



# St. Peter's Primary School



Education Resources

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## November—December 2024 Newsletter

### UNCRC Coffee Morning

Many thanks to all families who donated sweet treats and raffle prizes for our UNCRC Coffee Morning. The contributions of families were much appreciated. We extend our thanks to families who were able to attend the coffee morning and hope you enjoyed the children's presentation which aimed to raise awareness of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. The children and staff were delighted that so many families were able to attend and are so grateful for the £303 raised for school funds to support the purchase of digital equipment. The Digital Ambassadors have requested the monies to be used to purchase mice and digital headsets for the new Chromebooks which have been funded by the PEF budget.

### Asda Cashpot for Schools

The school have signed up for an Asda Cashpot for Schools Membership. We are delighted to be informed that monies have been raised which currently exceed £100. Many thanks to families who are using their Asda Rewards to support our school. For details on how to link your Asda Rewards on purchases to our school, please refer to the flyer attached to this Newsletter. In the absence of PTA funds, these monies will be used to provide refreshments for Christmas Parties, P1 Santa Gifts and where possible a small Christmas token for P2-7.

### Free Whole School Dynamic Earth Excursion

The children have communicated that they enjoyed their school funded visit to Dynamic Earth in Edinburgh. In 'Pupil Voice' feedback the children explained that the learning foci within science workshops were of interest and that they were able to identify links to climate change, learning for sustainability and strategies for caring for the world environment. The children report that they enjoyed the immersive experience of the Planetarium and felt that learning was supported through visualisation opportunities. From a Cost of the School Day review perspective, the children reported that the cost of items in the shop exceeded their expectations. As a result, the majority of children voted that they would prefer not to attend the shop in future excursions as they would prefer to keep their monies to use for alternative purposes. For this reason and in seeking to minimise the 'Cost of the School Day', children will not be offered the opportunity to attend shops on future excursions. The decision of the children will hopefully succeed in reducing costs for families.

### Parents' Evening

A reminder to all parents /carers that Parents Evening will be held on Thursday 14th November 2024. Please ensure appointments have been scheduled using Parents Portal. Please note that following consultation with other schools and St. Peter's Primary School staff, the decision has been taken not to forward Interim Reports this school session given the proximity of the reporting period to the Parents' Evening. Staff feel they can best discuss the information which would have previously been recorded in Interim Reports within the Parents' Evening. If your child has an active Additional Support Plan, Mr McSorley will provide an opportunity to review your child's targets and offer suggestions on next-steps at Parents Evening. Brand new school uniform items will be available for selection in a range of sizes. Please feel free to select one item per child if their size is available. We this offer helps families to replenish uniform items.

Access to website, email , app, ParentsPortal and X is recommended for receipt of regular updates!

## **Pupil Leadership Roles Update**

Congratulations to Sophie (P7) our Depute School Captain for accepting an interim acting role as School Captain alongside Laiiba and Kyle to support the Pupil Leadership of the school for a short period of time. Congratulations to our Primary 7 children who have been offered the opportunity to develop their skills as digital leaders. Well done to a group of Primary 5 and 6 children who have set up a lunch-time Dance Club to develop their coaching abilities and to help offer dance opportunities to P1. The school are proud of our newly established P6-7 Football Team who represented the school so well at a local football tournament at Jock Stein Sports Centre, winning a number of matches and showing pride in their achievements. We are delighted that Active Schools have selected our school to participate in preliminary training towards possible inclusion in a spring Dance Festival. We hope to continue to offer a range of opportunities for our children to explore and develop their talents and skills throughout the school year.

