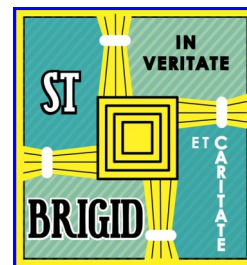




# St Brigid's Primary Newsletter



December 2021

*In truth and love*

## From the Head Teacher's desk

**D**ecember has arrived again in the blink of an eye following an incredibly busy few months. The season of Advent marks the start of the Christian year. It is the four weeks before Christmas. 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 with this time last year, we continue to face difficult times with uncertainties due to the pandemic; let us look to this season of Advent to bring us hope to overcome our difficulties as we keep in mind the peace, love and joy of the season.

In November, our P6 & P7 classes attended First Friday Mass in St Brigid's Church. This is the first time children have celebrated Mass together since February 2020. We are delighted that the children are able to attend Mass again. On Friday the 3rd of December our P5 classes will attend First Friday Mass in St Brigid's.

**We have also spent time celebrating Catholic Education week. The theme for this year's week was Celebrating and Worshipping. This is a particularly important and relevant theme as the Bishops of Scotland have just agreed to reinstate the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holydays of Obligation. This will be reinstated from Sunday 2nd January 2022, the first of the new year.**

It was an absolute pleasure to welcome small groups of P1, P2 & P3 Parents and Carers into the school during November—we hope that you were able to get a flavour of school life.

Furthermore, we are very grateful to our Parents and Carers who purchased the children's personalised artwork. There was a fabulous response to this resulting in roughly £200+ for school funds. Every order placed helped to raise money for our children.

Congratulations to 16 of our P7 children who made the Sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday 24th of November. Please continue to keep the children in your prayers.

I am delighted to reveal that the winning house group for September to November is Mercury. Mercury will attend the Panto Sleeping Beauty at Rutherglen Town Hall on Wednesday 8th of December in the afternoon.

Thank you again to all children, staff, parents and partners who have worked tirelessly for our children over the last year. A detailed list of Christmas activities can be found overleaf.

I wish you all a very peaceful and holy Christmas and a Happy New Year.

*Paul Cassidy* Head Teacher



## ParentPay Important



In an attempt to remove all cash and cheques from our school, I have written to all Parents & Carers about our online payment solution called ParentPay.

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

### **PLEASE ACTIVATE YOUR ACCOUNT ASAP USING THE DETAILS ON YOUR LETTER**

If you have any issues or can't find your letter, please contact the school office.

## Parent Council 2021-2022

Please see an updated list of Parent Council members—there was one member left out in last newsletter. Sorry about that.

*Co-chairs	Christine Martin (P6) Terry Strain (P2)
Vice Chair	Dawn McKenna (P4)
Treasurer	Louise Williams (P1b)
Secretary	Vacancy

Other members  
Jill Curran (P7b), Catherine Mostakim (P7a),  
Leeann Friel, (P7a&b), Maria McGarvey (P7b), Roseann  
Connor (5b), Hardev Singh (P2) Simon McGrory (Church  
Rep)

\*Co-chairs until March to provide an extended handover to Terry in the hope that more and more events will be able to take place as the year progresses.

**The Parent Council can help with general issues such as traffic outside the school and fundraising for events and resources. They can be contacted on:**

**[st.brigidsparentcouncil@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:st.brigidsparentcouncil@yahoo.co.uk)**

If you have a specific issue relating to your child then you would continue to contact the school management team.

## St Vincent de Paul

The Society of St Vincent de Paul (SSVP) at St Brigid's Toryglen is a charitable organisation which aims to provide support and financial assistance primarily to families living in the Toryglen area.



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I refer to the letter sent out on Monday the 22nd of November where the SSVP explained that they provide a bag of groceries to a number of families in the period a week or so before Christmas each year. Please remember to return any slips to the box available at St Brigid's at the school office. **Friday 3rd of December is the deadline.**

**If you require another letter, please contact the school office.**

### Christmas Activities 2022

Unlike last year, we are pleased that we can offer more activities this Christmas. It does remain, however, a source of extreme disappointment that parent and carers can not attend our Christmas Show. I have engaged a professional cameraman who will film both the P1-P2 nativity and our P3-P7 show. This will be uploaded to our YouTube channel shortly after filming. **The filming will take place on Thursday the 9th of December and all children must wear their school uniform that day.**



The school show normally provides us with a significant amount of funds due to our ticket sales. In the last two years, we have not been able to sell tickets and as a result our school funds need a boost. I would ask that a small donation of £2.00 is made to the school from each family. **This will need to be done through ParentPay—selecting the Donation for Show School payment option. Please do this before Friday 17th of December.**

Here are the events that we have planned:

#### 29.11.2021—17.12.2021

Decorate the classroom door competition for Christmas—Winners to be announced on Tuesday 21st of December & Father Byrne will judge the competition. The prize will be a snack and Christmas movie in the hall that afternoon.

#### 09.12.2021

Recording of Christmas Nativity & Play

#### 15.12.2021

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

#### 20.12.2021

Christmas Carols in St Brigid's Church. P1-P4 are from 11:00-12:00 and P5-P7 are 1:30-2:30. **As there are no restrictions with people being in churches, parent and carers can attend. Our Baby Strings videos will also be available at some point this week.**

#### 21.12.2021

Break the rules day—fundraiser for Parent Council—poster is attached to this newsletter with payment details. There will also be more Parent Council fundraising activities that day—details to follow.

#### 22.12.2021

Parish St Vincent De Paul Society to give a special gift to all children.

Christmas Parties in individual classes.

