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St Peter's Primary School

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Welcome to St. Peter's Primary School 2024-2025

St. Peter's Primary School welcomes all children and families to school for session 2024-2025. All staff would like to extend an extra special welcome and congratulations to our new Primary 1 children who started their school life journey yesterday. The children presented to school beautifully in their school uniforms. Staff are proud of all children across the school for settling so quickly to their class environments and learning. I hope the children enjoy an aspirational school year full of exciting learning experiences and opportunities. I also send our best wishes to our former Primary 7 pupils who embarked on their secondary learning journey this week and wish them every success for the future.

Promoting Positive Partnerships

This new school year offers opportunities to develop and extend partnerships with our families, the whole school community, Fr King and the parish of St. Peter's RC. School planning aims to create opportunities for families to participate in the life, learning and work of the school. Co-ordinating learning between school and home supports learners to consolidate learning. Family members may have careers, talents or interests which may offer the school new and exciting opportunities. The PTA are hopeful of a successful year of fundraising. For the most part of 2023-2024, the school ran with only one to two active members of the PTA and no officially designated Parent Council. It is hoped that many more parents/carers can be encouraged to join the PTA team to offer assistance in raising money to support the school and over time to re-establish a constituted Parent Council. It is hugely important that parents have a voice in school improvements and developments in each school year. The opportunity to have constructive dialogue with parents is critical to enabling the School Leadership Team to consider and respond to views in the best interests of our children and school community. In addition, in order to provide the opportunities and experiences parents communicate that they would like for their children, finance is required to be available to cover costs and to subsidise activities to ensure the offer of experiences is inclusive for all children. As a school, we will always aim to be mindful of the Cost of the School Day and an updated policy will be made available from October 2024. Allergies and medical needs must be considered to ensure that the health and safety of our children and staff is prioritised at all times.



School Improvement Plan Priorities 2024-2025 (Please see attached Information Flyer)

In summary, the School Improvement Plan Priorities for 2024-2025 focus on:

- Revise the vision, values and aims of the school and develop a refreshed Curriculum Rationale.
- Develop and implement Digital Technologies, Digital Literacy and Computer Science planning, pathways and learning experiences
- Develop learners' awareness of the United Nation Convention on the Rights of the Child in real life contexts.
- Raise attainment in Curriculum for Excellence Second Level Numeracy in the concepts of fractions, percentages and decimals.
- Continue to raise attainment in numeracy and mathematics, reading and writing at specific stages.



What to Expect? Helpful Hints!



Standards and Qualities

A copy of the school Standards and Qualities Report has been compiled and will be available to view from the website in due course.



Annual Administration Updates

Annual update packs will be forwarded to parents/carers, by Wednesday 21 August 2024, for completion and signing. Please return by Wednesday 28 of August 2024. If there are changes to phone contact details or medical information please inform the school office as soon as possible. It is essential that Medical Care Plans are updated and medicines are made available to the school office. Medicines must be recorded on the Administration of Medicines Form. Please ensure medicines are 'in date' for use.

School Communications

Many thanks to parents/carers for your co-operation in ensuring contact is made to the school via telephone call on 01698 281277 or email office@st-peters-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk in the first instance. If you have any questions or wish to raise any issues with the school, please do not hesitate to contact the school office. The relevant member of staff will respond to you in due course. Any medical emergency or Child Protection related matters should be highlighted to the school office as requiring an urgent response. The School Leadership Team may offer you an in-school appointment, if a face to face meeting would be more appropriate in specific circumstances. I strongly recommend regular view of the Myschool App, 'X' (formerly known as Twitter), email and website for ongoing school communication. Parents/carers will be given the opportunity to select a digital paperless email option to receive school communication. This option is recommended for spontaneous receipt of outgoing communications from the school. The Parent Portal will continue to be live in session 2024 - 2025.



School Drop Off and Pick-Up Reminder

Children should enter through their allocated gates. On exit, children of P1-4 must be collected by an appropriate adult aged 16 or over who is familiar to the child from their exit gates. If children are being collected by adults, other than those known to the school or the child, please telephone the school directly to make this request. Primary 1 parents should make staff aware of the adults who they typically wish to collect their child. Any changes should be communicated to the school office. Parents of children in P5-7 can give permission for their child to walk home or to walk to an alternative gate or location to meet their carer independently. Please note the children will continue to exit from their own gate with their class and can use the pedestrian pathway at the front of the building to make their way to alternative gates or pick-up points. A permission slip will be made available for you to communicate your wishes so that teaching and support staff are aware of your choices. Any changes to this information should be communicated to the office in writing. The measures are intended as safeguard procedures. Please complete and return to the school office. Support staff **will not** be available to collect children from classes for early dismissal during the period 2.40pm and 3pm. If for any reason you require to collect your child early, please contact the office and arrange an early pick-up before 2.40pm.



