



St. Bride's Primary School

KEY DATES



Monday 29 th August	P1 to enter via Main gates
Friday 2 nd September	First Friday Mass
Wednesday 14 th September	Open Afternoon (1.30-2.30pm) Further details tbc
Friday 30 th September	Interim Reports issued
Week Beg 3 rd October	Book Fair in school
Wednesday 12 th October	Reporting Evening (in school)
17 th - 21 st October	School and Nursery Closed - October Week

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our first newsletter of the new school term.

It has been lovely to get all of our returning pupils back to school and of course to welcome our Primary ones and new families into St. Bride's. We are looking forward to a successful and fun-packed year!

Our pupils have turned up every day looking very smart and well-prepared for the day ahead, so we thank you for continuing to ensure the uniform is worn and P.E kits and snacks etc. are packed.

The routines for the open start and end of day procedures are working well. From Monday our primary one children should come through the double gates. The buddies will be on hand to show them into the playground. The end of day procedures for P1 will REMAIN the same - P1 and siblings will exit via the P1 door at the front of the school. On wet mornings the gates will be opened at 8.45am as normal and children will make their way to either the dining hall (P1-3) or the gym hall (P4-7) where they will be supervised by our support staff prior to going to class at 9am.

STAFFING

We would like to welcome 3 new members of staff to St. Bride's. Mrs Giffen, Miss McQuillan and Miss Robertson have joined our support staff and you will no doubt see them when you are in and around the school.

We are happy to wish Mrs Wood a very happy retirement as she moves on to new adventures even although we will miss her calm presence in the school office.

We pass on our congratulations to Miss Wotherspoon who was married in the summer and whose married name is Mrs Sinclair.

Our teaching complement this year is as follows:

Room 1 - Mrs Sinclair

Room 2 - Miss Rankin
Room 3 - Mrs Braceland
Room 4 - Mrs Rogers
Room 5 - Mrs McCormick
Room 6 - Mrs Hannah/Mrs Campbell
Room 7 - Miss McCann
Room 8 - Mrs McCarron/Miss Walsh
Room 9 - Miss Lester
Room 10 - Mrs McCaffrey
CCC Mrs Tierney and Miss Friel

Additionality/Learning Support - Mrs Malley/Mrs Hannah/Mrs Campbell

Pupil of the Week

Last year we updated our school values to reflect our priorities after the disruption and changes of the last few years.

Faith Inclusiveness Respect Kindness Ambition

Living these values is central to what we aspire to for all in St. Bride's and as such, will be at the heart of our Friday assemblies. One pupil will be selected from each class as a "Pupil of the week" and as requested by the pupils will be presented with a certificate and Golden tie to wear in school. It is important that we continue to celebrate the success of our learners and wearing the tie in school is a simple and effective way for us to recognise the efforts of our pupils.

If your child is the "Pupil of the Week" for their class they will also get the opportunity throughout the week to share their learning with Mrs Cleland and Miss Friel.

Industrial Action- possible disruption

You may have seen in the news and press that the Unison workers union has announced that their members plan to strike on the 6th, 7th and 8th of September. For schools this could include Support staff, catering staff and cleaning staff. A letter was sent out on the App yesterday with further information. At the moment, I do not have any concrete information if this will result in a school closure for St. Bride's, however, I will keep you informed as and when I know more.

School Website

Whilst we mainly use the School App and Twitter to communicate with parents we do also have a School Website. This was launched about 18 months ago and whilst it does have a raft of information on it, it certainly has a bigger role to play. We intend to utilise and update this to give us another source for sharing news, pictures and information!

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/sl/stbridesprimarybothwell/>

Volunteers

We are in the process of setting up our After-School club schedule for the term and year ahead. We would love our parents and carers to share their skills and talents with our pupils. We have had parents lead our Spanish, football, netball, dance, badminton and gymnastics clubs in the past.

There is no need to be shy - if you can give up an hour of your time each week and have some skills to share PLEASE get in touch.

Earrings

I would remind you that if your child wears earrings - only studs should be worn to school. Hoops and long earrings are not suitable. If possible earrings should be removed for PE and if your child is new to this, tape/plasters can be worn whilst they are practising doing this independently. We are aware that this can take a bit of time. Please note that the school cannot supply tape or plasters so please put these into your child's bag on PE days.