## School closes for Christmas Holiday



Wednesday 22 December at **2:30pm**  
and re-opens  
Wednesday 5 January 2022

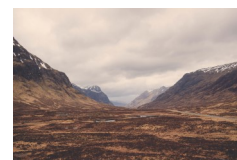
### E-mail addresses

Thanks to all parents and carers who have given us their e-mail addresses.



If you know anyone who is not receiving e-mails, please ask them to contact the school so that they can provide us with one.

### Blairvadach 2021



We wish P7 children and staff the best of luck on their Blairvadach adventure this month. Enjoy!

### Contact us:

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Follow us on Twitter @StBrigidsPS

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**Pupil Absence Reporting Line:**

0141 287 0039

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

**Parent Council email address:**

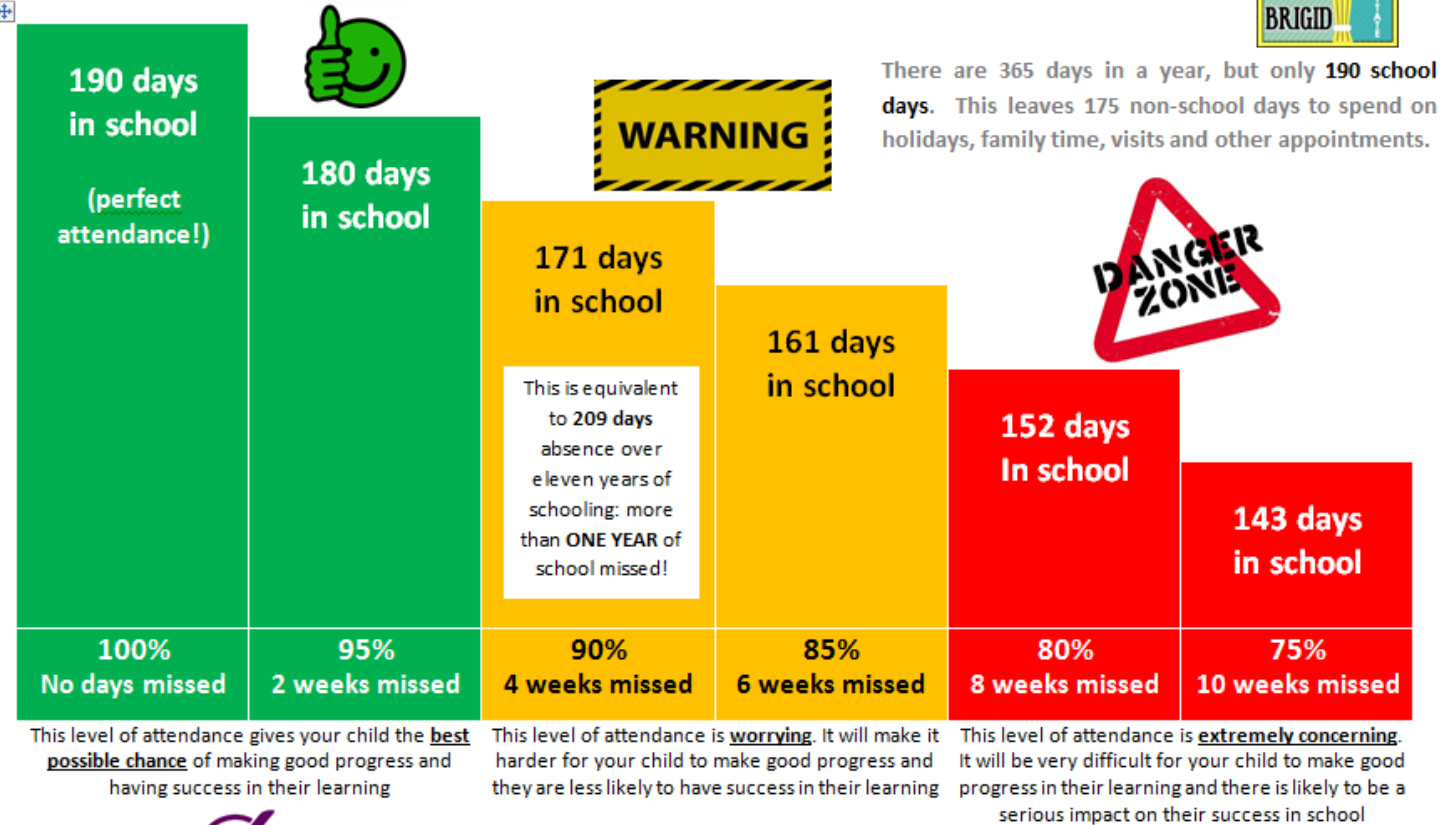
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# Attendance

Below is some handy information about attendance—please read carefully and remember to inform the absence line if your child is going to be absent on **0141 287 0039** or using the website **[www.glasgow.gov.uk/pupilabsence](http://www.glasgow.gov.uk/pupilabsence)**



## Understanding your child's attendance percentage



**ATTENDANCE MATTERS... every school day counts!**

**SAVE TIME GO ONLINE**  
[www.glasgow.gov.uk](http://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

**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 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\*

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](http://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](http://www.Glasgow.gov.uk/pupilabsence)

**St. Brigid's Primary are having a**



**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2021**

**The Rules:**

**You must wear school uniform.**

**You must have tidy hair.**

**You must have a healthy snack.**

**You must have matching socks.**

**You must not have temporary  
tattoos or nail polish.**

**For every rule you break you will be fined  
50p – so if you break all 5 rules it will cost you  
£2.50.**

**All money raised will go to Parent Council  
funds and as such cash should be brought into  
school. ParentPay should not be used on this  
occasion.**