



Education Resources
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7th October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please have a read through our October 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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| SHANARRI Healthy | <u>UNCRC - No 24</u> Health, water, food, environment Children have the right to the best health care possible, clean water to drink, healthy food and a clean and safe environment to live in. All adults and children should have information about how to stay safe and healthy | All School values COMMUNITY FAITH CARING RESPECTED FAIR RESPONSIBLE AMBITIOUS ACHIEVING |
| A-Z of Attachment Strategy | | |
| D | Discourage labelling | 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. |
| E | Ensure a secure base and safe haven | |
| F | Feelings | |

Nursery

The children have settled well into Nursery life, and we continue to welcome new children and their families as they start with us over the coming weeks.

The children are enjoying choosing books from our Lending Library to take home. In our snack area we have introduced some new roles for our children as snack helpers which they will help prepare snack and set up. We are developing our knowledge on the festival of Halloween and the season of Autumn.

Our story of the month will be 'Room on the Broom' by Julia Donaldson, and we will be learning some Nursery Rhymes and songs relating to Autumn such as Dingle Dangle Scarecrow, Autumn Leaves are Falling Down and Incy Wincy Spider.

Settling In Reports for our new intake have been issued to our new children.

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.

Attendance and Late Coming

Improving attendance and late coming is a priority both Nationally and Locally, and also within St. Bride's Primary. We understand that all circumstances are different and as a school we can offer support if you are worried about getting your child to school. Letters are generated to all parents/carers if their child's attendance falls below 90% throughout the school year. Unless otherwise stated this is for reference and to keep you informed of your child's attendance. In the past two years working in partnership with families has

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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resulted in improved attendance across the school. Thank you.

October Lunchtime Rosary

October is the Month of the Holy Rosary. We will mark this in school each day at 12.45pm with a Lunchtime decade of the Rosary. We always have a huge response from the children who join us for 5 minutes during lunch to gather and say a decade of the Rosary together. If you are passing at 12.45pm, you are more than welcome to join us.

'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 6th November at 9am.**

Parent Council

Please join us for our **next meeting on Wednesday 6th November** – attend in person at 6.30pm within the school or, if no babysitter, join us on Microsoft Teams (Link will be shared on our Facebook and X Platforms). 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.

Upcoming Event: Autumn Disco, Wednesday 9th October

Thank you for all contributions to our events and fundraisers – in the last year the Parent Council provided funds including a donation to the P7 leaver's hoodies and leaver's treats and the summer ice cream van. You can find out more information on the Twitter (X) @ParentSpc and Facebook www.facebook/stbridesprimarycambuslang

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Bake Sale after Mass on Sunday. It was a huge success.

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 6/7 who led our Missio Mass on Friday 4th October. Primary 6 will lead our next mass on Friday 1st November which will take place in school as it is a Holy Day of Obligation – The Feast of All Saints. Parents and carers are invited to join us in school at 11.15am for mass.

Primary 7 Transition Event – Trinity High School

Trinity High School are hosting a Parents' Information Evening on **Tuesday 8th October at 6pm**. All parents and carers are invited along to meet staff and hear about the Transition journey Primary 7 will have to High School.

Parents/Carers Reporting

Parents/Carers Reporting will take place on Thursday 10th October. Please book appointments through Parentsportal. This is a very important opportunity for parents/carers to meet with teachers to discuss pupils' learning and attainment.

Book Fair

Our Annual Book Fair will be arriving in school on Monday 7th October. Children will visit the Book Fair during the school day. Parents and children will have the opportunity to purchase books during the Parents' Reporting sessions on Thursday 10th October. The school earns a fabulous commission from the books purchased at this event, and over the years we have been able to buy lots of reading resources for classes throughout the school. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Wear It Pink for Breast Cancer

On **Friday 11th October** children and staff are invited to wear something pink to school and donate to Breast Cancer Awareness. This will be a non-uniform day. The Enterprise Committee have organised a raffle. Each pupil will receive a free entry into the draw with additional tickets are going on sale on Monday 7th October, 20p each.

Sunday 20th October – Missio Sunday

Sunday 20th October is the start of Missio Week across Scotland.