Clothing/Shoes

We have already had a number of lost/forgotten items handed in to lost property - **PLEASE PUT YOUR CHILD/REN'S NAME ON ALL OF THEIR UNIFORM.** Thank you.

COVID

Whilst we are delighted that restrictions have been lifted and that most routines are back to normal, COVID cases are obviously still occurring in the school and wider community. All of the latest guidance can be found on the NHS Inform website. The current recommendation is that if your child has symptoms of COVID with a high temperature they should remain at home until they no longer have a temperature and are feeling better. We appreciate your continued support and vigilance in helping to reduce transmission in school.

PTA

At St. Bride's we are very fortunate to have an excellent PTA who work very hard behind the scenes helping to raise money that comes directly back into the school to support all of our children. We rely on the support of our parents and any help that you can offer is always gratefully received. We had our first meeting this week and it was great to hear that we have a number of new parents on board - thank you.

We are also delighted to say that our PTA is now a registered charity which is a great way to open up new funding opportunities and allows supporting businesses to use gift aid and fund matching.

You can join the PTA's Facebook page to be kept up to date with their fundraising events and other local events, you can search for their page 'St Bride's Bothwell PTA'.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/3604107756363288>

Please see below for three of the main fundraising opportunities that you can get involved in to support St. Bride's.

Uniformerly

We are very aware that the rising costs of everyday items is impacting on everybody and alongside a drive to do what we can to promote sustainable living we would encourage as many parents as possible to sign up to this online uniform shop. At the end of every school year we are inundated with requests from parents who want to pass on school uniform that is in almost perfect condition. However due to COVID and a severe lack of storage we have been unable to support this. This website gives us an opportunity to address this issue.

The PTA have now opened an online uniform shop with the award-winning Uniformerly. Parents and PTA can buy, sell, give-away and recycle outgrown school uniforms.

St Bride's own pre-loved online uniform shop, no fees or commission - you keep all the profits, or you can choose to donate them to the PTA to benefit all the children!

Every piece of uniform re-used means one less item going to landfill making St Bride's a more Eco-friendly school! Please help us reach this goal by listing and buying school uniforms from our online shop <https://uniformerly.co.uk/listing-categories/>

EasyFundraising

If you are not aware, we are registered with Easyfundraising, which means you can help us for FREE. To date we have raised **£2,428.36!!**

Over 4,000 shops and sites will donate to us when you use Easyfundraising to shop with them - at no extra cost to yourself!

All you need to do is sign up and remember to use Easyfundraising whenever you shop online. There are also DONATION REMINDERS that can be set up to help remind you. It's easy and completely FREE! These donations really mount up, so please sign up to support us at https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stbridesbothwellpta/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=en-n1

Family and friends can get involved too! There is a leaderboard and many new names are appearing on it! Thank you for your support!

Your School Lottery

Last year the PTA signed up with "Your School Lottery" and to date have raised **£697.20!!** This is a great way to support fundraising for the school.

Tickets cost £1 each week. There is a guaranteed prize EVERY WEEK for our school (prize value is dependent on tickets sold - currently £33.30 - *it has reduced due to a number of P7's families leaving the school at the summer*) and you are also in with a chance of winning the **£25,000 JACKPOT!** Please tell family and friends as anyone in the UK can sign up, the more tickets purchased, the more money raised for the children in St Bride's!

To buy your tickets, please visit <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/st-brides-primary-school> to start supporting.



Once again I would like to extend a huge thank you to all those who are actively working in the PTA and all of the families and friends of St. Bride's who support the work that they are doing.

Parent Council

The Parent Council AGM will take place this Tuesday at 7pm in the school. If you would like to contact the Parent Council please use the following email address: stbridesbothwellpc@gmail.com

KEEPING IN TOUCH

We use the school website, Twitter and the School App to communicate with our parents/carers.

The School Website: <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/sl/stbridesprimarybothwell/>


Twitter: @stbridesschool

The '**School App for Parents**' can be downloaded from your app store/play store for free.
Search for St Bride's Primary School

Our Username is **SBPS** and the Code **8684**



When you successfully download it, go to 'messages' section and then on the top right hand corner you should see a filter, tap that and a drop down menu will appear for you to tick the boxes for 'Whole school' and the relevant classes for your child/ren.

Please note the layout for the app varies on different platforms however the filter icon is usually represented as a 

Thank you as always for your continued support.

Best Wishes

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