



St Brigid's Primary Newsletter



August/September 2021

In truth and love

From the Head Teacher's desk

Welcome back to all our children and staff. I have been so impressed with the calm start that we have had to session 2021-22 here in St Brigid's Primary School. I am delighted to inform you that our P1 children are well settled into their routines already. I continue to be impressed with the result of our combined efforts to ensure that we are ready to give our children the best learning experience as we continue to operate with restrictions for the next six weeks at least.

I am absolutely delighted that within the amended guidelines for schools that we can start to think about introducing school clubs, start singing again and also plan for an exciting residential to Blairvadach for Primary 7. I am also keen to update our class photos in the school foyer and as such the photographer is booked for class and individual photos on Monday 23rd of August and Tuesday 24th of August. **Please make sure your child/ren is/are in their uniform on those dates even if it is a scheduled PE day.**

In this newsletter, you will be reminded of the information on the practical arrangements which you need to know about as we work to ensure St Brigid's Primary is a safe and purposeful learning environment for our children. In St Brigid's Primary, we are continuing with the systems that we have put in place to take activities already assessed as low risk and minimise that risk even further. Hand washing will continue to be facilitated throughout the day by teaching and support staff.

This session, we also welcome new staff to the school and hope that they quickly feel part of our St Brigid's family. Mrs Valerie Colrain (P5a teacher), Miss Rebecca Gallagher (P5b teacher), Mrs Kirsty Burns (Support) and Miss Lauren Sinclair (Support).

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 moved our traditional guard of honour, which normally takes place inside school, to outside in the playground.

As ever, we will endeavor to keep you as up to date as much 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 Standards & Quality report which will highlight many of our successes during session 2020-21. 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 know 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.

Paal Cassidy
Head Teacher

School Photographs



As stated, a photographer will visit the school on Monday 23rd of August and Tuesday 24th of August to take class and individual photographs of the children.

If you wish a family group photo, please contact the office and we will coordinate that.

Proofs will be sent home soon after. There is no obligation for parents/carers to purchase the photographs.

Please make sure your child/ren is/are in their uniform on those dates even if it is a scheduled PE day for them.

Arrangements for PE



All children will continue to attend school in sports wear on the days that they have PE until further notice.

Please ensure that this clothing is appropriate. Children should wear a loose fitting tracksuit with a warm top and a t-shirt underneath. If children prefer to wear shorts for PE, these can be worn under their tracksuit bottoms, the tracksuit bottoms can be quickly removed prior to PE lesson.

Children should not wear jeans, crop tops or tight clothing. PE days are not an opportunity for dress down days.

Here are the PE days for each class:

P1a Tuesday/Thursday
P1b Wednesday/Friday
P2 Monday/Tuesday
P3/2 Wednesday/Thursday
P4/3 Monday/Thursday
P4 Tuesday/Thursday
P5a Monday/Wednesday
P5b Wednesday/Thursday
P6a Monday/Tuesday
P6b Wednesday/Friday
P7a Tuesday/Friday
P7b Monday/Friday



Please remember no PE kit on Monday 23rd of August and Tuesday 24th of August because of the class photos.



Classes and Teachers for session 2021/22

P1a	Ms M Sweeney
P1b	Mr S Walker
P2	Ms L Wilkinson
P3/2	Ms L Anderson
P4/3	Mr G White
P4	Ms S Kavanagh
P5a	Mrs Colrain
P5b	Ms R Gallagher
P6a	Mr M Cannon
P6b	Mrs D McShane
P7a	Mrs S Moretti
P7b	Mr J Woods

Art & RE Ms M Jones

Support Mrs K Burns
Mrs L Din
Mrs A Walsh
Mrs C Gallagher
Mrs Z Ahmad



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

School Lunches & Breakfast Club



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

Meals can be purchased at a cost of £1:90 per day and breakfast club is £2 per day.

You do not need to register for the Breakfast Club and it is open from 8:00am and is accessed through the infant playground, with children going straight into the dinner hall.

Parent Council

If you wish to get involved please attend our **Annual General Meeting on Thursday the 9th of September 2021 at 7:00pm**. At the moment, I am hoping this meeting will be in person in the school hall, however I will confirm arrangements as soon as possible.

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 two 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.

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



A reminder



All parents and carers should continue to socially distance when dropping off and picking up their child/ren.

I would also appreciate your cooperation in not bringing dogs with you on the school run as many of our children can become anxious.

