



# St Brigid's Primary Newsletter



August/September 2019

*In truth and love*

## From the Head Teacher's desk

Welcome back! I have been so impressed with the calm start that we have had to session 2019-20 here in St Brigid's Primary School. I am delighted to inform you that our P1 children are well settled into their routines already. On the first day, we held a welcome back assembly and our children did a fantastic job remembering our school Vision and Values.

This session, we also welcome new staff to the school and hope that they quickly feel part of our St Brigid's family. Mrs Catriona Wishart (DHT), Ms Caitlin Kennedy (P2a), Ms Gillian O'Kane (P3), Mrs Lesley Wilkinson (P5a), Ms Stefania Kavanagh (Support) join us as part of our teaching staff. Mrs McShane is going on maternity leave in the next few weeks and we wish her all the best. Congratulations to Ms Carlton (P1a) on her marriage; she is now known as Mrs Simpson.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Rosemary O'Neill for managing the school so well in my absence at the end of last session. My thanks also to our school and parish community for your thoughts and kind messages at the passing of my mum. It has really been a great comfort. I would also like to thank Ms Shaw, Mr Woods & Mrs Moretti who ensured that the performances of Aladdin were outstanding. Thanks also to the staff who supported during the performances.

At the end of the session we said a fond farewell to P7 and we wish them the best of luck as they continue their education in Holyrood Secondary. We also said goodbye to Ms Alexander, Ms Milne and Mr Taylor who left to take up new posts within Glasgow City Council and we offer them our best wishes for the future and thank them for their contributions during their time in St Brigid's.

As in previous year, we will try to keep you as up to date as possible with what is happening in school through monthly newsletters, our website and Twitter. Very soon, I will send out a copy of our Standard & Quality report which will highlight many of our success during session 2018-19.

I look forward to another extremely successful year for our school community and thank you in anticipation of your usual fantastic support. **The annual data check will be distributed shortly however if you have changed contact numbers please let us now as soon as possible.** Please do not hesitate to use any of the contact details on the back page if you have any questions or comments.

*Paul Cassidy*  
Head Teacher



## Change of the School Day



Following the consultation on the proposal to change the time of the school day, 88% of respondents indicated that they are happy with finishing at 3:00pm instead of 3:05pm.

This means that from Tuesday the 1st of October 2019 (after the September weekend), the school times will be as follows:

**Morning session** 9:00am-12:15pm

**Lunch** 12:15pm-1:00pm

**Afternoon session** 1:00pm-3:00pm



## Meet the Teacher Thursday 29th of August at 6:30-7:30pm

We have decided to reintroduce our Meet the Teacher event. In previous years, this has taken place during the day however feedback from our parental survey last year highlighted that parents would prefer more evening events. While this is not always possible, we have taken the decision to offer a meet the teacher session **on Thursday 29th of August starting at 6:30pm.**

Each teacher will run two 30 minute sessions so that parents with two children will have the opportunity to meet at least two teachers. Those with three or more children are asked to prioritise based on the teachers that they have not met yet.



## Classes and Teachers 2019-2020



P1a	Mrs K Simpson (PT)
P1b	Mrs L Din/Mrs A Walsh
P2a	Ms C Kennedy
P2b	Ms M Sweeney
P3	Ms G O'Kane
P4/3	Mr S Walker
P4	Mrs S Moretti (PT)
P5a	Mrs L Wilkinson
P5b	Mrs N O'Neill
P6	Mr J Woods
P7a	Ms M C Shaw (PT)
P7b	Mr M Cannon
PE & Science	Ms M Jones Ms S Kavanagh
Support	Mrs R O'Neill (PT) Ms N Watters Mrs C Donaldson Mrs C Gallacher Mrs D Burns

(PT) Principal Teacher

## Partnerships

Throughout the year we will work with many partners to ensure that we give our children as many opportunities as possible. I would like to highlight a number of partnerships already in place for this session.



Our school counsellor Maggie Payne will continue to work for us as a freelance counsellor working with our children to ensure their mental wellbeing as this results in motivated and happy children who are ready to learn.

We are looking to promote positive behaviour in the playground and so we will work with the Jeely Piece Club weekly to develop playground games and team building.

In addition, each class will have the opportunity to work with and alongside Urban Roots to increase our Outdoor Learning Programme.

We are so excited about these opportunities!

## Free school meals P1-P4



A reminder that all P1-P4 children are entitled to a free school meal. Those children who qualify for a free school meal in P5-P7 must apply on-line at [www.glasgow.gov.uk](http://www.glasgow.gov.uk) or you can pick up a form from the school office. Meals can be purchased at a cost of £1:90.

## High Expectations— School Uniform

The children look very smart in their new uniforms. Please continue to support our full uniform policy as this helps children to feel included and to be proud of their school.

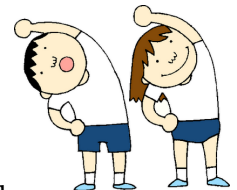


- ✓ Pale blue school shirt (not a fashion variation)
- ✓ School tie or P7 tie (both available from the school office)
- ✓ Grey skirt or grey tailored school trousers
- ✓ Plain grey v-neck pullover or cardigan
- ✓ Plain pale blue polo shirt and simple blue shorts for PE
- ✓ Grey socks or tights
- ✓ Black gym shoes
- ✓ Simple hair accessories

## PE Days

Classes will have PE on the following days. Children should bring a simple t-shirt and shorts and they should already have their plain black gym shoes in school. Primary 1 children will only wear their gym shoes for the first few weeks and teachers will keep you informed of when other items are needed.

