



St Brigid's Primary Newsletter



August/September 2017

In truth and love

From the Head Teacher's desk

Welcome to the first newsletter of the new school session. I should particularly like to welcome those families who are new to St Brigid's Primary and I hope that you quickly feel part of the St Brigid's family. We will try to keep you as up to date as possible with what is happening in school through the monthly newsletters, our website and Twitter. We will also use text messages to get information to you quickly so please ensure we have up-to-date contact numbers. All parents will have an early opportunity to meet their child's teacher; details are over the page.

I will shortly be sending home a copy of our Standards and Quality Report for last session which highlights our main achievements and identifies our improvement priorities for this year. As in previous years, in the coming months I will focus on one priority in each newsletter and provide you with more information as to how we are working to achieve that priority.

Mr Cassidy has been seconded to the post of Acting Head Teacher in St Constantine's Primary and will not be with us for a few weeks. Mrs Gillian Healy has joined us as Acting Depute Head Teacher for a couple of weeks. Mrs Walsh has injured her leg and will be absent for a few weeks. Ms Shaw has generously agreed to teach P7 full time during Mrs Walsh's absence. Congratulations to Ms Doherty on her marriage; she is now known as Mrs McShane. I should like to extend a very warm welcome to Ms Catherine Laing and Dr Natalie Watters who have joined the teaching staff. We have one full time teacher vacancy (additional support) which GCC has not yet been able to fill. Mrs Sutherland and Ms Gallagher will be transferring to the Customer and Business Support hub in the near future. I should like to thank them for the help and support they have given staff and children and wish them well in their new posts. As yet, I do not know how the clerical support vacancies will be filled. Many congratulations to Mrs McCue on the birth of baby Leo. Mum and baby are both well. Mrs McCue is on maternity leave. As we do not receive cover for support staff this will affect the level of playground supervision we are able to provide.

I look forward to another extremely successful year and thank you in anticipation of your support. Please do not hesitate to use any of the contact details on the back page if you have any questions or comments.

Carol Scott
Head Teacher

High Expectations— School Uniform

Please support our full uniform policy. 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**

Team colours are not permitted.
Thank you for your support.

Together we can achieve the best!



Mobile Phones

To keep all children safe, children may not have phones with them in class, around the school or in the playground. As we cannot guarantee phones will be safe and Glasgow City Council has no insurance for personal items, mobile phones **should not** be brought to school.

Attendance

Good attendance is essential for children to make the best possible progress at school. It is important that you phone Glasgow City Council's absence reporting line if your child is unwell. If you feel that it would be helpful for us to have further information, you are also most welcome to contact the school directly. Any unreported absence is automatically recorded as unauthorised. Absence is monitored regularly at both school and at city level.



Pupil Absence Reporting Line: 0141 287 0039

How we work with our partners



Place2Be

Place2Be is a charity which has been working in partnership with St Brigid's Primary since 2014. We provide emotional support for children, and help promote emotional literacy within the school. We work with children both on a one-to-one basis and in small groups and are especially helpful when a child is feeling particularly sad, confused, fearful or angry due to family problems such as separation or illness.

For more information, you can contact Maggie, the School Project Manager at St Brigid's or talk to Mrs Scott.

Place2Talk is open to any child in the school who may be feeling sad, angry or worried and would like to talk to Maggie, a trained adult, about it. Children are given a confidential fifteen minute slot at lunchtime on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays when they are encouraged to express any worries by talking, drawing or using toy objects. They can bring a friend or two with them if they wish.

If you are happy for your child to attend Place2Talk, then you **do not need to do anything**. However, if you do not give consent for the Place2Talk, please contact the school.

As part of the Place2Be's service, St Brigid's Primary also has A Place for Parents, offering adults support with any issues affecting their parenting and / or their relationship with their children. If you are interested in talking to a professional about any such issues, please contact Maggie or the school.

Maggie Payne



Children 1st

Michelle Ross is our Family Support Worker based within the school. She is in and around the school Wednesday—Friday, working alongside the teachers and the children. The aim is to provide a family support service to children 4-12 years and their families.

Michelle can provide support and advice on:

- Intensive Home Support to families, including joint child/parent play sessions, supporting parents with routines, practical support to attend appointments etc.
- Support to enhance confidence and self-esteem in both children and their parents/carers.
- Support for children and their families to engage with school and community activities.

Michelle will attend the informal coffee morning for new primary 1 parents on Thursday 31 August. There is a drop in service available every Friday afternoon from 2:30pm. Michelle uses the room directly opposite the janitor's room. All parents are welcome to come along and discuss any concerns/issues they may have, or to find out more about the service. Michelle can also be contacted on **07958357189** for an informal chat.



