



Education Resources
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4th September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we move into September, School and Nursery are very busy with lots going on for both the pupils and families. Please have a read through this Newsletter to find out what is happening in St. Bride's School Community.

All staff within school have completed Attachment Training and our practice is based on Attachment Principles of providing a safe, secure, happy place where the children can learn and flourish.

Continuing from last session, in each Newsletter, we will highlight the SHANARRI indicator, the School Value and the UNCRC Right of the Child that forms the basis of our Health & Wellbeing teaching across school and nursery each month. Please talk to your child about what they are learning.

Included will be specific letters from South Lanarkshire Council's 'A-Z of Attachment Informed Practice' which will give you an insight into what our practice is based on. As the first educators of children, they are very informative and will be of interest to you as parents and carers. There is a leaflet attached in your email. If you wish a paper copy, please contact the school office.

SHANARRI Community	<u>UNCRC - No 19</u> <i>Protection from Violence</i> Governments must protect children from violence, abuse and being neglected by anyone who looks after them.	School Value Faith & Community
A-Z of Attachment Strategy		
M	Manage transitions	Please refer to the Leaflet for more information about WHY these are important? and WHAT can you do? ~ A copy of the full leaflet is attached in the email and can also be found on the School Website.
N	Nurturing approaches	
O	Open, engaged and curious	

Nursery

The children are settling in well, with our returning children being a great support and buddies to the new children who have joined us over the last few weeks. The children have been enjoying learning outdoors and across the playroom with construction and art experiences proving very popular. The children are developing their personal skills as they select and serve snack in the playroom and enjoy their visits to the Dining Hall for lunch with Fiona who looks after them very well.

*St. Bride's School Community a joyful place where;
 We can Dream, We do Believe and We will Achieve great things!*

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School & Nursery Uniform

Thank you for your continued support, the children are looking wonderful in their school and nursery uniforms. The school uniform helps ensure that they are very distinctive to the local community and brings a sense of belonging to the school.

Home Learning - Starting Monday 4th September

Home Learning activities reinforce the skills and knowledge children are taught within the class. Home Learning will be issued weekly, starting on Monday 4th September. Home Learning will include activities which focus on Literacy, Numeracy & Maths, Health & Wellbeing, and other areas of the Curriculum, with a variety of written and active learning tasks.

Children will be issued with Home Learning jotters and sheets as required. Details of Home Learning will also be posted on Google Classrooms. Children will be issued with all the relevant usernames and passwords to allow access. Home Learning will be issued on Monday and returned by Friday each week. Home Learning is an important aspect of your child's learning, and we would encourage all parents to participate fully in their children's Home Learning.

Target Setting

Pupils will be working with their teachers this week, Monday 4th September, to set their Learning Targets in Literacy, Numeracy and Health & Wellbeing for this Term. Target Setting sheets will be sent home for you to discuss targets with your child. Please return sheets to school by Friday 8th September.

Parental Engagement & Involvement

This year on our School & Nursery Improvement Plan we have set Parental Engagement & Involvement as a priority. Parents, carers, and families are hugely important to the lives of our children and throughout our school community. We want to offer more opportunities to have parents and carers involved in the life of the school. We already involve parents and carers in our Participatory Budget and will continue to do that this year. (Please see details below).

Participatory Budget - Date for the Diary

Mrs Scott, our Equity Lead will hold a meeting in school regarding this year's Participatory Budget (PB) on **Tuesday 12th September at 9.15am**. Please look out for a separate communication explaining the details of the PB.

We would also like to invite any parents or carers who wants to be a '**Parent Helper**' along to a short **information meeting** on **Tuesday 5th September at 2.30pm**. If you can't manage along to this meeting but would like to find out a little bit more information, please contact Mrs Scott or Mrs Torrance for more information.

'Brew & a Blether'

On the first Wednesday of each month, we will host a very inform, free, 'Brew & a Blether' for parents and carers to drop in for a cup of tea/coffee and a 'blether'. These will run from 9am -9.45am ~ just as you drop your child off at school and nursery. We hope that parents will come along to meet with one another and take a 'wee bit' of time for themselves before they get on with the rest of their busy day!

Our first 'Brew & a Blether' is on Wednesday 6th September at 9am.

Primary 1 Blessing

Primary 1 children will receive a very special blessing from Fr. Morton on **Wednesday 6th September at 2pm**. We would invite all parents/carers and families along to school for this wonderful service.

Primary 6 Pope Francis Faith Award

As part of their learning all Primary 6 and 7 pupils of all faiths take part in the Pope Francis Faith Award which is designed to help pupils show 'signs of love' in their daily lives and become active members of their local church and wider community. There will be a mass of Enrolment on Sunday 10th September at 10am in St. Bride's Church. Pupils should wear their full school uniform.

Sacramental Information

Parent Meeting

If you wish your child to receive a Sacrament this school year, Fr. Morton has asked that parents attend a meeting in St. Bride's Church on Wednesday 13th September.