School Uniform

Many thanks to parents/cares for assisting the children to present to school in full school uniform. I fully appreciate your support in dressing the children so well for school. High standards of presentation can support the children to recognise their identity within the school and can help to showcase the school within the local community and beyond. Please refer to the School Handbook on the website for further information. Please note children will be requested to wear full school uniform to Mass and other specified events. Therefore, we recommend that all children have access to a school tie. As a reminder, I ask that the children adhere to guidelines on shoe wear and make indoor shoes available by Friday 23 August 2024. Waterproof jackets are preferable in inclement weather and on days the children are scheduled to participate in events, outdoor learning and walks in their local environment e.g to Mass.

Registration

Gates will open at 8.45am and the playground will be supervised by staff. Children should present to school for 9am and be collected at 3pm. Children arriving after 9.10am should present to the school office. In the event that your child is unwell or absent for any other reason, please inform the school by phone call prior to 9.15am on each day of your child's absence. If your child is due have an extended period of absence for hospital admission or any other reason please inform the Head Teacher in writing prior to the first date of absence.



Breakfast Club, Snacks and Lunches

Breakfast Club is available for all pupils from 8.15am to 8.45am on school days from Monday 19 August 2024. Intervals are timetabled for 10.30am to 10.45am and lunches 12.45pm to 1.30pm. Primary 1 children will begin lunch at 12.30pm for the first few days of the school year to help them become familiar with the lunch routines. P6 Buddies will provide support in the early days.

Children should remember to bring water bottles, snacks and lunches with them in the morning. To take account of pupil allergies, children should not share food or drink or bring any fizzy drinks or food containing nuts to school. Parent Pay can now be used to purchase milk (link available on website). Menu updates available online https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/info/200259/education_benefits/291/school_lunches/2.



Class Teacher Allocation

The class teacher allocation at the start of school session 2024-2025 is planned as:

Class	Teacher	Class Teacher Days	CCC Teacher
Primary 1/2	Mrs C Kane	Monday—Friday	Mrs L Wilson
Primary 2/3/4	Miss P Goudie Mrs K Roy	Monday, Tuesday and alternate Wednesday Wednesday, Thursday and Friday	Shared responsibility of class teachers
Primary 4/5	Miss A Keatings	Monday—Friday	Mrs L Wilson
Primary 5/6	Mr E Tarrier	Monday—Friday	Mr J McSorley
Primary 7	Mr P Milwain	Monday—Friday	Mr J McSorley

PE Schedule

PE will commence week beginning Monday 19 August. 2024. White polo-shirts, dark coloured shorts (preferably black) and indoor gym shoes are required for indoor PE. In the Summer months/ Autumn and Spring months, teachers may select to conduct PE outdoors (weather permitting). In the Winter months, PE tends to be conducted in the indoors. On Muga days, children are permitted to bring Muga or surface appropriate trainers for changing into at intervals or lunches.

As previously communicated, for health and safety reasons, children will not be permitted to participate in PE or other active physical activities wearing earrings. Children will be asked to remove hoop/ or long hanging earrings. Children will be requested to either remove or tape stud earrings. In addition, children will not be permitted to participate in PE or other active physical activities whilst wearing fake nails, nail extensions or other nail adjustments which are not the natural nail of the child. Reference to 'other physical activities' includes play in the Muga or the Trim Trail. This is to reduce the risk of injury to your child and / or other children.

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Class	PE Day 1	PE Day 2
Rm 1	Tuesday	Thursday
Rm 3	Monday	Wednesday
Rm 4	Monday	Thursday
Rm 5	Monday	Tuesday
Rm 6	Tuesday	Thursday



Mobile Phones / Digital Devices



**No mobile
phones**

I ask that children do not bring mobile phones to school. If for safety reasons, relevant to school travel arrangements before or after school, you require your child to have a mobile phone, please contact the school office directly. Mobile phones must not be stored in children's jackets or bags. **The phone must be submitted to the school office at their own risk**. The school will not accept any responsibility for damage to or theft of any phone or digital device.

Car Park/ School Environments

Parents should not park in the staff car park for pupil safety unless a disabled badge is displayed. School gates must remain cleared for emergency vehicle access. Dogs are not permitted in the school grounds. The use of cigarettes and e-cigarettes are not permitted on the school grounds. Please refer to the latest notice on the School Travel Plan and gate opening times on the school website for further information. Please vacate drop-off and collection points promptly.

Religious Celebrations

The school will attend the First School Mass of the new session. The provisional date expected is Friday 7 September 2024 at 10am in St. Peter's PS. The date will be confirmed in due course. Families are welcome! Fr King will also confirm dates for a Primary 1 Blessing in due course. Sacramental meetings are predicted to be on 11 February 2024 between 6pm and 7.30pm. The provisional date for the Sacrament of Reconciliation is set for 1 April 2024 at 6.30pm and First Communion is set for 17 May 2024 at 10am. Confirmation of these dates will be communicated to families in due course following a planned meeting of Fr King and the Head Teachers of both St. Peter's Primary School and St. Mark's Primary School.

I look forward to working in partnership with all children and families. I wish the children every success for the year ahead.

Kind Regards

CL Mullen

Head Teacher