Diary Dates

Wed 16 Aug	Mr Keddilto to Literacy for All
Thurs 17 Aug	Mrs Moretti to Glasgow Counts
Wed 23 Aug	Mrs Moretti to Glasgow Counts
Thurs 24 Aug	Parent Council meeting 7:00pm
Mon 28 Aug	P6 class assembly 10:00am — parents welcome
	P3b to work on active play with Jeely Piece club—10 weeks
Tues 29 Aug	Ms Laing to God's Loving Plan course at Archdiocese of Glasgow
Wed 30 Aug	Mrs Scott to GCC Primary and Secondary City Summit
Thurs 31 Aug	Mass for teachers and school staff in St Andrew's Cathedral 7pm
Mon 4 Sept	P7 residential trip to Blairvadach
Thurs 7 Sept	Mrs Scott to Catholic Headteachers' Association of Primaries conference
Fri 8 Sept	Ms Jones to Improving Our Classrooms course
Mon 11 Sept	Class awards assembly
Thurs 14 Sept	Mrs Moretti to Principal Teachers' leadership course
	Parent Council AGM 7pm— all welcome
Wed 20 Sept	Mrs Moretti to Glasgow Counts
Fri 22 Sept	Holiday
Mon 25 Sept	Holiday
Fri 13 Oct	In-service Day—school closed for children

Blairvadach

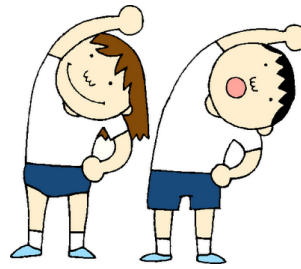
Primary 7 children are looking forward to attending an outdoor residential week at Blairvadach Outdoor Centre on the banks of the Gareloch near Rhu. Primary 7 parents will receive more information about the arrangements later this week. We are grateful to Mrs Moretti, Mr Woods and Mrs Fisher for giving a week of their time away from family and friends to accompany the children.



Rag Bag

If you are having an end of summer clear out please keep clothes, bags, shoes and belts that you are finished with for the Rag Bag collection which will take place this term.

Donating to Rag Bag contributes to our sustainability work and Eco Schools status and also provides a donation to school funds.



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.

- P1 Tuesday & Thursday**
- P2 Tuesday & Thursday**
- P3 Monday & Wednesday**
- P4 Monday & Thursday**
- P5 Monday & Friday**
- P6/5 Wednesday & Friday**
- P6 Wednesday & Friday**
- P7 Wednesday & Friday**

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

Meet the Teacher

Staff in St Brigid's Primary highly value the partnership that we have with parents and carers. We would like to invite you to come along and meet your child's teacher at the times detailed below. These are general meetings when teachers will share with you some of their planned learning for the session, expectations of behaviour, what might be expected for homework and how you can help at home. Individual parents meetings will take place on Thursday 5 October.

- P2a Thursday 31 August at 1:20pm**
- P2b Thursday 31 August at 2:20pm**
- P3a Wednesday 30 August at 9:10am**
- P3b Wednesday 30 August 2:20pm**
- P4 Tuesday 29 August 2:20pm**
- P5 Monday 28 August 2:20pm**
- P6/5 Wednesday 30 August 11:00am**
- P6 Wednesday 30 August 1:20pm**
- P7 Friday 1 September 2:20pm**

Primary 1 parents are invited to come along on Thursday 31 August at 9.10am to hear about how we teach literacy and then enjoy sharing a literacy lesson with your child in class. This will be followed by an informal coffee morning when you can meet other parents and some staff.

School Holidays 2017/2018

Return to school for children

Tuesday 15 August 2017

September Weekend

Friday 22 September 2017

Monday 25 September 2017

In-service Day—school closed for children

Friday 13 October 2017

First Mid-term

Monday 16 October to Friday 20 October (inclusive)

Christmas / New Year

Thursday 21 December 2017 to Wednesday 3 January 2018 (inclusive)

School will close at 2:30pm on the last day before the holiday

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Return to school

Thursday 4 January 2018

Second mid-term

Monday 12 February 2018

Tuesday 13 February 2018

Wednesday 14 February 2018 (n-service day)

Easter Holiday

Good Friday 30 March 2018

Easter Monday 2 April—Friday 13 April (inclusive)

May Day

Monday 7 May 2018

Tuesday 8 May 2018 (In-service Day)

May Weekend

Friday 25 May 2018

Monday 28 May 2018

School Closes for Summer

Tuesday 26 June 2018

School will close at 1:00pm on the last day before the holiday

Return date for teachers

Monday 13 August

Return date for children

Wednesday 15 August 2018



Please save this page for reference during the year.

You may find it helpful to attach it to the fridge.



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Parent Council email address:

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