



Education Resources
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Dear Parents,
Welcome back

Happy new year and welcome back to our new term in school. The children have settled back beautifully and business as usual has returned in school. We are looking forward to the term ahead. Please see below for information and reminders.

P1 Enrolment for August 2024

Online enrolment for August 2024 opened this week via the SLC website. If anyone is struggling with the online enrolment process, please do not hesitate to get in touch. We will be in contact with the parents of our new enrolments next week to confirm details.

Staffing Update

We are pleased to welcome Mrs Thomson back to school following her maternity leave. Mrs Thomson will have shared class responsibility with Mrs Murray for P1/2.

Mr Blair continues to be absent from work due to sickness. We are sending him our best wishes. Mrs Deery and Mrs Milne will continue to cover the P4/5 class at the end of the week until his return.

We are delighted to welcome two student teachers to the school this week. Miss McIntyre and Miss Scoular who will be supporting the learning in Primary 5/6 and P6.

Sacrament Update

The children preparing to receive the sacraments in St. Bride's Church this year are invited to enrolment masses on the following dates:

Reconciliation- Sunday 28th January at 10am

First Communion- Sunday 28th January at 12 noon

The enrolment mass for all sacraments taking place in St. Cadoc's this year (This includes P7 Confirmation) will take place this Sunday 14th January at 10am.

Parent Workshops

This term we will be hosting parent workshops in line with our school priorities this year. The first of these will take place on Thursday 18th January from 7-8pm and will focus on how you can support your child with developing their writing skills.

The second will take place on 1st February and will be presented by Elaine Robertson our link Educational Psychologist on the A-Z of Attachment and Resilience.

Uniform

Once again thank you for your support in sending your child to school in their school uniform. Uniform is beneficial for helping to build identity, raising expectations and also promotes equality among our children. Our school uniform is **grey** trousers or skirt, white shirt with tie and a bottle green jumper or cardigan. We also ask that where possible, children bring a change of indoor shoes for during the day. The PE kit is a red polo shirt and black shorts/leggings/joggers. If you are finding it difficult to provide uniform for your child, please get in touch as we can help. Children are discouraged from wearing acrylic nail extensions and make up to school.

Phones

Parents are reminded that children are not permitted to have phones turned on during the school day. If a child is required to bring a phone to school this needs to be turned off on entering the grounds and remain turned off throughout the day. The same applies to smart watches. These should be disabled or have school hour settings applied so they are not active during the school day. Please note that these items are taken to school at the pupils' own risk.

Dogs

A gentle reminder that it is a council wide request that dogs are not permitted on school grounds.

P7 residential trip

Our Primary 7 will be going on their residential trip to Ardentenny Outdoor Centre week beginning the 5th February.

As a group of our staff will be taking part on the trip to supervise the children, there will be some changes to staffing in classes during this week but we aim to keep any disruptions to a minimum.

Adverse Weather

In the event of extreme weather (snow and ice) our adverse weather plan is that a path will be cleared and gritted at the front of the school and therefore children should enter via the front gate.

Breakfast Club

A reminder that breakfast club opens at 8.15am in the morning. Children should avoid arriving before this time as we do not have supervision available.

Thank you

For the outstanding generosity shown by parents and family members for our fundraising efforts in December. The money raised supports the work of the school and helps to subsidise school trips for our children.

Thanks to the SVDP group from St. Cadoc's and St. Bride's Parishes who have shown great generosity towards the school through their gift, voucher and monetary donations. They are a fantastic support to our families and we are very grateful.

Finally, on behalf of all the staff, thank you very much to our families for their kind wishes and generous gifts before Christmas. These are not at all necessary or expected but are very much appreciated.

Dates for the diary:

Sunday 13th January

10am St. Cadoc's Parish Enrolment Mass (all sacraments) in St. Cadoc's Church

Thursday 18th January

P5/6 to the Science Centre re. Clyde in the Classroom
Parent Workshop at 7pm

Friday 19th January

Athletics Event in John Wright Sport Centre (Team)

Friday 26th January

NHS Flu Vaccine catch-up (for pupils who missed the first date)

Sunday 28th January

10am- St. Bride's Parish Reconciliation Enrolment Mass

12noon- St. Brides Parish First Communion Enrolment Mass

Tuesday 30th January

Kid's Kitchen Parent Workshops

P5- 9.30am

P5/6- 11am

P6- 1.15pm

Thursday 1st February

6pm- A-Z of Attachment Workshop

Monday 5th-Thursday 8th February

P7 to Ardentinny Outdoor Centre

Wednesday 7th February

6.30pm- Parent Council Meeting

Friday 9th February

Hospice Heroes Day- Dress as a Hero (£1)

Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th February

School Closed- Holiday

Wednesday 14th February

School Closed- In service day

Friday 23rd February

P1 and P7 Dental Checks

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Maureen Reid

Head Teacher