## **Christmas is Coming**

Please refer to notices in flyers below detailing a range of arrangements for our Christmas festivities. Primary 1-3 will present our Christmas Nativity entitled 'Twinkly Nativity' ensuring that our Christmas celebrations keep Christ in Christmas. Staff will much appreciate your support in helping the children to learn their parts, songs and actions at home. With approximately only 41 children in P1-3 year groups this year, the Nativity has required to be tailored to a more tableau like approach to ensure compatibility with the numbers of children in P2 available to play the central parts and to mitigate the inevitable additional emotional well-being pressures of such young children if a larger scale performance was to be expected. We hope the children enjoy their experience and that their families are proud of their achievements. Please note that our Pupil Leadership Team have selected for the upper school to perform a Christmas Show about an Elf. As a result of their consultation, the children are working towards performing a mini comedy sketch based on the show 'No One Wraps like an Elf'. This is a strong example of 'Pupil Voice' in action. The staff are hoping the children work hard to learn lines, songs, parts and actions within a three week period. It is a tall order but the children seem motivated to give it a try in response to the suggestions of their School Captains. In fact, the audition numbers were so high that the empowerment of the children is clearly evident in their willingness and drive to embrace opportunities to perform. The impact and inspiration of Peterella in March 2023 is demonstrated through a welcomed shift in the children's motivation, engagement and sense of belonging in the wider life of the school. As a remarkable example, every children in Room 4 auditioned to sing a solo part in Mr McSorley's Retiral Mass demonstrating confidence and self-esteem. Most children in Room 3 (P4 only) and Rooms 4-7 auditioned parts in 'No One Wraps Like an Elf'.

## **School App**

The cost of the School App has increased to £... for the next 12 months which is a considerable amount relative to the school budget for communications. As a result, a consultation will be forwarded to parents/carers to ascertain the percentage of families continuing to use the School App given the accessibility of information via email, school website, Parents Portal and 'X'. The Finance Committee will make a decision on the continued use of the School App based on usage in balance with wider school priorities to enable cost savings for key priorities.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all children, staff, families, Fr King and the wider community of St. Peter's Primary School a very safe, happy and Holy build up to Christmas.

Yours Sincerely

*CL Mullen*

# Calendar Dates and Parental Engagement Opportunities

## Learning Showcases

- 12.09.24 Rm 1 at 2.20pm
- 31.10.24 Rm 6 at 2.20pm
- 13.02.25 Rm 4 at 2.20pm
- 24.04.25 Rm 5 at 2.20pm
- 05.06.25 Rm 3 at 2.20pm

## Class Assemblies

- 11.10.24 Rm 4 at 2.20pm
- 29.11.24 Rm 3 at 2.20pm
- 24.01.25 Rm 5 at 2.20pm
- 28.03.25 Rm 1 at 2.20pm
- 17.06.25 Rm 6 at 2.20pm

## Class 'X' Twitter Showcase Weeks

- 19.08.24 Rm 1 P1 Starting School
- 26.08.24 Rm 3
- 16.09.24 Rm 4
- 07.10.24 Rm 5
- 21.10.24 Rm 6
- 04.11.24 Rm 1
- 18.11.24 Rm 4
- 02.12.24 Rm 5
- 09.12.24 Christmas
- 13.01.25 Rm 3
- 03.02.25 Rm 6
- 24.02.25 Rm 3
- 03.03.25 Rm 1
- 17.03.24 Rm 4
- 03.04.25 Talent Show
- 28.04.25 P7 Residential
- 06.05.25 Rm 1
- 02.06.25 Rm 5
- 17.06.25 Rm 6 Leaver's Celebrations

## Leavers' Celebrations

- 23.10.24 Leaver's Celebration Meeting at 4.30pm
- 28.04.25 P7 Dalguise Outdoor Activity Centre
- 17.06.25 Leavers' Mass
- 17.06.25 Leavers' Assembly
- 17.06.25 P7 Celebration Meal / Activity

## PTA Meetings - Provisional Dates

- 18.09.24 AGM Conference Room at 5pm
- 02.10.24 First Meeting of New Group at 5pm
- 27.11.24 Conference Room at 5pm
- 05.02.25 Conference Room at 5.15pm
- 07.05.25 Conference Room at 5pm
- Date of Shorts and Shades Disco tbc

