



August—September Weekend News Update

All children of St. Peter's PS have settled well to school year 2023 - 2024. Many thanks to families for supporting the children on their return to school and for encouraging a strong positive commitment to learning and socialisation.

Welcome to our School Community

We welcome all new families to our school community and look forward to working in partnership with all children, parents/carers and families to continue to widen learning experiences and opportunities. We would be delighted to be informed of parents/carers or grandparents who have a particular skill-set which they feel they could contribute to the life of the school. Adults working directly with children in the school environment require a valid Enhanced PVG check.

Parental Engagement

The staff and children of St. Peter's Primary School are keen to continue to offer new opportunities for enhancing parental engagement. Plans for this year include:

- continuation of class showcases and assemblies.
- regular class Twitter showcase weeks.
- welcome to Masses attended by the school at St. Peter's RC.
- invitations to participate in the PTA (first meeting scheduled for **Wednesday 6th September 2023 at 5pm in St. Peter's PS.**
- introduction of the Scotland's Reads Programme.
- continuation of Personal Learning Plans. (This provision is currently under review and requires a greater parental response to target setting to be considered a meaningful tool.
- offer of two written reports and two parents' evenings.
- regular communications by email, School App, Twitter, website and Parentsportal.

Home Learning

Google Classroom will continue be used for Home Learning from **Monday 28th August 2023.** Homework jotters will be provided for recording of information. P2-7 reading books will remain in school to ensure resources are available for pupil use in school.

Education Resources

Executive Director: Mrs Carole McKenzie

Head Teacher: Miss Claire-Louise Mullen

Timeline August to September

- **21.08.23**
Rm 1 Twitter Week
- **24.08.23**
P7 Swimming Block commences
- **28.08.23**
Rm 2 Twitter Week
- **31.08.23**
P1 Classroom Showcase at 2.15pm
- **01.09.23**
First Friday Mass at St. Peter's RC at 10am
- **04.09.23**
Rm 3 Twitter Week
- **08.09.23**
Our Lady's Birthday—Class Charities
- **18.09.23**
HWB Questionnaires Week
- **21.09.23**
Rm 4 Twitter Week
- **22.09.23– 25.09.23**
Outdoor Learning Day
- **September Weekend Holiday**

New Parentsportal

Administration communication tool available for administration forms, school holiday calendar, club registrations and parents' evening bookings.

UNICYCLE POP-UP SHOP

Unicycle Shop items available for view at the front entrance of the school. Any purchases can be made on Parent Pay.

Reducing Cost of School Day

Reminder Annual Data Checks should be returned to the school office ASAP. These are essential in the event of an emergency!!
Return of photographic permissions will enable the school to upload photographs to online digital platforms.

Access to email , School App and Twitter is recommended for receipt of regular updates! !

General Reminders

School Uniform

Many thanks to parents/carers for supporting the children to present to school in full uniform. Reminder children should wear white shirt, tie and grey trousers / skirts or pinafores. Polo shirts can be worn on PE days only. Children should wear black or red school shoes. Any trainers worn should be fully black in colour. Children wearing blazers are reminded to bring a waterproof jacket for inclement weather.

PE Health and Safety Notice

For health and safety, children with longer than shoulder length hair should have their hair tied up for PE, unless for any medically specified reason (informed to the school by parent/carer). It is advised that earrings are not worn on PE days. If it is not possible to remove earrings, they should be taped up for PE. All other jewellery should be removed for PE lessons. All children should wear indoor shoes when participating in PE indoors.

Traffic Management Health and Safety Notice

Families are reminded that children are asked to exit the school via the pathways provided. As part of our Traffic Management Systems, children should not cross the car park. It is hugely important that adults collecting children also observe this rule to ensure the children are supported to follow the safety rules.

Bikes and Scooters Health and Safety Notice

Children bringing bikes / scooters to school should dismount and walk with the equipment in the school grounds to avoid accident or injury to themselves or others.

Parental Collection Notice

Reminder to all families that individuals dropping off and collecting P1-4 from school should be aged 16 or over. The school will not permit children from P1-4 to leave school with an individual under the age of 16. This is a safeguarding measure to ensure children are collected by a responsible adult.

P1 Change of Clothes

Please could we ask that children of P1 have a change of clothes available in school. Clothes will be kept on their peg and used in the event of a lunch spill, toileting accident etc.

Notifications of a Change to Medicines

Reminder that all medicines (including over the counter medicines and cough sweets) must be recorded on an Administration of Medicines Form. These must be submitted directly to the school office.

Notifications of a Change of Address / Emergency Contacts

Reminder to all parents/carers that the school should be notified of any changes of address or emergency contact details. All data should be accurate and up to date to enable the school to respond swiftly and appropriately to any emergency circumstance.

Mobile Phones

Children are asked not to bring mobile phones or digital devices to school. Mobile phones which are brought to school on parental request should be submitted to the school office at 9am and collected at 2.55pm. Mobile phones will not be permitted to be used in the school environment. Children bringing mobile phones or digital devices to school do so at their own risk. The school will not take any responsibility for loss or damage.

Calling the School

If calling to provide information to the school or to collect your child earlier than 3pm, please contact the school before 2.40pm. School office staff are not available to answer the school phones between 2.40 and 3.00pm. If planning an earlier collection time, please ensure your child is collected before 2.40pm as office staff are not available to support collections between 2.40pm and 3.00pm. During these times, support staff support the preparation for safe exit of the children. The Senior Leadership Team monitor requests for early collection. Patterns of early collection which are not relevant to scheduled appointments will be recorded and discussed with parents/carers.

Staffing Update

The school welcomes Mrs Corinna Sala to the school. Mrs Sala and Miss Keatings will be class teachers for Room 5. We welcome back Mrs Nicola Brown to the school who will be class teacher of Room 4. We hope they both enjoy their time at St. Peter's PS.

Monitoring Attendance

The school will continue to promote positive school attendance. The School Leadership Team monitors attendance and seeks to support families when attendance drops below appropriate levels. It is beneficial to the children to maximise attendance to enable them to engage in learning and wider experiences. The school will aim to uplevel percentage attendance expectations in 2023-2024 in line with South Lanarkshire Council data.

School Improvement Plan / Standards and Qualities Report

A summary of the School Improvement Plan 2023 –2024 and a copy of the Standards and Qualities Report 2022-2023 will be made available for view on the school website shortly.

Communications

Please do not hesitate to contact the school on 01698 281277 or email office@st-peters-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk if you have any queries. The school office staff will aim to direct your call/ email to the relevant member of staff.. I look forward to continuing to work with all children, staff and families, in partnership and in a climate of mutual trust, inclusion, equality and support.

Kind Regards

Claire-Louise Mullen
Head Teacher