

BULLETIN

ST. CHARLES' PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone in our extended school community a happy & prosperous new year. I am hoping 2024 will be a great year for us all filled with good health & happiness.

As always, I will do my best to keep parents informed by issuing a Bulletin each month. Information can also be found on our School Website. Regular updates are issued on Seesaw & the School App. Pupil learning is regularly shared on X (formerly Twitter).

HEAD LICE

I would like to remind all parents of the importance of checking their own child's hair on a regular basis. Head lice can only be eradicated if everyone checks hair at least once weekly and acts if required. Please remember if your child does have head lice it is important to treat everyone in the household & inform everyone your child has close contact with. Remember too head lice is not only passed on in school- Brownie camp, after-school clubs, sleepovers with friends & family etc.

Bug Busting is a very effective prevention technique which can be used. More information on **Bug Busting** is available online. Now would be a great time for us all to check our own families' hair to clear them all & stop them from circulating endlessly.

MOBILE PHONES IN SCHOOL

If your child has received a new mobile phone for Christmas and you feel it is necessary for this to be brought to school, it is essential that your child follows school guidelines. Phones must be switched off when children enter the school gate in the morning and remain in their own schoolbag during the day. These can only be removed to be used when the pupil leaves the school grounds. If any child is found to be using their device during the school day or on school premises, then parents will be contacted & asked to collect the phone.

Please note that the school is not responsible for any phones that are lost or damaged on school property. It would be preferable for these expensive personal items not to be brought to school.

WINTER CLOTHING

I would ask that you ensure your child comes to school each day wearing clothing appropriate for the season. Children continue to play and learn outside on a regular basis throughout the year and warm clothing is essential. Should your child not have appropriate warm winter clothing and/or footwear please contact the school & speak directly to Mrs Hannigan or Mrs Kelly who will be happy to help. While our school building is warm the windows are regularly opened in school to ensure a safe and steady flow of clean air. Children need to be dressed in warm clothes every day and should wear a jumper or sweatshirt in class to allow this to happen. Our agreed dress code is **grey trousers/skirt, white shirt & school tie, white polo shirt, grey jumper/sweatshirt or cardigan, grey blazer with school badge or outdoor jacket which can be of any colour.**

As always between the beginning of May and the end of September, parents may dress their children in our summer uniform. **Grey shorts with white polo shirt or blue & white gingham dress.** This is of course optional and will depend on better weather.

All items of clothing must be clearly labelled with child's name to ensure it can be returned if misplaced in the building or playground. Personal items such as water bottles & packed lunch boxes should also be clearly labelled.

Primary 7 children will be given their "Leavers Hoodies" before leaving for the residential trip. The cost of 50 hoodies for the children was £847.50 in total. The P7 children raised £743.50 themselves by completing a Santa Dash in December & the balance of £103.90 was paid by the school. These are expensive items of clothing, and we appreciate families supporting the fundraising efforts of our children. Without your support these items would prove too expensive to purchase.

All refunds will be issued on Parent Pay to any parent who has made a payment towards this item.

PARENT HUB

The next planned meeting of this session will be held in the school on Wednesday 17th January 24. All parents/carers are welcome to attend Parent Hub meetings so please come along if you can and contribute your ideas.

SCHOOL ROLL

Currently our school roll is 406. We are delighted to have welcomed 27 new children & their families since the start of this new school year.

CELEBRATION OF SCOTTISH CULTURE

In November we had a special day of celebrating the cultural diversity of our school community. On Thursday 25th January we will be having another day to celebrate our Scottish culture. Children will be involved in a range of classroom activities music, poetry, art, storytelling in Scots language etc. We are very lucky to have Mrs Christie in the school to lead all classes in Scottish Country Dance sessions on the day. Pupils who attend Mrs Christie's Dance School will perform on stage for the other children in the afternoon.

Children are invited to come to school wearing something that represents Scottish culture. This could be a tartan piece of clothing or a Scotland football top.

SPIRITUAL LIFE OF OUR SCHOOL

Primary 4 who are being prepared to receive holy sacraments this year have already been issued with this information. 'DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME' is a new programme that is being introduced in all catholic parishes in the Paisley Diocese. It aims to help families become more involved in their child's sacramental preparation. The programme will run for 4 weeks (Sunday 14th January 24, Sunday 28th January 24, Sunday 18th February 24 and Sunday 3rd March 24). Children are asked to attend 10:00am parish mass with their parents on each of these dates.

Sunday 4th February is also an important date for First Communicants. The special **Mass of Commitment** at 10am parish mass on this date.

Parish Family Masses- Father Jim & the parish community extend a warm welcome again this year. P5 children & families are invited on Sunday 3rd March. Further dates will be issued as soon as available.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

More information regarding this will be issued next week.

Some dates for your diary

I have issued advance notice of as many future events as possible to help you plan. Please note that these dates may be subject to change.

Date	Event	Target Group
Mon 8 th January	New School Term begins for school & ELCC	All pupils
Fri 12 th January	Clyde in the Classroom in Glasgow Science Centre	Room 12 pupils
Fri 12 th January	First Friday Mass in St Charles Church- Parents welcome	Room 11 pupils attending
Mon 15 th January	Whole School Golden Achievement Assembly	All pupils
Thurs 18 th January	SCIAF visit to the school & workshops for children	P6 pupils
Tues 23 rd January	P3 Stage Mass in School Hall with Father Jim	P3 pupils & families welcome
Thurs 25 th January	Day of Celebration of Scottish Culture	All pupils
Mon 29 th January	M&M Productions – Robin Hood pantomime	All pupils
Weds 31 st January	Open Doors Event for parents @ 2pm in Room 14	Room 14 pupils & parent/carers
Thurs 1 st February	Visit to new Central Library	Invited pupils
Fri 2 nd February	First Friday Mass in St Charles Church- Parents welcome	Room 10 pupils attending
Sun 4 th February	Mass of Commitment for First Communion in St Charles Church @ 10am	P4 First Communicants
Mon 5 th February	Whole School Golden Achievement Assembly	All pupils
Mon 5 th February	P7 Residential Trip to Dumfries House	
Fri 9 th February	Non uniform day - £1 donation	All pupils

Yours sincerely



Grace Hannigan
HEADTEACHER