



Education Resources

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Keeping in Touch

As you know, this year we are promoting the national school communication tool **parentsportal.scot**. Please sign up in order to keep abreast of the work of the school.

We often use email to communicate with parents. For each family we have one email address we will use. If you are not receiving updates from the school via email, please get in touch to check we have the correct address for you.

We continue to encourage all parents to download our **School App**, this is a quick and easy way to access school information and receive timely updates. This will migrate to parentsportal in the coming year.

(Please search for School App for Parents and then St. Charles' Primary, Newton)

We will also share the children's learning and other updates via the school Twitter page.



Follow us on Twitter **@St CharlesNewton**

Uniform

The children are continuing to look wonderful in their school uniform, thank you!

Can we ask that you please take some time to add your child's name to their belongings as we already have a significant amount of lost property.

Please remember that if you are struggling to provide school uniform for your child you can get in touch as we may be able to help.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Parents are invited to attend a coffee morning in support of Macmillan Cancer Support on the morning of **Friday 29th September 9am-10.30am**.

We will gratefully accept donations of cakes and biscuits from Wednesday 27th September.

Annual Data Checks and Permission Forms

If you have not already done so, please return the annual data checks, permission slip and flu vaccine forms to school.

A message regarding social media permissions was also sent to parents- if you do not wish your child's photo to appear on our social media please let us know. Thank you.

Meet the Teacher

Parents are invited to a short, informal Meet the Teacher session on **Wednesday 13th September**. Each teacher will run two sessions: 3.10-3.30pm and 3.40-4pm.

Please note individual teacher appointments are not available on the evening.

Parents Night Dates

Our next Parent Evening will take place on **Thursday 12th October**. This will be held in the school. Further details nearer the time.

Parents will receive an interim settling report prior to this on Friday 6th October.



Medication

If your child requires medication in school then a medical form needs to be completed at the school office and medicines handed in. Under no circumstances should medication be stored in a child's schoolbag.

Breakfast Club

A breakfast club runs daily from our school canteen and is **free of charge** for all children. Earliest entry for this is **8.15am** and latest entry is 8.40am. Children can choose from Weetabix or toast, water or milk and yoghurt or fresh fruit. Parents are asked not to enter the dining hall during breakfast club. Please note that there is no playground supervision prior to 8.45am.

Fruit Break

Children are given the opportunity to have a fruit snack every afternoon. Fruit should be taken from home but we will try our best to supply children with fruit if they have forgotten theirs!



Allergy Reminder

Please remember that nuts and nut containing products are not allowed in school as we have children who suffer from allergies.

Positive Relationship Policy

We continue to use our School House System and Recognition Boards to celebrate positive behaviour in our school. The PPR policy is designed to make our school a safe and happy place where we are encouraged to be ready, be respectful and be responsible. We have fabulous new posters, as designed in collaboration with our pupils and using their artistic talents, in each class as a visual reminder to all. This year as part of our school improvement plan will review our policy to ensure it is in line with our vision, values and aims and our ethos as a nurturing school.

School Leadership- Pupil Voice

Congratulations to our children who were successful in securing a school or house captain position this year. This week our classes have been voting for their Pupil Council reps. We have a number of other Pupil Voice Groups in our school including the Sport Committee, Minnie Vinnies and the Continuous Improvement Ambassadors (CIA). Our thanks to all the children for their valuable contributions to these groups.

School Improvement Plan 2023-2024

The **School Improvement Plan (SIP)**, is a unique plan, refined annually, that defines a school's targeted work to raise attainment and achievements for all of its pupils. These plans are the driving force behind change. Please see below our priorities for the coming year:

In order to raise attainment we will...

- Continue to develop the process of planning for learning to ensure consistent, high quality learning and teaching with effective tracking of progress.
- Develop the literacy curriculum across the school to raise attainment with a focus on raising attainment in writing.
- Further embed attachment informed and nurturing principles across the

school to promote positive relationships and the rights of the child.

- Introduce SLC's progressive skills framework to staff, pupils and parents and begin to link skills to the four capacities of Curriculum for Excellence.



Our school website remains under construction and our new version is coming soon!

St Charles Parent Council

Our Parent Council will meet on Wednesday 6th September at 6.30pm in school. We are always looking for new members and extra helpers so please feel free to come along. The meetings are very informal.

Our Parent Council have an email address so that you can contact them directly. The address is stcharlesnewtonparentcouncil@gmail.com

Let's Connect SAMH partnership

This year we will be working in partnership with SAMH to support mental health. Parents have the opportunity to sign up for free online workshops, details can be found on our school App.



Dates for your diary

Friday 1st September- Welcome Mass (pupils only)

Wednesday 6th September- Parent Council Meeting 6.30pm

Friday 8th September- Welcome Service for P1 (P1 parents welcome)

Monday 11th September- parentsportal.scot sign up drop in 2-4pm

Wednesday 13th September- Meet the Teacher 3.10/3.40pm

Monday 18th September- P5/6 Assembly- SAFE

Friday 22nd September- holiday SCHOOL CLOSED

Monday 25th September- holiday SCHOOL CLOSED

Friday 29th September- Macmillan Coffee Morning- parents welcome 9-10.30am

