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Dear Parents and Carers,

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Please have a read through our **December Newsletter** to find out what is happening in St. Bride's School Community. This month's focuses are detailed below: Please refer to the A-Z of Attachment leaflet for more detail.

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<b>A-Z of Attachment Strategy</b>			
V	Value contributions	Please refer to the Leaflet for more information about WHY these are important? and WHAT you can do? A copy of the full leaflet and can be found on the School Website.	
W	Whole person		
X	Xxx show you care		

**Nursery**

We welcome our new children and their families to our Nursery. The children are all settling it well and exploring all the learning opportunities both indoors and outdoors. The children are learning about the change in weather and developing their skills in getting dressed to go outdoors to explore. They are being creative by using a variety of different materials of their choice to make pictures and models. We are developing our knowledge of Christmas and the Season of Winter by reading stories, using the c-touch to find out information and look at pictures and communicating with others our knowledge, likes and dislikes. The children will be performing our Nativity show, **'It's a Baby'** on **Thursday 14th December at 10.00am**. We will be having our Christmas Party on Tuesday 19th December and we are hoping that a very special person comes along to say Ho Ho Ho!

**Catholic Education Fortnight – 16<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> November**

Thank you to our Pope Francis Faith Award children and Father Morton who led our school in prayer to mark the end of Catholic Education Week on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November. A huge, big thank you for all the food bank donations, as always, your generosity is very much appreciated.

**Family Learning Open Afternoon – Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 1.30-2.30pm**

Thank you to all the parents and families who came along to the open afternoon. We had a super attendance. We took the opportunity to conduct a parent questionnaire using the questions that school inspectors use to gather information about the school. We will share more on the results in the new year.

**Primary 7 Sacrament of Confirmation**

Bishop Toal conferred the Sacrament of Confirmation in St. Bride's Church on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November for our Primary 7 pupils. It was a wonderful occasion. Please keep all our Sacramental children in your prayers.

**Musical Extravaganza**

On Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November we had a wonderful musical afternoon in school with lots of children showcasing their musical talents of singing, guitar and piano playing. A very special thank you to Mrs Hylands and her friend Mrs Blair who is a violinist with the Scottish BBC Orchestra, who led this extravaganza. We are hoping to have another event in spring as we know we have some very musically talented children.

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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### **First Friday Mass**

Mass will be celebrated in church on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December. Thank you to Primary 4/5 who will lead this mass. Parents and families are warmly invited to join us as a school community to celebrate mass.

### **'Brew & a Blether'**

On the first Wednesday of each month, we will host a very informal, 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 next 'Brew & a Blether' is on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 9am.** (where there may be some mince pies!)

### **Ready Schools ~ 'Read and Eat'**

#### **Start Your Day the Right Way with Breakfast and a Good Book**

Each term our Pupil Voice Group for Reading would like to hold a read and eat at our 'Breakfast Club.' Our first 'read and eat' will be on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2023 from 8.15am**. All children welcome...Remember to bring your book along!

The Pupil Voice Group for Reading are looking to set up an adult library where you can pick up a book that you fancy or donate a book that you have read and enjoyed. Our book stand will be placed in the foyer at the front entrance of the school. Feel free to use it!

### **Parent Council News**

Please join us for our [next meeting on Wednesday 7th February 2024](#) – we will share the Microsoft Teams link on our Facebook and X platforms nearer the time to join from home or if you wish to come along to school with us you are very welcome. We are always keen for parents to join us – any input is appreciated! We meet monthly but also happy to accept help at any of our events if you cannot attend the meetings, thank you to those who have helped in the recent Autumn disco and in advance for the forthcoming Christmas disco. If you can offer any help at our events, please speak to any of the Parent Council members, school office or email [stbridespc@gmail.com](mailto:stbridespc@gmail.com)

[Upcoming Events: Christmas Disco, Wednesday 6th December, our Facebook and X platform have been updated and permission slips have been circulated and should be returned to the school office with payment.](#)

Thank you for all contributions to our events and fundraisers – this term we contributed to materials for Mrs McAlpine's Mini Vinnies after school sessions. We have purchased a new stool for the school piano and provided £600 to enable each class to purchase Christmas materials/games for all children, this would not be possible without your support, so we thank you most sincerely.

We would like to wish all parents/carers a very Happy Christmas and New Year and we look forward to your continued support for our events in 2024.

Please follow us on the platforms below: Facebook [www.facebook.com/stbridesprimarycambuslang](https://www.facebook.com/stbridesprimarycambuslang) or X (Twitter) @ParentSpc

### **Christmas Celebrations in St. Bride's**

We have lots of activities planned for both School and Nursery as detailed below.

#### **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December ~ Parent Council Children's Christmas Disco**

The Parent Council are organising a Christmas Disco for the children in school on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December. Tickets can be bought in school. A slip in bag will be sent home nearer the time. Please note children should not bring mobile phones with them to the discos.

