

St Brigid's Primary Newsletter

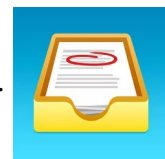


February 2021

In truth and love

From the Head Teacher's desk

A huge well done to all of our children, families and staff on completing four weeks of Home Learning. This has not been easy for anyone and I am in awe of everyone's efforts.



I have enjoyed being part of the 12 virtual classrooms checking in on the work completed and also looking at the engagement of our children to ensure, as far as possible, that they are doing the best they can with their learning online.

The feast of our Patroness St Brigid was celebrated on the 1st of February. I wish to thank Fr Byrne who recorded a video message for our children which was upload to Showbie in the class discussion sessions to replace this week's assembly. There is also a recorded assembly from myself where the children find out facts about St Brigid and also have the chance sing along to the hymn to St Brigid. Please look out for this.

You will be aware of the very recent Scottish Government announcement about a potential return to school for P1-P3 classes at the end of February. As soon as we have more details, they will be communicated to you through e-mail. I am sorry that I have no further details on this at the moment.

It has been a delight to post the work of our 'Showbie Stars' on Twitter the last two Fridays. Certificates have also been posted to the children who have achieved Showbie Star of the Week. Well done everyone!



I am delighted to share the news that Mrs R O'Neill and Ms Shaw have been appointed to two newly created acting DHT posts for the duration of Mrs Wishart's and Mrs Simpson's maternity leaves. They start their posts on the 10th of February. Congratulations to them both. Mr Paterson will continue to take responsibility for P6b until the end of the session.

I am also very happy to share the news that both Mrs N O'Neill and Mrs Simpson have given birth to baby boys – welcome to the world Louie O'Neill and Francis Simpson. My warmest congratulations to both families; we can't wait to meet the newest members of the St Brigid's family.

I hope you that you all have a lovely long weekend.

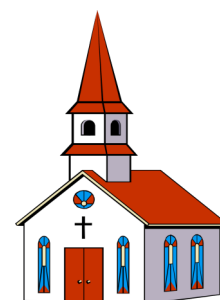
Paul Cassidy
Head Teacher

Parish Food Bank

St Brigid's Parish Food Bank can be accessed 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 Prostephill Rd. Please phone the Parish if you are unsure where to go on 0141 647 3585.

Please be assured that this is confidential and no details will be taken unless you wish to leave your details for further support. The food bank is there to be used so please do so if you are in need.



Live Check-ins

As well as the regular phone calls that class teachers and senior members of staff are making, our teachers are now going to provide a weekly live check in with their classes. We are going to try this out on Showbie as it has a video conferencing function.



There are some limitations about the amount of children who can be seen on the screen at one time but we feel that on balance that this would be the best platform on which to try out live check ins as all children are currently accessing it. We may move between Showbie and TEAMS depending on how the physical school closure lasts and stage of the children. This will be communicated by teachers.



Overleaf there is information on when the live check ins will take place and how to download TEAMS as well as how to access the West Partnership Online School. These check ins are designed as an additional support for families and if the time does not suit for children and families, please do not feel under pressure to attend. A set of protocols for children attending live check ins will be sent out along with this newsletter and **if you do not wish your child to participate then let us know.** We are all doing our best!

Live Check-ins days and times on Showbie



Please find below the dates and times for Live Check ins. Teachers will start the chat at the allocated times and provide further information as required.

	Mondays	Wednesdays
9:30	P7a P7b	P1a P1b
11:00	P6a P6b	P2 P2 (Mr White) P3 (Mr White(11:30)
1:30	P5 P5/4	P3 (Mr Walker) P4

The live check ins will start Monday 15th February; I hope this will be a further support to families.

The Bubble Room

Our school counselling service is still available throughout the school closure. Maggie Payne will already have made contact with those who currently access the resource to offer support. If you feel that you could make use of this service—children or adults then contact the school.

Home Learning Survey

Thank you to the families who have completed the survey. The results have been sent out with this newsletter as well as school responses.

Thanks for your continued support!



Accessing Glow for TEAMS & West Partnership Online School



Glow log in details were sent out in March 2020, however I appreciate that many families may no longer have them to hand. These will be given out this time via Showbie on Thursday the 11th of February. There will be a Glow folder in Showbie containing a video on how to log into Glow, download Microsoft TEAMS and also the West Partnership Online School tiles.

Glow is accessed in an internet browser and to ensure optimum connection is best accessed using Google Chrome. If there are any issues with this please contact the school however Mr Woods has created very comprehensive videos on how to access Glow, download the tiles and access a TEAMS meeting should we use these in the future.



February Break

The school will be closed from Friday 5 February to Thursday 11 February 2021. Wednesday is an In-Service Day.



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"What do you want to be when you grow up?"



"Kind," said the boy

Charlie Mackay