Throughout the week children will learn about the work of Missio with our Lunchtime Rosary will be offered up for Missio as a special intention. On **Friday 25th October** we will have a **non-uniform day**, with donations going to Missio.

We have an excellent tradition of raising awareness, praying and fundraising for Missio, and were the first school in Scotland to achieve the Missio 5 Star Award, which we are very proud of.

On Tuesday 2nd October Mrs McAlpine, our staff Missio Champ, took four Primary 6 pupils to the Missio Champions Commissioning mass at St. Francis Xavier in Carfin with Bishop Toal.

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 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 *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](#)

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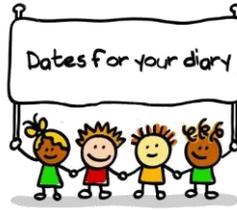
Open Door

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

Please see Diary Dates for October & November below



Important Dates – School & Nursery ~ October 2024

| October 2024 ~ Month of the Holy Rosary – Lunchtime Rosary everyday at 12.45pm | | |
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| Week Beginning 7 th | ~ | • Target Setting Evaluations ~ Return sheets by Friday 11 th |
| Tuesday 1 st | pm | • Mrs McAlpine & 4 Primary 6 pupils to Missio Champions Commissioning mass at Carfin, with Bishop Toal |
| Wednesday 4 th | 9am 6.30pm | • 'Brew & Blether' ~ open invitation to parents/carers • Parent Council meeting ~ all parent/carers welcome |
| Week Beginning 7 th | ~ | • Book Fair in School |
| Tuesday 8 th | 6pm | • Trinity High School Primary 7 Transition ~ Parents Information Meeting |
| Wednesday 9 th | See times | • Parent Council Autumn Disco Primary 1-3 ~ 5.45pm – 7.15pm Primary 4-7 ~ 7.30pm – 8.30pm |
| Thursday 10 th | ~ | • Parents' Reporting – Appointment times booked via Parentsportal 3.30pm - 5.30pm & 6pm - 8.30pm |
| Friday 11 th | ~ | • Wear it Pink Non-uniform Day & Raffle ~ Breast Cancer Awareness Fundraising |
| Monday 14 th – Friday 18 th | ~ | HOLIDAY – Nursery & School closed |
| Sunday 20 th | ~ | • Missio Sunday |
| Week beginning 21 st | ~ | • Missio Awareness Week |
| Friday 25 th | ~ | • Non-Uniform Charity Fundraiser & Raffle for Missio |
| Week beginning 28 th | ~ | • Target Setting Week ~ Return Sheet to school by Friday |
| Thursday 31 st | ~ | • Halloween Activities in school – NO dressing up ~ Cost of the School Day |
| November 2024 | | |
| Friday 1 st | 11.15am | • All Saints Holy Day of Obligation Mass in School, P6 leading, families welcome |
| Sunday 3 rd | 10am | • School/parish mass in St. Bride's Church |
| Week beginning 4 th | Mon - Thurs | • Nursery Stay & Play Sessions ~ please keep an eye on the Notice Board for more information |
| Wednesday 6 th | 9am 6.30pm | • 'Brew & a Blether' ~ open invitation to parents/carers • Parent Council meeting ~ all parent/carers welcome |
| Thursday 7 th | am | • Primary 7 Transition Sports Event at Trinity High School |
| Monday 11 th | ~ | • INSET DAY ~ School & Nursery closed to pupils |
| Week Beginning 11 th | ~ | • Film Week Scotland |
| Saturday 16 th | ~ | • Scottish Catholic Education Fortnight begins |
| Monday 18 th | 8.30am | • Prayer Breakfast ~ Catholic Education Week |
| Wednesday 20 th | 1.30 – 2.30pm | • Family Learning Open Afternoon |
| Thursday 21 st | 7pm | • Sacrament of Confirmation, St. Bride's Church |
| Monday 25 th | 7pm | • Annual Diocesan Education Mass, Motherwell Cathedral |
| Friday 29 th | ~ | • St. Andrew's Day Celebrations • Foodbank Donations ~ Charity event • Wear a 'Touch of Tartan' non uniform day |

- Wednesdays – Primary 6 Swimming until Tuesday 12th November (last day)