P1a	Wed & Thurs	P1b	Thurs & Fri
P2a	Thurs & Fri	P2b	Wed & Thurs
P3	Tues & Wed	P4/3	Tues & Wed
P4	Mon & Thurs	P5a	Tues & Fri
P5b	Mon & Tues		
P6	Mon & Fri		
P7a	Wed & Fri		
P7b	Tues & Thurs		



From time to time changes may need to be made to take advantage of sports' coaches.

## Room 9 & 10—Change of use



School staff have been very busy relocating resources so that Room 9 will be a designated Support for Learning Base for any support outwith the classroom.

Room 10 will move from being a resource room (to which children and teachers did not have access) to a General Purpose (GP) room for the teaching of Music and Drama as well as housing our Science and Outdoor Learning resources in an accessible place for all children and staff.

## School term dates 2019

### August

- Monday 12 August 2019 (Return date for Teachers)
- Tuesday 13 August 2019 (In-Service day)
- Wednesday 14 August 2019 (Return date for Pupils)

### September Weekend

- Friday 27 September 2019
- Monday 30 September 2019

### October

- Friday 11 October 2019 (In-Service day)
- Monday 14 to Friday 18 October 2019 (October Week)

### November

- Friday 29 November 2019 (In-Service day)

### December - Christmas and New Year

- Schools close at 2.30pm on Thursday 19 December 2019

## School term dates 2020

### January

- Schools return on Monday 6 January 2020

### February Mid-term break

- Friday 07 February 2020 (In-Service day)
- Monday 10 February 2020
- Tuesday 11 February 2020
- Wednesday 12 February 2020 (In-Service day)

### April - Spring Holiday (Easter)

- Schools close at 2.30pm on Friday 03 April 2020
- Good Friday 10 April 2020
- Easter Monday 13 April 2020
- Schools return on Monday 20 April 2020

### May

- Friday 8 May 2020 (May holiday)
- Monday 11 May 2020 (In-Service day)
- Friday 22 and Monday 25 May 2020 (May Weekend)

### June

- Schools close at 1pm on Wednesday 24 June 2020



Please see information over leaf regarding the absence reporting processes and procedures.

## Diary Dates



- Thurs 22 Aug working in the school
- Mon 26 Aug Jeely Piece to begin P7 to start swimming Celebration Mass in St Andrew's Cathedral for all who work in Catholic schools at 6:15pm
- Wed 28 Aug Mr Cassidy to City Business Meeting Ms Shaw to Literacy for All training
- Thurs 29 Aug Meet the Teacher at 6:30pm
- Mon 9 Sept Class Awards Assembly Mrs Simpson to Glasgow Counts training
- Wed 11 Sept Ms Shaw to Literacy for All training
- Mon 16 Sept Mrs Simpson to Glasgow Counts training
- Wed 18 Sept Mrs N O'Neill to Seasons for Growth Training
- Thurs 19 Sept Mrs N O'Neill to Seasons for Growth Training
- Tues 24 Sept School Photographer (Class photos) see last page
- Fri 27 Sept September weekend holiday
- Mon 30 Sept September weekend holiday
- Tues 1 Oct **School day change—3:00pm finish**
- Thurs 3 Oct Mr Cassidy to Catholic HT's Conference
- Fri 4 Oct Mr Cassidy to Catholic HT's Conference

### Feast of the Assumption

P2-P7 attended Mass on the Feast of the Assumption. Children from P7 did readings, bidding prayers and the offertory procession.



I was delighted when a parishioner approached me to say that, 'surely your children are the best behaved children in Glasgow'. Lovely to receive such positive feedback for our work in St Brigid's.



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## Photographer



Class photographs will be taken on the 24th September so that they can be displayed in the foyer. Individual photographs will be taken at a later date. Please make sure your child is looking as smart as possible with a shirt and tie on the 24th.

**SAVE TIME GO ONLINE**  
www.glasgow.gov.uk

# Pupil Absence Reporting **ONLINE**

Primary and Secondary Mainstream Schools Only

Absences and appointments must be reported by the named contact for the pupil as held by the school

REASON	WHEN	CONTACT
All Pupil Sickness Related Absences	From 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> or 4 <sup>th</sup> day of sickness. Report before 09:30 hrs*	Pupil Absence Reporting Team www.glasgow.gov.uk/pupilabsence
Medical / Dental Appointments for up to one day	Up to 4 weeks in advance or on the day for emergencies	

\*Absences reported after 09:30 hrs may result in Parent/Carer receiving notification from the school that the pupil is absent

It is essential that all schools monitor the responses from parents/carers after TBCs have been sent. Schools should then update the pupil's register with the appropriate absence code.

Any other reasons including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Religious / Parental holiday requests</li><li>Illness of a family member</li><li>Children's panel</li><li>Funerals</li><li>Bereavements</li><li>All exceptional circumstances</li><li>All other appointments</li></ul>	In advance or on the day	Parent to phone school
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Further info please visit [www.Glasgow.gov.uk/pupilabsence](http://www.Glasgow.gov.uk/pupilabsence)

## Pupil Absence Line

Phone: 0141 287 0039

Website: [www.glasgow.gov.uk/pupilabsence](http://www.glasgow.gov.uk/pupilabsence)



### School Office

We are once again very short staffed in the office and I am working hard with Education Services to find a resolution to this. Please accept my apologies for any inconvenience caused.

