



St Brigid's Primary Newsletter



December 2020

In truth and love

From the Head Teacher's desk

It is hard to believe that we are in December and that the season of Advent is upon us. Advent marks the start of the Christian year. It is the four weeks before Christmas. This is the Church's New Year's Day. The word Advent comes from the Latin 'adventus' which means 'arrival' or 'coming'. This is the time for Christians to prepare for the celebration of the birth of Jesus and look forward to the time that Jesus will come again.

As we continue to face difficult times with on-going restrictions due to the pandemic; the season of Advent gives us hope to overcome our current situation as we keep in mind the peace, love and joy of the season.

In November, we celebrated Catholic Education week. The theme for this year's week was honouring Jesus as the Way, the Truth and the Life. Each class has created a display and these will be put on our Twitter page @StBrigidsPS throughout the month of December.

I am pleased to share the news that we were successful in securing £600 funding towards resources for teaching music in the school. The funding was awarded from the Gwen Mayor fund which was set up in honour of the teacher and children who tragically lost their lives in the Dunblane massacre. The fund is intended to promote the development of the arts in schools.

Furthermore, we are very grateful to parents and carers who purchased the children's personalised artwork. There was a fabulous response to this resulting in roughly £350 for school funds. Every order placed helped to raise money for our children.

It is a pleasure to reveal that the winning house group for September to November is Mars. The children will come together in the hall to watch a Christmas movie and have some treats on the afternoon of Friday the 4th of December. This will involve fewer than 50 children and will be socially distanced in accordance with Scottish Government Guidelines.

As you know, P.E is currently suspended indoors. Children should continue to wear their P.E kits on the days they have P.E as we will go outside for P.E in appropriate weather conditions.

Thank you again to all children, staff, parents and partners who have worked tirelessly for our children over the last year. I wish you all a very peaceful and holy Christmas and a (far less eventful) Happy New Year.

Paul Cassidy Head Teacher

Christmas Activities 2020



We are really sad that we are not able to offer the extensive range of events we normally have at Christmas. This year, we are missing out on having a special visitor, our wonderful Christmas shows and concerts, the school Fête (organised by the Parent Council) and our Carol Service in St Brigid's Church.

With that being said, we are determined to celebrate as much as we can. Here are the events that we have planned:

30.11.2020

- Christmas Tree and Crib to be displayed.
- Non-Uniform day to mark the start of Advent—£1 donation to go to the Bethlehem Care and Hospice Trust.

30.11.2020—09.12.2020

- Decorate the classroom door competition for Christmas—Winners to be announced on Thursday 10th December. Prize will be a snack and Christmas movie in the hall that afternoon. Idea provided by Mrs Mostakim; thank you.

10.12.2020

- Christmas lunch in the canteen with Christmas music. Children can wear Christmas jumpers if they wish.

11.12.2020

- Children to hear recorded Christmas message from Fr Byrne in the morning.
- Christmas parties (PM) in classes; children should come to school in party clothes.
- Parish St Vincent De Paul Society to give out a special gift to the children.

Throughout December

During December, we have asked families to create their own Christmas Crib Scenes at home using whatever materials you have to hand—please send pictures to us on Showbie, Twitter or to our homesupport@glow.sch.uk e-mail address. Please join in if you can.

P1 will record a short Nativity play for parents and carers which we will upload to the school website and Twitter. We will show this to the whole school when ready. We are looking into having some singing from the other classes but we will need to see if this is doable.

Parish Food Bank



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St Brigid's Parish Food Bank can be accessed on Mondays between 11am and 12 noon and on Fridays between 3pm and 4pm.

If accessing this service please go to the committee room which is the white door that can be seen from Prospeccthill Rd. Please phone the Parish if you are unsure where to go on 0141 647 3585.

After School Care

**Contact details
For GAP Childcare
Govanhill—Afterschool**



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

Address: Govanhill Neighbourhood
Centre, 6 Daisy Street, Glasgow, G42 8JL

P1 enrolments for August 2021



A virtual tour of our school for our prospective P1 parents/carers for August 2021 can be found on our Twitter page as the pinned Tweet.

Enrolment is still open and we only have a few spaces left so please register as soon as possible. Please register on line through Glasgow City Council's website in the School and Learning Section under Starting Primary School.

We are so sorry we can't meet in person with current restrictions.

Parking on Newhouse Road



I have received a number of communications from concerned residents in Newhouse Rd about Parents/Carers blocking driveways at drop off and pick up time.

Please be mindful of this when dropping off or picking up your child/children.

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

Parent Council email address:
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E-mail addresses



Thanks to all parents and carers who have given us their e-mail addresses. Please phone the school office if you still have to do this.

School closes for Christmas Holiday



Tuesday 22 December
at **2:30pm**

and re-opens

Wednesday 6 January 2021

Please note this information is correct at the time of publishing 01/12/2020—if this changes then the information will be communicated.