



# St Brigid's Primary Newsletter



August/September 2023 In truth and love

## From the Head Teacher's desk

A very warm welcome back to all our children and staff. It is a delight to have the St Brigid's family together again. As ever, our hardworking and highly committed staff have created exciting learning environments for our children. I have been so impressed with the calm start that we have had to session 2022-23 here in St Brigid's Primary School. Our new P1 children have settled in extremely well and are already becoming used to school routines. Miss Sweeney, Miss Kavanagh and Mrs Walsh are absolutely delighted.

I am keen to update our class photos in the school foyer and as such the photographer is booked for class and individual photos on Wednesday 23rd of August. **Please make sure your child/ren is/are in their uniform on Wednesday even if it is their 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.

This session, we also welcome new staff and some familiar faces back to our school and hope that they quickly feel part of our St Brigid's family. Miss Rebecca Gallagher has returned to us and takes over responsibility for P7/6, Miss Lucy Anderson joins our team again, this time in our P5 class. We were delighted to find out that Mr Mark McManus is back with us in P2. Mrs Frances Callaghan takes over in P3/2 until Mrs Simpson returns from her maternity leave. Miss Linda Daly joins us too as support teacher. Mrs Catherine Gallagher, who has worked in the school, over the last few years, as an English as an Additional Language Teacher, has decided to hang up her chalk. I would like to thank her for all the work she has done with our children. Catherine's supportive nature and professionalism will be sorely missed.

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.

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 X (formerly Twitter). Very soon, I will send out a copy of our Standards & Quality report which will highlight our successes during session 2022-23.

**The school management team and I are still discussing promoted remits however if you have any issues relating to your child please contact either Ms Shaw (DHT) or Mrs Moretti (DHT).**

I look forward to another wonderful year of learning with new and exciting opportunities for our school community. As ever, I thank you all 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 at the end of the newsletter if you have any questions or comments.

*Paul Cassidy* Head Teacher

## School Photographs



As stated, a photographer will visit the school on Wednesday 23rd 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.**

## Physical Education (PE) in St Brigid's



All children will wear their full school uniform every day and will use the changing rooms to change for PE activities. **P1 & P2 teachers will advise in due course when children will start changing.**

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/designer items.

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

Here are the PE days for each class:

P1	Wednesday/Thursday
P2/1	Wednesday/Thursday
P2	Monday/Wednesday
P3/2	Monday/Wednesday
P3	Wednesday/Friday
P4/3	Thursday/Friday
P4	Monday/Wednesday
P5	Monday/Thursday
P6/5	Monday/Wednesday
P7/6	Tuesday/Friday
P7	Tuesday/Friday



**Please remember no PE kit on Wednesday 23rd of August because of the class photos.**



## Classes and Teachers for session 202/22

P1	Miss M Sweeney
P2/1	Miss S Kavanagh/Mrs Walsh
P2	Mr M McManus
P3/2	Mrs F Callaghan
P3	Mr M Cannon
P4/3	Mr G White
P4	Mr S Walker
P5	Miss L Anderson
P6/5	Mrs V Colrain
P7/6	Miss R Gallagher
P7	Mr J Woods
Art & RE	Ms M Jones
Support	Mrs McShane Miss L Daly Mrs C Tonner 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



## 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 this 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.**

## Parent Council Annual General Meeting

We are hoping to welcome new members of the Parent Council this session.

A date for the Annual General Meeting will be published shortly. It will likely be late September/early October.



## A reminder



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

## 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](http://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.

### Fuel Zone—School Canteen Menus

The Fuel Zone menus are online and can be found here



Halal menu



**Please remember to look over the menus with your child/ren and make the appropriate meal selection on Parent Pay.**

# P1 practical arrangements



- All P1 children should start on Wednesday 16 August 2023
  - **Wednesday 16 August** 9:30-1:30
  - **Thursday 17 August** 9:30-1:30
  - **Friday 18 August** 9:30-1:30
  - **Monday 21 August** 9:30-2:00
  - **Tuesday 22 August** 9:30-2:00
  - **From Wednesday 23 August all children will attend full time from 9:00-3:00**
- On the first day 2 parents/carers maximum may 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 25 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 28 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: gapchildcare@btconnect.com

## School Holiday 2023/24

### **September**

Friday, 22 September and Monday, 25 September 2023  
(September weekend holiday)

### **October**

Friday, 13 October 2023 (In-Service Day)  
Monday, 16 to Friday, 20 October 2023 (October Week)

### **December - Christmas and New Year**

Schools close at 2.30 pm on Friday, 22 December 2023  
Monday, 25 December 2023 - Friday, 5 January 2024  
(Christmas holidays)

### **January**

Schools return on Monday, 8 January 2024

### **February mid term break**

Monday, 12 February 2024  
Tuesday, 13 February 2024  
Wednesday, 14 February 2024 (In-service day)

### **April - Spring Holiday (Easter)**

Schools close at 2.30 pm on Thursday, 28 March 2024  
Good Friday 29 March 2024  
Easter Monday 1 April 2024  
Monday, 1 April - Friday, 12 April 2024 (Spring Break)  
Schools return on Monday, 15 April 2024

### **May**

Thursday, 2 May 2024 (In-service day to coincide with UK Parliamentary elections, but may be subject to change)  
Monday, 6 May 2024 (May Holiday)  
Friday, 24 May 2024 and Monday, 27 May 2024  
(May Weekend)

### **June**

**Schools Close at 1.00 pm on Wednesday 26 June 2024**



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

### **Partnerships**

Throughout the year, we will work with many partners to ensure that we give our children as many opportunities as possible—this includes our many Sports' Clubs.



Also, 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.

### **Contact us:**

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### **Parent Council email address:**

To be updated



# Meet the Teacher 2023-24

You are invited to meet your child/ren's teacher/s on the following dates and times. Please report to the school office and you will be escorted to the class where the teacher will give you information about the expectations for this year. **You do not need to book a place.** If you are not available, perhaps an aunt, uncle, grandparent etc could attend on your behalf. **Please note we do not have any facilities for looking after younger children.** Also, a reminder that this will be a general chance to meet the teacher and that individual concerns should be directed to myself or one of the DHTs.

Class	Date	Time
P1	<b>Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August</b>	<b>2:25</b>
P2/1	<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September</b>	<b>2:25</b>
P2	<b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>2:25</b>
P3/2	<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September</b>	<b>9:10</b>
P3	<b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>9:10</b>
P4/3	<b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August</b>	<b>2:25</b>
P4	<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September</b>	<b>9:10</b>
P5	<b>Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>9:10</b>
P6/5	<b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August</b>	<b>2:25</b>
P7/6	<b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>9:10</b>
P7	<b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>2:25</b>

**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

**Glasgow CITY COUNCIL**

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	
<b>Any other reasons including:</b> <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

\*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](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)

## 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: \_\_\_\_\_