



October - November School News Update

What's New at St. Peter's PS?

Scotland Reads Project

The school has re-introduced the Scotland Reads Project. This programme enables PVG checked volunteers to read with some of our children for reading enjoyment. Many thanks to all volunteers for enabling the school to re-launch this very valuable forum to promote reading for enjoyment this session.

The Library Project

The school has made connections with South Lanarkshire Specialist Support Base to plan for the implementation of the Library Project. This project will aim to support some children to learn the skills of junior librarianship. It will encourage the re-development of a small area in the infant corridor to facilitate a comfortable space to read and relax.

Lunch-time Reading Club

A newly formed Wednesday lunch-time reading club for children in Primary 2 to 3 aims to encourage children to read for enjoyment. A group of volunteers from the senior classes will be guided to support young children to read and discuss texts in a fun and relaxing setting. Participation in this lunch-time club is voluntary. Places in the club will be allocated on the basis of expressions of interests and club access data. Club numbers will be set to ensure a nurturing and relaxing group setting. If numbers exceed allocated numbers, places will be offered on a rotational basis.

Hallowe'en Wacky Dress Day 2023

All classes will be allocated hall time on Tuesday 31st October 2023 to enjoy Hallowe'en activities in the school hall. In order to minimise the 'Cost of the School Day', the school offers the children the opportunity to attend school in casual clothes. The children can wear wacky clothes combinations, casual clothes or Hallowe'en themed clothes, odd socks or crazy hair. Children should not bring weapons, tools or masks linked to costumes for safety and to prevent causing upset to younger children. A flyer will be forwarded in due course.

Education Resources

Executive Director: Mrs Carole McKenzie

Head Teacher: Miss Claire-Louise Mullen

Timeline November 2023

- 01.06.23
All Saints Mass at 10am St. Peter's RC
- 06.11.23
Rm 1 X Twitter Week
- 08.11.23
PTA Meeting 4.15pm—5pm
P7 Parent Leavers' Celebration Meeting 5.15pm—5.55pm
- 09.11.23
Rm 5 Assembly at 2.15pm
P7 Information Evening St. JOHS at 6.30pm
- 10.11.23
Caireen Harvey School Photography
- 13.11.23
Inset Day—School Closed to Pupils
- 16.11.23
Parents' Evening
- 20.11.23
Rm 2 X Twitter Week
- 23.11.23
Rag Bag Collection
- 16.11.23
Parents' Evening
- 27.11.23
Rm 3 X Twitter
- 29.11.23
Flu Immunisations
- 30.11.23
Rm 4 Learning Showcase at 2.15pm

Lunch Clubs November 23

P2-3 Reading Wednesday 1.00-1.30pm

After School Clubs November 23

ICT - Monday 3.15pm-4.00pm

Netball - Wednesday 3.15pm -4.00pm

Cooking Club Thursday 3.15-4.00pm

Calendar Dates and Parental Engagement Opportunities

Learning Showcases

- 31.08.23 Rm 1 at 2.15pm
- 12.10.23 Rm 2 at 2.15pm
- 30.11.23 Rm 4 at 2.15pm
- 07.12.23 Rm 3 at 2.15pm
- 29.02.24 Rm 5 at 2.15pm
- 21.03.24 Rm 6 at 2.15pm

Class Assemblies

- 27.10.23 Rm 6 at 2.15pm
- 09.11.23 Rm 5 at 2.15pm
- 09.02.24 Rm 4 at 2.15pm
- 15.03.24 Rm 3 at 2.15pm
- 26.04.24 Rm 2 at 2.15pm
- 31.05.24 Rm 1 at 2.15pm
- 19.06.24 Rm 6 at 2.15pm

Class 'X' Twitter Showcase Weeks

- 21.08.23 Rm 1
- 28.08.23 Rm 2
- 04.09.23 Rm 3
- 18.09.23 Rm 4
- 09.10.23 Rm 5
- 30.10.23 Rm 6
- 06.11.23 Rm 1
- 20.11.23 Rm 2
- 27.11.23 Rm 3
- 04.12.23 Rm 6
- 05.02.24 Rm 4
- 26.02.24 Rm 5
- 04.03.24 Rm 1
- 18.03.24 Rm 2
- 29.04.24 Rm 3
- 13.05.24 Rm 5
- 28.05.24 Rm 6
- 10.06.24 Rm 4

Leavers' Celebrations (tbc)

- 08.11.23 Parent Celebration Meeting at 5.15pm
- 22.04.24 P7 Dalguise Outdoor Activity Centre
- 13.06.24 Leavers' Celebration Activity Day
- 13.06.24 Leavers' Celebration Meal
- 19.06.24 Leavers' Mass tbc
- 19.06.24 Leavers' Assembly

PTA Meetings - Provisional Dates

- 06.09.23 at 5pm Conference Room - Postponed
- 08.11.23 at 4.15-5pm Conference Room
- 06.12.23 at 5.15-6pm Conference Room
- 07.02.24 at 4.30-5.15pm Conference Room
- 20.03.24 at 5.15-5.55pm Conference Room
- 08.05.24 at 5.15-5.55pm Conference Room