## Faith Life - Provisional Dates

- 06.09.24 First Friday Mass at 10am
- 08.09.24 Our Lady's Birthday Class Charities
- 12.09.24 P1 Blessing at 2pm
- 11.10.24 Mass Month of Mary at 10am
- 01.11.24 All Saints Mass at 10am
- 06.12.24 Advent Mass at 10am
- 20.12.24 Christmas Celebration Mass at 10am
- 07.02.25 New Year Mass at 10am
- 11.02.25 Reconciliation Meeting at 6pm
- 11.02.25 Communion Meeting at 6.30pm
- 11.02.25 Confirmation Meeting at 7pm
- 05.03.25 Ash Wednesday at 10am
- 01.04.25 Reconciliation at 6.30pm
- 17.05.25 First Holy Communion at 10am
- 10.06.25 Confirmation at 7pm
- 20.06.25 End of Term Thanksgiving Mass 10am

## Planned School Events

- 08.09.24 Our Lady's Birthday Food Bank
- 23.09.24 Climate Week
- 07.10.24 Challenge Poverty Week
- 28.10.24 Care Experienced Week
- 31.10.24 Hallowe'en Games
- 01.11.24 UNCRC Coffee Morning 11.30am
- 08.11.24 Photographs
- 11.11.24 Anti-bullying Week
- 14.11.24 Parents' Evening
- 21.11.24 Science Day led by Mr Milwain
- 10.12.24 Christmas Nativity / Show
- 11.12.24 Christmas Nativity / Show
- 13.12.24 P 1, 2 and 3 Party
- 16.12.24 P6 and P7 Party
- 17.12.24 P4 and P5 Party
- 19.12.24 Flu Immunisations
- 30.01.25 World of Work Day led by Miss Keatings
- 07.02.25 Multi-Cultural Day led by Mr Tarrier
- 11.02.25 Safer Internet Day
- 27.02.25 Caring for Climate Coffee at 9.15am
- 06.03.25 World Book Day
- 03.04.25 Talent Show led by Mrs Wilson
- 29.04.25 New P1 Induction 1 at 1.45pm
- 08.05.25 New P1 Induction Lunch at 12pm
- 14.05.25 Health Day led by Mrs Kane
- 21.05.25 Parents' Evening
- 29.05.25 New P1 Induction Day 2 at 1.45pm
- 12.06.25 Sports Day led by Mr McSorley
- 13.06.25 House Treat
- 17.06.25 Leaver's Celebrations
- 18.06.25 Fun Day led by Mrs Goudie
- 19.06.25 Class Transition Switch Day
- 20.06.25 End of Term Mass at 10am
- 20.06.25 Awards Ceremony (children only)

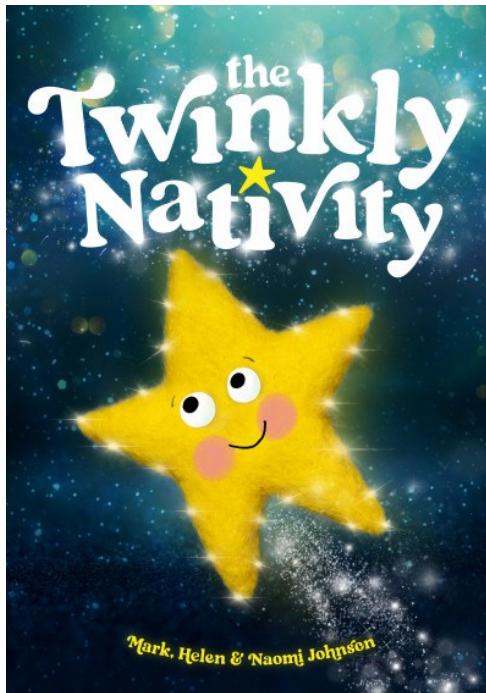
## Our New Vision Values and Aims



### In St. Peter's Primary School we aim to:

- foster excellence and achievement by setting high standards and expectations for learning, progression and engagement.
- offer motivating and challenging learning, play and social experiences which provide opportunities for learners to excel, succeed and achieve in learning, life and positive destinations.
- inspire learners to demonstrate ambition, aspiration and commitment to achieving success in their personal learning journey, wider interests and contributions to a sustainable global society.
- nurture learners to build attachments, self-esteem, confidence and resilience through creating a safe environment in a culture of care, positive relationships and quality health education.
- promote belonging and inclusion through offering a range of opportunities and experiences for involvement in the life of the school and wider community, celebrate our unique identity and diversity and respect children's rights.
- identify and meet learners' needs through well-planned learning experiences, targeted support intervention and quality partnerships with parents/carers, families and linked agencies.
- to develop leadership and voice opportunities at all levels and participate effectively in teamwork to build capacity, encourage empowerment and drive innovation.
- model faith life values by demonstrating kindness, compassion, mutual respect, tolerance, integrity, empathy and care for others in partnership with our families, school and parish community.

