



St Brigid's Primary Newsletter



August/September 2022

In truth and love

From the Head Teacher's desk

It has been an absolute pleasure to welcome our children and staff back to St Brigid's Primary for what I am sure will be another fantastic year as we embark on session 2022-23.

This year marks the first in several years where we start the year with no restrictions and this brings me untold joy and hope for the future especially with regards to having parents/carers into the school for learning activities as well as a chance to celebrate our children's learning. In due course we will be introducing school clubs, choir, class assemblies, trips in Glasgow and outwith Glasgow. Our P1 children have been absolute stars and have settled into their routines already. Miss Sweeney and Mrs Simpson are absolutely delighted.

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 Wednesday 24th of August.

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.

This session, we also welcome new staff to the school and hope that they quickly feel part of our St Brigid's family. Mr McGrory joins us taking responsibility for P5/4 and Mr McManus joins us with responsibility for P2a. Ms White-side joins us as part of our Support for Learning Worker team and will work mostly with P1 and P2. Mrs R O'Neill's vacant Principal Teacher post has allowed me to create a 23 month DHT post. I am delighted to inform you that Ms Shaw has been successful and has already started her post. That means that we now have two DHTs. Please note the following

- **Mrs Wishart, DHT if your child is in P1-P3 and you have a concern or wish to contact the school**
- **Ms MC Shaw, DHT if your child is in P4-P7 and you have a concern or wish to contact the school**

In June, we said our goodbye to P7 and we wish them the best of luck as they continue their education in Holyrood Secondary.

As ever, we will endeavor to keep you up to date as much 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 2021-22. 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.

Paul Cassidy Head Teacher

School Photographs



As stated, a photographer will visit the school on Wednesday 24th of August to take class and individual photographs of the children. Please ensure that your child/ren is/are in full school uniform.

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

Arrangements for PE



All children will wear their full school uniform every day and will now use the changing rooms to change for PE activities.

For PE, children should wear a plain pale blue polo shirt and simple blue shorts. If Parents & Carers are struggling to source blue polo shirts or shorts then simple plain white or black polo shirts/t-shirts/shorts will be fine. Please do not send your child to school with football tops or logoed items.

Children should not wear jeans, crop tops or tight clothing.

Here are the PE days for each class:

P1a Monday & Thursday
P1b Wednesday & Friday
P2a Tuesday & Thursday
P2b Monday & Tuesday
P3/2 Wednesday & Friday
P3 Tuesday & Thursday
P4 Wednesday & Friday
P5/4 Tuesday & Friday
P6/5 Monday & Wednesday
P6 Tuesday & Thursday
P7a Wednesday & Thursday
P7b Monday & Friday

Meet the Teacher

There will be a chance to meet your child/ren's class teacher/s early in the term. Teachers will write out you very soon to let you know when they will be available. This will be a general chance to meet the staff and hear about the class/es.



If you have an individual concern, please contact either Mrs Wishart if your child is in P1-P3 or Ms Shaw if your child is in P4-P7.

Classes and Teachers for session 2022/23

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| P1a | Ms M Sweeney |
| P1b | Mrs K Simpson |
| P2a | Mr M McManus/Mrs Walsh |
| P2b | Ms S Kavanagh |
| P3/2 | Mr G White |
| P3 | Mr S Walker |
| P4 | Mrs McShane |
| P5/4 | Mr M McGrory/Mrs V Colrain |
| P6/5 | Mr M Cannon |
| P6 | Mrs L Wilkinson/Mrs N O'Neill |
| P7a | Mrs S Moretti |
| P7b | Mr J Woods |

Art & RE Ms M Jones

Support Mrs V Colrain
Mrs C Tonner
Mrs C Gallagher
Mrs Z Ahmad
Mrs L Wilkinson



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-P5

A reminder that all P1-P5 children are entitled to a free school meal. Those children who qualify for a free school meal in P6-P7 must apply on-line at www.glasgow.gov.uk at the moment.

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 Annual General Meeting

We have had several Parent Council members move on as their children are in P7. We are hoping to welcome more members this session.

If you wish to get involved or just hear more generally about the work of the Parent Council, please attend our **Annual General Meeting on Tuesday the 20th of September at 6:30pm** in the school Assembly Hall.



ParentPay Important



ParentPay will be used to pay for all meals, school trips, concert tickets, uniform, dress down days etc going forward.

Letters will be issued to P1s next week; please check school bags. If your child is not in P1 and you have not activated ParentPay, a letter will be issued for you to do so in the coming weeks once we have had the chance to see who hasn't signed up.

PLEASE ACTIVATE YOUR ACCOUNT ASAP USING THE DETAILS ON YOUR LETTER

If you have any issues, please contact the school office.