Entering the School Building/Playground August 2021

Parents and carers will still **not be permitted to come into the playground**. Each child should be accompanied by 1 parent/carer. Your child/ren should enter the playground from the allocated gate no earlier than 8:50am and there will be a member of the management team in each playground. Once your child has entered the playground, **we will continue to ask that you make your way home in order to minimise the number of parents/carers gathering at the gates**. The gate across the playground will continue to be locked and as such is not available as a short cut from Newhouse Rd to Glenmore Ave or vice versa. The gate will be opened for a few minutes in the morning and afternoon to allow P5b & P6a access to and from the main entrance. There are different arrangements for our new P1 children during the first week. These are detailed in the box below.

P1a/P1b door (Glenmore Ave—at the driveway gate)

P2/P3/2 door (Glenmore Ave gate)

P5b & P6a main entrance (Newhouse Rd gate)

P3/4 & P4 library door (girls' toilets) (Prospecthill Rd gate)

P7a/P7b music room door (Newhouse Rd gate)

P5a/P6b door (boys' toilets) (Prospecthill Rd gate)

! Important !

If you wish to speak to a member of staff for any reason, you must phone the school—on-going national protocols mean that we can no longer have a quick chat in the playground.

P1 arrangements



- All P1 children should start on Monday 16 August 2021
- Monday 16 August 9:30-1:30
- Tuesday 17 August 9:30-1:30
- Wednesday 18 August 9:30-1:30
- Thursday 19 August 9:30-2:00
- Friday 20 August 9:30-2:00
- From Monday 23 August All children will attend full time from 9:00-3:00

Until and including Friday 20 August, P1 children can be accompanied by one adult in the playground until they become used to staff and staff get to know the children and the adults who collect them. Please ensure that you social distance while in the playground.

First day photo – please write down your e-mail address and hand to Ms Shaw so that we can e-mail the photo that we take of your child at their desk. There will be pens and paper available if you forget ☺.

If social distancing measures are reduced by August, we may be able to welcome parents and carers into school to take your own photos. We'll keep you posted.

School Holiday 2021/2022

August

Thursday 12 August 2021 (Return date for Teachers & In-Service Day)
Friday 13 August 2021 (In-Service Day)
Monday 16 August 2021 (Return date for the pupils)

September Weekend

Friday 24 September 2021
Monday 27 September 2021

October

Friday 8 October 2021 (In-Service Day)
Monday 11 to Friday 15 October 2021 (October Week)

December - Christmas and New Year

Schools close at 2.30 pm on Wednesday 22 December 2021
Thursday 23 December 2021 - Tuesday 4 January

January

Schools return on Wednesday 5 January 2022

February Mid-term break

Monday 14 February 2022
Tuesday 15 February 2022
Wednesday 16 February 2022 (In-service day)

April - Spring Holiday (Easter)

Schools close at 2.30 pm on Friday 1 April 2022
Good Friday 15 April 2022
Easter Monday 18 April 2022
Schools return on Tuesday 19 April 2022

May

Monday 2 May 2022 (May Holiday)
Thursday 5 May 2022 (In-Service day to coincide with Scottish Local Government Elections)
Friday 27 May 2022 and Monday 30 May 2022 (May Weekend)

June

Schools Close at 1.00 pm on Friday 24 June 2022

After School Care

If you need to access afterschool care provision, then please contact either

After the Bell out of School Care (based in Toryglen Primary School)

Contact: Daynoor Muldoon
Phone: 07543109108
Email: afterthebellosc@gmail.com

or **GAP Childcare, Govanhill**

Contact: Jacqueline Gray
Phone: 0141 424 0448
Alternative Phone: 07702654290
Email: gapchildcare@btconnect.com



Please see information on last page about the absence reporting processes and procedures.

Contact us:

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0141 647 3952



headteacher@st-brigids-pri.glasgow.sch.uk

Follow us on Twitter @StBrigidsPS

<http://www.st-brigids-pri.glasgow.sch.uk/>

Parent Council email address:

st.brigidsparentcouncil@yahoo.co.uk

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

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REASON	WHEN	CONTACT
All Pupil Sickness Related Absences	From 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd or 4 th 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"> Religious / Parental holiday requests Illness of a family member Children's panel Funerals Bereavements All exceptional circumstances All other appointments 	In advance or on the day	Parent to phone school
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Further info please visit www.Glasgow.gov.uk/pupilabsence

Pupil Absence Line

Phone: 0141 287 0039

Website: www.glasgow.gov.uk/pupilabsence

E-mail addresses & Communication



We have moved to a majority paperless system for communicating developments and celebrating successes in school.

Please use this box to write your e-mail address clearly and in large lettering so that there is no confusion with letters, numbers or dots. Please return to school as soon as possible; you only need to return this slip not the whole newsletter. **This is for new P1 parents/carers and those of you who do not currently receive e-mails.**

Your name: _____ Child/ren's name/s: _____

Your e-mail: _____