



St Brigid's Primary Newsletter



Summer Extra June 2021

In veritate et caritate, In truth and love

From the Head Teacher's desk

As the school year draws to a close, I would like to thank the whole school community for their support during this difficult and challenging year. Despite the restrictions, we have managed to continue learning and celebrate our successes albeit in a slightly more muted fashion. It has been a pleasure to celebrate our children's achievements with the Head Teacher's awards on a Friday.

While we hope and pray that August will see the return to a more normal way of working; we will plan to continue with our current mitigations around hand washing, staff wearing face masks and class bubbles and will assess the situation in August.

Annual reports have gone out along with this 'Summer Extra' Newsletter and I hope you are pleased with the progress your child/ren has/have made this session. You should receive your classification letters too.

Well done to all our sporting stars who participated in Sports Day. It was great fun and a nice opportunity to have a bit of normality to end the year. As already stated, we are hoping and praying that there will be far fewer restrictions in the next academic session 2021/22 which could see the reinstating of our highly successful before, during and afterschool sports clubs. I would also like all children to wear their school tie in August. I will send further guidance about P.E including days and whether or not we will be using the changing rooms again in August 2021.

Our football team were delighted to attend the Euro Fan Zone in Glasgow Green. They were featured on Sky News and were also interviewed on Radio Clyde. Thank you to Mr Woods and Mr Cannon for accompanying the children to Glasgow Green.

I absolutely cannot end this year without thanking our talented and highly committed staff who have worked so hard and have gone above and beyond to provide the best care and a wide range of excellent learning experiences in spite of the circumstances; you are all stars and our school community is all the more richer for your talents, resilience and kindness. In August, we welcome three new teachers to the school, Mrs Valerie Colrain, Ms Amy Baxter and Kirsty Burns. I am sure they will quickly feel part of the St Brigid's family. Their remits are in the next column.

Finally, I wish to offer my congratulations to our P7 children who made the Sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday 16th of June. Although there were a few nerves, Father Byrne put the children at ease. I wish to thank Father Byrne and all of the members of the Parish community who have helped prepare the children for their Sacraments; your support has been invaluable. We will be signing off Twitter for the summer holiday but will be back at the start of the new session.

Paul Cassidy Head Teacher

A reminder

All parents and carers should continue to socially distance when dropping off and picking up their child/ren.

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 Closes for Summer Break

Thursday 26 June
At 1:00pm



Please ensure that your child is collected on time. Children can become distressed if left in school after their classmates have gone.

Classes and Teachers for Next Session

These are the proposed teachers for August, however, they may be subject to change.

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| P1a | Ms M Sweeney |
| P1b | Mr S Walker |
| P2 | Ms L Wilkinson |
| P3/2 | Ms L Anderson |
| P4/3 | Mr G White |
| P4 | Ms S Kavanagh |
| P5a | Mrs Colrain |
| P5b | Ms A Baxter |
| P6a | Mr M Cannon |
| P6b | Mrs D McShane |
| P7a | Mrs S Moretti |
| P7b | Mr J Woods |

Art & RE Ms M Jones

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| Support | Mrs K Burns |
| | Mrs L Din |
| | Mrs A Walsh |
| | Mrs C Gallagher |
| | Mrs Z Ahmad |



Entering the School Building/Playground August 2021

In August 2021, parents and carers will still **not be permitted to come into the playground**. Each child should be accompanied by 1 parent/carer. Your child/ren 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 will continue to ask that you make your way home in order to minimise the number of parents/carers gathering at the gates**. The gate across the playground will continue to be locked and as such is not 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 P5b & P6a access to and from the main entrance. There are different arrangements for our new P1 children during the first week. These are detailed in the box below.

P1a/P1b door (Glenmore Ave—at the driveway gate)
P2/P3/2 door (Glenmore Ave gate)
P5b & P6a main entrance (Newhouse Rd gate)
P3/4 & P4 library door (girls' toilets) (Prospecthill Rd gate)
P7a/P7b music room door (Newhouse Rd gate)
P5a/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—on-going national protocols mean that we can no longer have a quick chat in the playground.

P1 arrangements



- All P1 children should start on Monday 16 August 2021
- Monday 16 August 9:30-1:30
- Tuesday 17 August 9:30-1:30
- Wednesday 18 August 9:30-1:30
- Thursday 19 August 9:30-2:00
- Friday 20 August 9:30-2:00
- From Monday 23 August All children will attend full time from 9:00-3:00

Until and including Friday 20 August, P1 children can 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. Please ensure that you social distance while in the playground.

First day photo – please write down your e-mail address and hand to Ms Shaw so that we can e-mail the photo that we take of your child at their desk. There will be pens and paper available if you forget ☺.

If social distancing measures are reduced by August, we may be able to welcome parents and carers into school to take your own photos. We'll keep you posted.

Parent Council

If you wish to get involved please attend our **Annual General Meeting on Thursday the 9th of September 2021 at 7:00pm**. At the moment, I am hoping this meeting will be in person in the school hall, however we will confirm arrangements in the August 2021 Newsletter.

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Pupil Absence Reporting Line:

0141 287 0039

Glasgow City Council website:

<http://www.glasgow.gov.uk/>

Parent Council email address:

st.brigidsparentcouncil@yahoo.co.uk



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: afterthebell-losc@gmail.com



or **GAP Childcare, Govanhill**

Contact: Jacqueline Gray
Phone: 0141 424 0448
Alternative Phone: 07702654290

School Holiday 2021/2022

August

Thursday 12 August 2021 (Return date for Teachers & In-Service Day)
Friday 13 August 2021 (In-Service Day)
Monday 16 August 2021 (Return date for the pupils)

September Weekend

Friday 24 September 2021
Monday 27 September 2021

October

Friday 8 October 2021 (In-Service Day)
Monday 11 to Friday 15 October 2021 (October Week)

December - Christmas and New Year

Schools close at 2.30 pm on Wednesday 22 December 2021
Thursday 23 December 2021 - Tuesday 4 January

January

Schools return on Wednesday 5 January 2022

February Mid-term break

Monday 14 February 2022
Tuesday 15 February 2022
Wednesday 16 February 2022 (In-service day)

April - Spring Holiday (Easter)

Schools close at 2.30 pm on Friday 1 April 2022
Good Friday 15 April 2022
Easter Monday 18 April 2022
Schools return on Tuesday 19 April 2022

May

Monday 2 May 2022 (May Holiday)
Thursday 5 May 2022 (In-Service day to coincide with Scottish Local Government Elections)
Friday 27 May 2022 and Monday 30 May 2022 (May Weekend)

June

Schools Close at 1.00 pm on Friday 24 June 2022