the past 5 years and has contributed to supporting many of our children during her time here. She also provides many contributions to some aspects of school life by taking responsibility for our school website, leading extra curricular clubs such as Coding Club and supporting our children through their participation in events such as Euroquiz and Renfrewshire sporting activities. While she is looking forward to this next chapter in her life, I am sure she will be sad about leaving us. I know that we are all feeling sorry to be saying goodbye to her but we wish her all the very best for the future. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Ewing for everything she has done to support the life and work of our school. Congratulations and good luck, Mrs Ewing!

Ms Michell Cairns will start her employment as classroom assistant with us on Monday 23 May. I am sure you will all provide a very warm welcome to her as she joins St. Peter's Primary as a valued member of our staff team.

Mrs Patricia Lawson (DHT), Mrs Lorna Robertson (Senior Early Learning and Childcare Officer) and I will interview candidates for a new Early Years Support Worker for our ELCC class on 23 May. We look forward to welcoming a new member to the early years team.

We recently advertised for a 20 hour classroom assistant post and Mrs Lawson and I will interview for this on 30 May 2022. We look forward to filling this post and being able to continue supporting and challenging our children so they will experience the best possible learning opportunities.



Pupil Progress Update

All pupils engage in continuous assessment throughout the year so that teachers can discuss progress with them. Together, children and teachers choose their next steps in learning alongside targets to be achieved. We also encourage pupils to engage positively with summative assessment which involves online assessments. Please be reassured that these are discussed with the children as part of their learning and children are supported through them to answer as confidently as they can. Summative assessments (GL and SNSA) are a small part of a large tool box used to inform teachers of pupil progress. We place great emphasis on teacher professional judgement and pupil voice. These are what we base our decision on when deciding which level children have achieved. We truly like to engage in dialogue with you about these important aspects of your child's progress and hope that you found the telephone calls which took place before the Spring break helpful.

Primary 1 Transition

We look forward to welcoming our new primary 1 pupils for their transition events 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

Mrs Anne Marie Mitchell and Mrs Catherine McLean will be our primary 1 teachers and they are very much looking forward to supporting the children through this very important transition period in their lives.



Primary 7 – S1 Transition

Primary 7 children will attend St. Andrew's Academy on Tuesday 18 and Wednesday 19 May for their transition days. They will spend time in their S1 classes which means they will have the opportunity to meet children from the other associated primary schools and they will follow an S1 timetable. I am sure they are really looking forward to these days and will receive lots of support as they take this next step in their learning journey.



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.

Sporting Events

Girls' Football

Congratulations to our girls' football team who have made it through to the final round of the Renfrewshire Football Tournament. They have done tremendously well so far and their team spirit is second to none. Well done, girls!



Boys' Football

A huge well done to our boys' football team who have also made it through to the final round of the Renfrewshire Football Tournament. They have worked hard to build their team work skills and have really done themselves proud. Well done, boys!

Euroquiz

We sent a team of primary 6 children to the Euroquiz once again this year and they did so well. They came third place which is magnificent and I believe their display of school values during the event was really something to be proud of. They were total ambassadors of the school and I would like to thank them very much for representing us so beautifully. Well done, everyone!



Primary 7 Awards Ceremony

This will take place in our school hall on Thursday 23 June at 3.15pm. Each child can invite 2 parents/carers to come along and join in this lovely celebration. This will be an opportunity to thank the children for their contributions to St. Peter's Primary throughout the years. Staff will be so happy to let the children know how proud we are of them. The event will be focused on acknowledging them as individuals by highlighting their special talents and skills. Tissues may be required!

Parent Council

Mr Paul Doherty continues to be the chairperson of our parent council and he organises our meetings. We are very grateful for the work that he does to ensure that the partnership between parents and school is strong and positive. You are all invited to attend the next meeting. Please send Paul an email if you are able to attend on Monday 13 June at 6pm via microsoft teams.

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Primary 7 parents/carers have formed a separate committee to plan a leavers' celebration for all primary 7 children. Please contact Gillian Jamieson if you would like to contribute to this.

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Covid Update

While there are no self-isolation restrictions currently in place, we ask that you keep your child at home if they present with any of the following symptoms:

- A new, continuous cough
- High temperature
- Loss of smell or taste

There seem to be a lot of tummy bugs going around at the moment too. Please ensure that if your child has sickness or diarrhoea they remain at home for at least 48 hours once they begin to feel well. This helps to reduce the transmission of these type of illnesses.



Health Week

We plan to offer a series of health focused lessons during the week beginning 13 June. Mrs Caitlin Maclean is organising this and will provide further details shortly. This is usually a very enjoyable week for the children while they learn about various aspects of healthy living.



