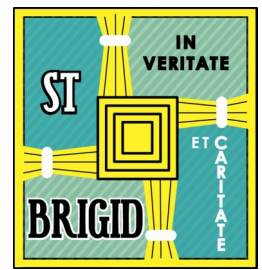




# St Brigid's Primary Newsletter



December 2018

*In truth and love*

## From the Head Teacher's desk

I am delighted that Mr Cassidy will be the new Head Teacher with effect from 7 January and I offer him my warmest congratulations. Mr Cassidy knows St Brigid's children and families well and we are working very closely together to ensure a smooth handover. Mr Cassidy will keep you informed as to the process of recruiting a new Depute Head Teacher.

The improvement work of the school carries on and this month I am sharing with you some of the work we have been doing to raise further children's attainment in literacy and numeracy. Last week all P2–P7 parents had an opportunity to come to school to share learning in literacy with your child and you will have seen in class some of the strategies mentioned over the page. P1 parents had the opportunity to hear about, and see how we teach, phonological awareness at the beginning of the school session.

We are very proud of the children who attended the residential week at Blairvadach Outdoor Centre. The children had a wonderful time experiencing new and exciting activities and they were a credit to home and school. The instructors were full of praise for their enthusiasm and effort and the cleaning staff commented that we were such a tidy group. They said, 'the rooms are spotless' and 'they're welcome back anytime'.

The Feast of St Andrew (30 November) draws to a close the celebrations to mark the centenary of 1918 Education Act which provided public funding for Catholic schools. It has been great to be part of the celebrations and witness the positive messages about Catholic schools that have been communicated both locally and nationally. Along with two Pupil Councillors, I attended a Civic Reception hosted by the Lord Provost and I was honoured to be invited to a national celebration hosted by the Scottish Government in Edinburgh Castle.

It seems very strange that after so many years this will be the last newsletter I will write. It has been a privilege to have been the head teacher of St Brigid's Primary and have the pleasure of working with so many wonderful children, talented and hard working staff and supportive parents. While I know that I have made the right decision to retire, leaving such a brilliant team will be difficult and I will miss everyone very much. Thank you for all your support over the years. With every good wish and may God bless you.

**Carol Scott**  
Head Teacher



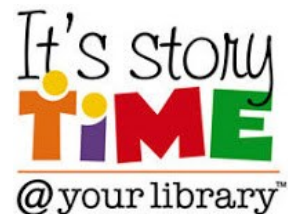
**Parent Council  
Christmas Fete  
Saturday 1 December  
11:00am–1:00pm**

Tombola, gift stalls, face painting, children's activities, tea, coffee and home baking, raffle and much more.

Donations are most welcome.

## Storytime for New P1 Children in August

St Brigid's Library  
**Thursday  
6 December  
1:30pm**



Please bring an adult with you.

## Safety Alert

We have received a number of complaints regarding inconsiderate and illegal parking on the roads around the school. This has included blocking the road and parking on pavements and on zig zag lines. There have also been concerns around children getting out of cars onto the road rather than the pavement. The police have advised that the registration numbers of cars parked dangerously or illegally should be passed to them. Hopefully, with a little more thought and consideration everyone can be safe without the need for law enforcement.



## School closes for Christmas Holiday

Thursday 20 December  
at **2:30pm**  
and re-opens  
Monday 7 January



## How Are We Improving Our School?

**Priority:** to continue to improve attainment in literacy and numeracy.



### What have we done to achieve this in literacy?

- ✓ We now have a stronger focus on teaching phonological awareness at the early stages.
- ✓ We have ensured a consistent approach to teaching reading strategies across the school.
- ✓ We have introduced a similar approach to teaching writing strategies across the school.
- ✓ Teachers have visited colleagues' classrooms and moderated samples of children's writing within school, and at P1, P4 and P7 also with partner schools, to ensure shared and consistent standards.

### What have we done to achieve this in numeracy?

- ✓ We have continued to encourage children to use concrete materials and/or draw out a problem before moving to a written calculation, and supported this by purchasing additional practical number materials.
- ✓ We are continuing to develop children's ability to solve word problems at different levels of challenge e.g. mild, hot, spicy, extra spicy.

### Strategies across the curriculum:

- ✓ We have amended the way in which children are involved in describing their learning and identifying their next steps.
- ✓ We have looked at standardised assessment information in depth and identified curriculum aspects which could be enhanced.

### What will we do next?

- ◆ We will review our assessment policy to ensure which assessments are most appropriate, when they will be used and how the information gained will be used.



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0141 287 0039

<https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=18832>

## Diary Dates



Tues 27 Nov	P7/6 to Prayer Breakfast at Holyrood Secondary - Catholic Education Week
Wed 28 Nov	Ms Watters to visit St Francis' PS Mrs Scott to Holyrood Learning Community management meeting
Sat 1 Dec	Christmas Fete 11:00am—1:00pm
Mon 3 Dec	P3b assembly—parents welcome
Wed 5 Dec	HMRC financial workshop for P5—P7 Holyrood Secondary transition visit in school for P7 children
Thurs 6 Dec	Ms Shaw's class to visit Glasgow Science Centre with Mr Walker P2a & P2b to sing at Thistle Housing seniors' lunch
Mon 10 Dec	Parents of P6 guitar club invited to school assembly
Tues 11 Dec	Nativity Play and Christmas Concert dress rehearsal for nurseries, senior parishioners and the care home
Wed 12 Dec	Nativity Play and Christmas Concert at 9:30am
Thurs 13 Dec	Nativity Play and Christmas concert at 1:30pm
Fri 14 Dec	School Christmas lunch
Wed 19 Dec	Class parties
<b>Thurs 20 Dec 2019</b>	<b>School closes at 2:30pm</b>
<b>Mon 7 Jan</b>	<b>School reopens at 9:00am</b>

You can find details of all school holidays for this session and session 2019/20 on <https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=17024>.

## Nativity Play

(P1 & P2)

and

## Christmas Concert

(P3—P7)

Wednesday 12 December at 9:30am  
Thursday 13 December at 1:30pm

Tickets, price £2 each (preschool children who sit on an adult's knee are free) will go on sale on Friday 30 November. To be fair to everyone, tickets will initially be offered 2 per child. Any remaining tickets will be sold on a first come basis from Friday 7th December.

