



# St Brigid's Primary Newsletter



October 2020

*In truth and love*

## From the Head Teacher's desk

**A**s always August and September are busy months where we settle back into school life and finalise our priorities as we continue on our journey of improvement. This has been very challenging for all of us, however, I am immensely proud of our children, staff and school community for their resilience as we continue to improve our core business of children's learning while maintaining a safe environment.

This year our four priorities are to:

- Engage with the Scottish Government's strategic framework for the reopening of schools by implementing Glasgow City Council's procedures and policies which focus on recovery, resilience and reconnection.
- Continue to raise attainment in literacy, numeracy & health and wellbeing maintaining a consistent approach to teaching and learning and ensuring our assessments of children's learning supports teachers to identify gaps and then planning for plugging those gaps.
- Engage in regular moderation activities to ensure that assessment is integral to the planning of learning and teaching and to agree standards and expectations within our school and with St Conval's Primary.
- Continue to work in partnership with St Brigid's Parish by organising our annual calendar of events and planned opportunities for Fr Bryne to support us in meeting the pastoral needs of our school community ensuring the spiritual wellbeing of children is met throughout this time of restrictions and social distancing.

We are looking forward to overtaking these priorities and continuing to improve the work of our school. With this newsletter, I am sending out a copy of our Standards and Quality Report which summarises and highlights all of last year's achievements. This is also available on our website.

School staff value greatly the relationship between home and school and the important role played by parents and carers in their children's learning. Unfortunately, in the current climate, we have been unable to offer both our meet the teacher event or term one's Parents' Evening. However, you will receive a short written report on your child's progress so far before we break up for the October school holiday. This report will be sent home on Thursday 8 October 2020.

I am delighted to share the news that Mrs Walsh has given birth to a baby girl named Sophia Walsh. My warmest congratulations to the Walsh family; we can't wait to meet the newest member of the St Brigid's family.

*Paul Cassidy* Head Teacher



## REMINDER Entering the school building/Playground



Can I remind parents and carers that they are **not permitted to come into the playground** and that each child should be accompanied by 1 parent/carer only.

Your child 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. Once your child has entered the playground, **we ask that you make your way home in order to minimise the number of parents/carers gathering at the gates.**

**Please note that** the gate across the playground will be locked and so is no longer available as a short cut from Newhouse Rd to Glenmore Ave or vice versa. The gate will be opened for a few minutes in the morning and afternoon to allow P5 & P6a access to and from the main entrance.

- P1a/P1b door (Glenmore Ave gate)**
- P2/P3/2 door (Glenmore Ave gate)**
- P5/P6a main entrance (Newhouse Rd gate)**
- P3/P4 library door (girls' toilets) (Prospecthill Rd gate)**
- P7a/P7b music room door (Newhouse Rd gate)**
- P5/4/P6b door (boys' toilets) (Prospecthill Rd gate)**

### **! Important !**

**If you wish to speak to a member of staff for any reason, you must phone the school—new national protocols mean that we can no longer have a quick chat in the playground. I am hoping this will not last too long.**

## Afterschool care

After many years providing an excellent service for the children of Toryglen, Toryglen Afterschool Service has, unfortunately, closed down. I want to thank all members of staff past and present for their service and wish everyone the very best for the future.

If you need to access afterschool care provision, then please contact **GAP Childcare Govanhill on the details below.**

Contact: Jacqueline Gray  
Phone: 0141 424 0448  
Alternative Phone: 07702654290  
Email: gapchildcare@btconnect.com

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



## October Month of the Holy Rosary



Unfortunately due to current restrictions, we are unable to hold our usual daily morning prayer before school in October.

However, there will be increased opportunities for children to pray the Rosary in their classes. We may also try to pray together too during a 'virtual' Rosary if the technology allows.

## Halloween 2020



Again, due to restrictions, we are unable to have our annual Halloween party which is organised by the Parent Council.

However, we would like to invite children to attend school dressed in their Halloween costumes on Friday 30 October. The children can wear their costume all day. My thanks to our Parent Council who will provide individual wrapped refreshments for the children.

Please note—children **should not** have their face covered with a Halloween mask or attend school with any accessories associated with their costume.

## Internet Safety Social Media



Please speak with your child about safely accessing online content and support them to use age-appropriate websites—this will support school based learning on internet safety.

Also there are age restrictions on certain apps such as Instagram, Snapchat, Facebook, Tik Tok etc. These restrictions are in place for a reason; to protect our children.

In recent months, we have had a few reports about children participating in on-line activity which made them feel unsafe. Please discuss with your child about appropriate use of phones/devices and the content they are posting/viewing on social media.

Please be aware of any group chats your child/ren may be part of and ensure they understand any content that is shared or accessed. Please remind children that once something is posted and even if it is deleted others may have a screenshot or have saved the post.

## Collecting children from different parts of school

*Siblings*

If you have children in both playgrounds; your older children will now be permitted to meet their sibling (s) at **the end of the day** in the infant yard.

In order for us to monitor movement throughout the school, please phone the school and let us know if you intend for your child to do this.

This will start following the October break. Please keep to the usual drop off arrangements in the morning.

## 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.

## October & Christmas Holidays

### October

- Friday 9 October 2020 (In-Service Day)
- Monday 12 to Friday 16 October 2020 (October Week)

### Children to return on Monday 19 October 2020

### December - Christmas and New Year

- Schools close at 2.30 pm on Tuesday 22 December 2020  
Wednesday 23 December 2020 to Tuesday 5 January 2021

### Children to return on Wednesday 6 January 2021

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