Fuel Zone—School Canteen Menus

The Fuel Zone menus are online and can be found here



Halal Menu



They can also be found on Twitter @FuelZoneGlasgow

Entering the School Building/Playground August 2022

Parents and carers are **not permitted to come into the playground**. 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. 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 gate)

P2a & P2b door (Glenmore Ave gate)

P5/4 & P6/5 main entrance (Newhouse Rd gate)

P4 & P6 library door (girls' toilets) (Prospecthill Rd gate)

P7a & P7b music room door (Newhouse Rd gate)

P3/2 & P3 door (boys' toilets) (Prospecthill Rd gate)



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

P1 practical arrangements



- All P1 children should start on Wednesday 17 August 2022
- Wednesday 17 August 9:30-1:30**
- Thursday 18 August 9:30-1:30**
- Friday 19 August 9:30-1:30**
- Monday 22 August 9:30-2:00**
- Tuesday 23 August 9:30-2:00**
- From Wednesday 24 August all children will attend full time from 9:00-3:00**
- On the first day 2 parents/carers maximum can accompany their child into the school so that they can take a photo of their child on their special day and also to see the classroom.
- Until and including Friday 26 August, P1 children may 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. From Monday 29 August there should be no adults in the playground. Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this.

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: gapchild-care@btconnect.com



School Holiday 2022/2023

September

Friday, 23 September and Monday, 26 September 2022 (September weekend holiday)

October

Friday, 14 October 2022 (In-Service Day)
Monday, 17 to Friday, 21 October 2022 (October Week)

December - Christmas and New Year

Schools close at 2.30 pm on Thursday, 22 December 2022
Friday, 23 December 2022 - Tuesday 3 January 2023 (Christmas holidays)

January

Schools return on Wednesday 4 January 2023

February mid term break

Monday, 13 February 2023
Tuesday, 14 February 2023

Wednesday, 15 February 2023 (In-service day)

April - Spring Holiday (Easter)

Schools close at 2.30 pm on Friday, 31 March 2023
Monday, 3 April - Friday, 14 April 2023 (Spring Break)
Schools return on Monday, 17 April 2023

May

Monday, 1 May 2023 (May Holiday)
Thursday, 25 May 2023 (In-service day)
Friday, 26 May 2023 and Monday, 29 May 2023 (May Weekend)

June

Schools Close at 1.00 pm on Friday 23 June 2023

Sports' Clubs

Sports clubs will be starting as soon as possible. There will be many opportunities over the year. Here is a list of what is planned so far for September. Mr Woods will give out permission slips etc. in due course. Please do not contact the office about these.

Mondays

P5-P7 football team training 3pm-4pm - start date TBC

Tuesdays

P4-P5 Lunchtime Gymnastics—start date TBC

P6-P7 gymnastics 3pm-4pm - starts 6th September

Thursdays

P6-P7 Lunchtime Gymnastics—start date TBC

P3 multisports 3pm-4pm - starts 8th September

There's also going to be a karate club for P3-P5 at lunchtime—day and time TBC

During curricular time, our Active School's Coordinator will be offering Primary 7s the chance to be Play Makers (Sports Leaders) on a Wednesday morning beginning on 7th September.



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

All Pupil
Sickness Related
Absences

Medical / Dental
Appointments
for up to one day

Any other reasons including:

- Religious / Parental holiday requests
- Illness of a family member
- Children's panel
- Funerals
- Bereavements
- All exceptional circumstances
- All other appointments

WHEN

From 1st, 2nd, 3rd or 4th
day of sickness.
Report before 09:30 hrs*

Up to 4 weeks in advance
or on the day
for emergencies

In advance
or
on the day

CONTACT

Pupil
Absence
Reporting
Team

www.glasgow.gov.uk/pupilabsence

Parent to
phone school

*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.

Further info please visit www.Glasgow.gov.uk/pupilabsence

Pupil Absence Line

Phone: 0141 287 0039

Website: www.glasgow.gov.uk/pupilabsence

Below contains information from Home Start, Glasgow South—please contact them directly if you are interested.



HOME START
Glasgow South

VOLUNTEER WITH US!

"You can make a difference, being there for families when they need us the most and giving children the best possible start in life!"

Are you a parent or have experience working with families and 3 hours to spare each week? We would love to hear from you!

Our trained volunteers support families by visiting them once a week at home to offer support.

Our next FREE 7 week training course begins:
Tues 23rd Aug 2022 at 10 am for morning sessions
Wed 24th Aug at 6 pm for evening sessions

Call 0141 570 8735 or email theteam@homestartglasgowsouth.org.uk to find out more and apply.

   

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 only.**

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

Your e-mail:

Contact us:

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Parent Council email address:
st.brigidsparentcouncil@yahoo.co.uk