Faith Life - Provisional Dates

- 01.09.23 First Friday Mass at 10am
- 08.09.23 Our Lady's Birthday Class Charities
- 13.10.23 Mass and P1 Blessing at 10am
- 01.10.23 All Saints Mass at 10am
- 01.12.23 Advent Mass at 10am
- 22.12.23 Christmas Celebration Mass at 10am
- 02.02.24 New Year Mass at 10am
- 06.02.24 Reconciliation Meeting at 6pm
- 06.02.24 Communion Meeting at 6.30pm
- 06.02.24 Confirmation Meeting at 7pm
- 21.02.24 Ash Wednesday at 10am
- 01.03.24 Lent Mass at 10am
- 25.03.24 Reconciliation at 6.30pm
- 11.05.24 First Holy Communion at 10am
- 06.06.24 Confirmation at 7pm
- 26.06.24 Thanksgiving Mass at 10am

Planned School Events

- 21.09.23 Outdoor Learning led by Mr Hoggan
- 02.10.23 Challenge Poverty Week
- 05.10.23 Go Fresh Theme Day Menu
- 23.10.23 Care Experienced Week
- 31.10.23 Hallowe'en Games
- 09.11.23 P7 St. JOHS at 6.30pm
- 10.11.23 Photographs
- 16.11.23 Parents' Evening
- 23.11.23 Rag Bag Collection
- 29.11.23 Flu Immunisations
- 01.12.23 Science Day led by Mrs Roy
- 12.12.23 Christmas Nativity
- 13.12.23 Christmas Nativity
- 14.12.23 Christmas Disco
- 18.12.23 P6 and P7 Party
- 19.12.23 P2 and P3 Party
- 20.12.23 P4 and P5 Party
- 21.12.23 P1 Party
- 16.02.23 Fiesta de España led by Miss Keatings / Mrs Sala
- 27.03.24 Talent Show led by Mrs Wilson
- 18.04.24 World of Work led by Mr Milwain
- 09.05.24 Art Eco Theme led by Mr TARRIER
- 21.05.24 New P1 Induction 1 at 1.45pm
- 22.05.24 Parents' Evening
- 29.05.24 New P1 Lunch Induction 2 at 12pm
- 30.05.24 Health Day led by Mrs Kane
- 06.06.24 New P1 Induction 3 at 1.45pm
- 07.06.24 Sports Day led by Mr McSorley
- 14.06.24 House Treat
- 20.06.24 Class Transition Switch Day
- 21.06.24 Fun Day led by Mrs Brown

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 must be fully black or fully red not a mixture of colours. 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. As part of the School Traffic Management Plan and Health Promoting Schools Initiative, we actively encourage children to walk, cycle or scooter to school to provide opportunities for physical activity and reduce traffic congestion.

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

Reporting

Parents / Carers are welcomed to Parents' Evening on Wednesday 16th November 2022. Allocated slot times will be made available on Parentsportal. We recommend that parents of children with siblings book early to minimise the wait time for different appointment times. We also recommend at least one appointment time between one sibling and the next as times can overrun. Appointments will be live to book from the 6th November 2023. Mr McSorley and Mrs Wilson Principal Teachers will schedule parental appointments with parents/carers of children with Additional Support Plans on the same evening as close as possible to class slot times. Mr McSorley will cover meetings for children in P2, P3, P5 and P6. Mrs Wilson will cover meetings for children in P1, P4 and P7.

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.

Cost of the School Day

A sample of our Unicycle Shop low cost uniform and seasonal items are available for view at the front entrance of the school. Any orders and purchases can be made on Parent Pay. Many thanks to Fr King and the Parish of St. Peter's RC for their ongoing donations of brand new school uniform items which are made available to families 'free' at Parents' Evenings. The school and our families are very appreciative of all donations and for such kindness and generosity. After school and lunch time club opportunities are made available throughout the school year. South Lanarkshire Council Active Schools coaches and the school Participatory Budget are utilised to ensure clubs are provided free of charge to all children. The school is currently working to plan a whole school educational excursion which will be offered free of charge following the success of session's 2022-2023 whole school visit to the Science Centre. The Pupil Council are involved in the selection of the educational visit for this session within their allocated budget.

Flu Immunisation

NHS Scotland recommends children receive their flu vaccine each year. The provisional date set for Flu Immunisations is 29th November 2022. Please refer to www.nhsinform.scot/childflu for more information.

Poppy Appeal

This year's Poppy Appeal will run from 6th November to 11th November 2022. Children making a donation of 10p or more will receive a Poppy. Many Thanks for contributions.

Communications

Please do not hesitate to contact the school on 01698 281277 or email office@st-peters-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk. A copy of the Standards and Qualities Report 2022-2023 will be available for view on the school website. 'X' (Twitter) and the School App are also available for regular communications. I recommend parents/carers sign-up for the use of email as this enables instantaneous, timeous and paperless communication. Access to the new [Parentsportal](#) is recommended for administration forms, school holiday information, calendars, club registrations and parents' evening bookings.

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
CL Mullen
Head Teacher