#### **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December ~ Missio Chocolate Raffle**

We will be holding our Annual Chocolate Raffle on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December with all monies raised going to Missio, a Scottish charity that helps children across the world. Please send any donations of chocolate into school. Tickets will go on sale from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December. All children will receive a free entry to the raffle.

#### **School Christmas Show ~ Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am & 1.30pm**

Primary 1 – 3 children will perform a Nativity with Primary 4-7 singing Christmas Carols and Festive Songs. Due to the very high number of families within the school we are only able to allocate **one ticket for each performance to each family**. Please look out for an order slip in your eldest child's bag week beginning Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December. (Families may wish to swap tickets to allow 2 family members to come to one

performance.) It is anticipated that all ticket allocation will be used. If there are any spare tickets, we will let families know and draw names from a hat for any spare tickets.

### **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December ~ School Pupils to 'Sleeping Senga' Pantomime**

Primary 1 – 7 will go to see 'Sleeping Senga' at East Kilbride Village Theatre. There will be **no** charge for all pupils as the cost is being covered by our Pupil Equity Fund. Please note that the show is in the morning, during school.

### **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December ~ Nursery & School Christmas Lunch**

Christmas Lunch will be served on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December. Please look out for menus in your child's bag in late November and return them to school and Nursey with your child's lunch choice.

Parents of Primary 6 & 7 who pay for their child's lunch can do so in the usual way through ParentPay.

### **Nursery Christmas Nativity Show ~ Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 10am**

The children will perform the Nativity Show for families. Each family will be allocated 4 tickets costing £2 each. If there are any unallocated tickets, families may be able to purchase an extra ticket. Tickets will go on sale nearer the time. Please look out for information in the Nursery.

### **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Enterprise Day**

Children as part of their learning within class will pitch a 'Dragon's Den' style idea to Mrs Torrance for class Christmas Enterprise Companies. Children will research resources and come up with a company name for their business. If successful...the children will purchase the resources needed to make Christmas themed items to sell at our Christmas Enterprise Day. On the day children can wear their casual clothes and if they wish, a Christmas jumper, party clothes or just a touch of Christmas sparkle to add to the festive spirit. Please do not feel the need to buy a Christmas jumper or anything special for your child to wear.

### **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December ~ School & Nursery Party Day**

We will have a whole School and Nursery Party Day on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December. Children should come to school that day in their party, casual clothes.

### **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. **PLEASE DO NOT DROP CHILDREN EARLY** – It's cold, dark and often raining in the morning. Enter through Dining Hall door. All Primary 1 – 7 pupils welcome.

### **School Lunches**

Please follow the link below for details; [Week 1 - South Lanarkshire Council](#)

### **Communication**

We regularly share information with parents via many platforms. Please follow us on \*Twitter/X @SCambuslang \* Our School App through the [ScotEd](#) app \*Parents Portal [parentsportal.scot](#)  
Our School & Nursery website @ [Home | St. Bride's Primary School & Nursery Class \(st-brides-cambuslang-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk\)](#)

Parent Council Links ~ Twitter (X) @ParentSpc and Facebook [www.facebook/stbridesprimarycambuslang](#)  
Email ~ [stbridespc@gmail.com](mailto:stbridespc@gmail.com)

### **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 ~ November & December 2023**

<b>November 2023</b>		
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	7pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Primary 7 Sacrament of Confirmation, St. Bride's Church</li> </ul>
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• St. Andrew's Day ~ Family Prayer Breakfast ~ end Scottish Catholic Education Fortnight - all parents/carers and extended families welcome</li> <li>• Foodbank Donations ~ Charity event</li> <li>• Wear a 'Touch of Tartan' non uniform day</li> </ul>
<b>December 2023</b>		
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup>	10am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First Friday Mass in St. Bride's Church – Primary 4/5 leading</li> </ul>
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	9am pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 'Brew &amp; Blether' ~ open invitation to parents/carers</li> <li>• Christmas Discos – Parent Council</li> </ul>
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	8.15am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 'Read and Eat' Breakfast ~ all children welcome</li> <li>• Families Connect</li> </ul>
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	~	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Missio Charity Chocolate Raffle</li> </ul>
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am & 1.30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School Christmas Show - 9.30am &amp; 1.30pm</li> </ul>
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	~	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School Trip to 'Sleeping Senga' panto – EK Village Theatre</li> <li>• Christmas Lunch</li> </ul>
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	10am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nursery Christmas Show</li> <li>• Families Connect Celebration 2pm to 3pm</li> </ul>
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	~	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Christmas Enterprise Day - Non-Uniform Day - Christmas/ Casual clothes</li> </ul>
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	~	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School &amp; Nursery Christmas Party Day</li> </ul>
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	2.30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School Closes for Christmas</li> </ul>
<b>January 2023</b>		
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	9am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School re-opens</li> </ul>