The details of each Sacramental meeting are as follows:

Reconciliation - 6pm
Holy Communion - 6.30pm
Confirmation - 7pm

If you have not sent a copy of your child's Baptismal Certificate into school, please bring this along to the meeting.

The dates for Sacraments are detailed below. Further information and details for each Sacrament will be shared with parents/carers in preparation for each Sacraments.

Sacramental Dates

Sacrament of Confirmation - Primary 7 pupils	
Mass of Enrolment	Sunday - 17 th September 2023 at 10am
Sacrament of Confirmation Mass	Tuesday 28 th November 2023 @ 7pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation - Primary 3	
Mass of Enrolment	Sunday 4 th February 2024 @ 10am
Sacrament of Reconciliation Service	Monday 11 th March 2024 @ 6.30pm
Sacrament of Holy Communion - Primary 4	
Mass of Enrolment	Sunday 4 th February 2024 @ 12noon
Sacrament of Holy Communion Mass	Saturday 11 th May 2024 - 10am

First Friday Mass

We celebrate First Friday Mass in St. Bride's Church each month. Classes will lead the liturgies taking part in readings, bidding prayers, presentation of gifts and hymn choices. Thank you to Primary 5 who led our First Friday Mass on 1st September. **Primary 6/7 will lead the next mass on Friday 6th October.** Please see Calendar for Masses & which class is leading the celebration of mass.

Other Information

Our school is a NUT FREE school. Children should not bring **any** snack or lunch items which contain nuts or traces of nuts. (Including Nutella and other Nut and chocolate spread products)

Breakfast Club

FREE ~ Each morning from 8.15am. Enter through Dining Hall door. All Primary 1 – 7 pupils welcome.

School Lunches

Please note that a new menu started on **Monday 28th August for 2023-24.** Please follow the link below for details; [Week 1 - South Lanarkshire Council](#)

Please see South Lanarkshire Council Website for details regarding Free School Meals and Clothing Grants. Links below.

[Free school meals - South Lanarkshire Council](#)

[School clothing grants - South Lanarkshire Council](#)

We would ask that children only bring water in their water bottles each day. No juice/flavoured water.

For safety, children are not permitted to wear hooped or dangly earrings, bracelets, rings, or necklaces. Children may wear a watch and stud earrings to school, which should be removed on PE

days.

Parentsportal.scot

Parentsportal.scot is live in South Lanarkshire Schools for primary and secondary aged pupils. To access online services for your child including consent to school trips, annual data check, view school calendar, view timetables and school reports, download the parentsportal.scot APP.

If you need any support in signing up, please contact the school office.

Communication

We regularly share information with parents via many platforms.

Please follow us on

Twitter/X @SCambuslang

Our School App through the [ScotEd](https://scoted.org.uk) app

Parents Portal parentsportal.scot

Our School & Nursery website @ [Home | St. Bride's Primary School & Nursery Class \(st-brides-cambuslang-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk\)](https://www.stbrides-cambuslang-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk)

Open Door

We operate an 'Open Door' policy. If you wish to discuss any matter or have any questions, please contact us and we will do our very best to help.

Kind regards

Louise Torrance

Head Teacher

Important Dates – School & Nursery

September 2023

Link to SLC School Holiday Schedule for session 2023-24

[2023/24 school holidays \(approved\) - South Lanarkshire Council](https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/2023/24-school-holidays-approved)

September 2023		
Week Beginning 4 th	~	•Target Setting ~ Return sheets by Friday 8 th
Tuesday 5 th	2.30pm 4pm	• Parent Helper Information Meeting • Primary 7 Transition Mass @ Trinity High School – all parents/carers and pupils invited
Wednesday 6 th	9am 2pm 6pm	• 'Brew & Blether' ~ open invitation to parents/carers • Primary 1 Blessing in school • Parent Council AGM in school ~ all parent/carers welcome
Sunday 10 th	10am	• Primary 6 Pope Francis Faith Award Enrolment Mass
Week Beginning 11 th	~	• Walk, scoot, cycle to school week
Tuesday 12 th	9.15am	• Participatory Budget Information Meeting ~ all parents/carers welcome
Wednesday 13 th	6pm 6.30pm 7pm	• Primary 3 Parent Meeting re <i>Reconciliation</i> in Church • Primary 4 Parent Meeting re <i>Holy Communion</i> in Church • Primary 7 Parent Meeting re <i>Confirmation</i> in Church
Sunday 17 th	10am	• Primary 7 Sacrament of Confirmation Enrolment mass
Wednesday 20 th	6.30pm	• Parent Information, Child Internet Safety, presented by Strathclyde Police
Thursday 21 st		• School & Nursery Settling In Reports issued
Friday 22 nd & Monday 25 th		HOLIDAY ~ School & Nursery Closed