School Improvement Planning

Each year, we seek your views about how well you think we are doing as a school and we ask you to tell us about things you think we could improve upon. All of the information you provide helps us to ensure that we are continuously improving. Accompanying this newsletter is a reply slip which simply asks you to inform us of any areas you think we should focus on for improvement in school session 2022/2023. What do you think we could do better in order to enhance the experiences for every child in the school? The reply slip will be in paper form and placed in your child's school bag. Please take time to complete this and return to the school by Monday 23 May. We would really appreciate hearing from you and your views will be included in our plans for development in the next school session.



School Session 2022/2023 – Uniform

We will be returning to full school uniform in August 2022.

- White shirt and school tie
- Red polo shirt
- Grey skirt or trousers
- Black sweatshirt
- Grey jumper
- Grey socks
- Black shoes
- Red and white summer gingham dress can be worn during warmer months

Classification 2022/2023

We have a provisional plan at the moment of what our classes will look like during next school session. This is very subject to change and I will ensure that you are kept up to date as much as possible.

Primary 1a	Mrs Anne Marie Mitchell
Primary 1b	Mrs Catherine McLean
Primary 1a and 1b	Mrs Joyce Thomson (supporting teacher Wednesday – Friday)
Primary 2	Mrs Duckett
Primary 3	Mrs Jane McFarlane (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday) Mrs Caitlin maclean (Wednesday)
Primary 3/4	Mrs Caitlin Maclean (Monday & Tuesday am) Mrs Grace Everett (Tuesday pm – Friday)
Primary 4/5	Vacancy
Primary 5/6	Vacancy
Primary 6	Miss Emma Young
Primary 7	Miss Veronica Gordon

Teacher's non-class contact time will be arranged differently at various stages. We plan to focus on giving children opportunities for developing skills in Writing while the non-class contact teacher has each class for a specific time each week.

Free School Meals

All children in primary 1-5 will receive free school meals. However, if you feel that your child is eligible under the guidance provided on Renfrewshire Council's website, it is important that you continue to make the application. Your child may be entitled to free school meals if you receive Income support, Jobseekers Allowance (Income Based), Employment & Support Allowance (Income Related), Child Tax Credit with a gross annual income below £16,105 with no element of Working Tax Credit, Maximum Child Tax Credit and maximum Working Tax Credit with annual income below £7,500, Support Under part V1 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 or Universal Credit with a monthly earned income of not more than £625.

Clothing Grants

Parents/carers of children attending Renfrewshire primary, secondary or additional support needs schools during the school session who satisfy the financial conditions are eligible to apply for free school meals and/or clothing grants. A clothing grant is a payment made by Renfrewshire council to qualifying parents or carers to assist with the purchase of school uniforms.

The criteria for qualifying is as above (free school meals) with a few additional points. These are housing benefit, council tax reduction, Working Tax Credit with an annual income under £16,105 or Child Tax Credit with an annual income under £16,105.

If you qualify, Renfrewshire Council will give you one grant for each child during any school year. The clothing grant is £120 per eligible primary school pupil.

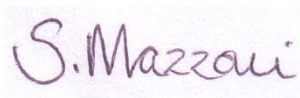
Parking

Now that the whole school have returned to a 9am start and 3pm finish I would like to ask you all to be very mindful when parking your car around the school. The surrounding area is quickly becoming very congested at these times

which can lead to dangerous circumstances. Please ensure that you park safely and refrain from parking on the zig zag lines. Thank you for your cooperation.

Thank you so much for your continued partnership. 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,



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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...

May

Monday 16

Bishop John visiting St. Peter's to meet primary 7

6pm

Parent Council Meeting

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)
	1.30pm	Susan Bell, Education Manager, visiting Senior Leadership Team
Thursday 19	6pm	Primary 7 pupils receive the Sacrament of Confirmation
Monday 23		HT, DHT and SELCO interviewing for Early Years Support Worker post
Wednesday 25	10.10-11am	Primary 1 transition event here at St. Peter's (for new entrants Aug 2022)
Friday 27		HOLIDAY
Monday 30		HT and DHT interviewing for Classroom assistant post (20 hours temp)
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
		Sustainable Picnic focused on reducing single use plastic (please look out on the school app for further details)
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 (separate letter will follow)
	1.30pm	Pupil Council Meeting (St. Peter's representatives meeting pupil council from Bushes Primary and Lancraigs Primary) Community Police attending
	6pm	Parent Council Meeting
Wednesday 15	12.30pm	Girls' Football Tournament Final – good luck, girls!
Thursday 23	3.15pm	Primary 7 Awards Ceremony (2 adults per child invited to attend in our school hall)
Friday 24		Boys' Football Tournament at Ferguslie Sports Centre
Friday 24		Primary 7 Leavers' Celebration (venue under review)
Tuesday 28	10am	Whole school virtual assembly
	1pm	School closes for Summer holiday