## Christmas is Coming



Family and friends are welcome to join us for our performance of  
**'No One Wraps Like an Elf' (Primary 4-7)**

and

**'The Twinkly Nativity' (Primary 1-3)**

on

**Tuesday 10th December at 1.30pm**

**Wednesday 11th December at 1.30pm**

in

**St. Peter's Primary School**

4 tickets per family will be available for sale on Parent Pay from Wednesday 20th November 2024 at 12pm at a cost of £3 per ticket. From 2nd December 2024, tickets will be offered on a 'first come' basis. Please note a small number of guests from local Care Facilities and Sheltered Housing Complexes have been invited to our Dress Rehearsal on Friday 6th December 2024 at 11am. Facilities have the opportunity to communicate numbers directly to the school. Numbers are limited for the comfort and care of our guests.



## December Festivities 2024

**25th November** - Nativity and Elf Show costume items to be in school by this date.

**5th December** - Mr McSorley's Retirement Mass with staff, children and invited guests. All children should wear full school uniform.

**6th December** - Dress Rehearsal presented to Care Facilities and Sheltered Housing guests at 11am. Invitations have been forwarded to local facilities. If families have an elderly relative over 80 years of age or with mobility needs, who live at home, who they feel would be more comfortable in the smaller setting of the Dress Rehearsal, please do not hesitate to contact the school to discuss the possibility of inclusion in the invited guest list.

**10th December** - 'No One Wraps Like an Elf' and 'Twinkly Nativity' at 1.30pm.

**11th December** - 'No One Wraps Like an Elf' and 'Twinkly Nativity' at 1.30pm.

**12th December** - Christmas Cracker Day and Christmas Lunch - Casual dress can be worn to school on this day e.g comfy clothes, Christmas jumpers, Christmas jammies. Children can bring a Christmas story, their favourite cuddly toy, a cushion or a blanket from home to help them feel relaxed on this day. Children will enjoy a Christmas themed activity day.

**13th December** - P1 /2/ 3 Christmas Party with a special visitor for P1.

**16th December** - P6 and P7 Christmas Party.

**17th December** - P4 and P5 Christmas Party

**17th December** - P7 to St. John Ogilvie High School Panto

**20th December** - School closes for Christmas Holiday at 2.30pm

Please note for Christmas parties children can wear their party clothes to school.

As usual, there will be an opportunity before each performance for family members to purchase Magic Squares at a cost of £1 per square. In the absence of a PTA this session, there will only be one adult hamper available for each day of the performance.

Children will have the opportunity to purchase Magic Squares at a cost of 50p per square throughout week beginning 9th December to 12th December in the hope that they win one of two children's hampers. Winners will be announced on 12th December 2024.

**Merry Christmas to All**





## ASDA Rewards Cashpot for Schools



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**# Cost of School Day**



## Health and Safety Update

### 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 stud earrings, they should be taped up for PE. All drop or loop earrings must be removed for participation in PE and physical activities. All other jewellery should be removed for PE lessons. All children should wear appropriate indoor shoes (plimsolls) when participating in PE indoors. Children will not be permitted to wear Crocs, boots, high heeled typed shoes, slippers or shoes with no covered heels as indoor shoes or for PE due to the safety risk to children. Indoor shoes should be shoes that are not worn outside to reduce wear damage to floors and carpets. In addition, we encourage children not to wear false nails to school. Children will not be permitted to participate in PE, Muga or Trim Trail activities whilst wearing false nails (this includes any type of nail augmentations e.g extensions which are not the child's natural nail) due to the risk of harm or injury.

### 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. Vehicles blocking or parking at emergency or main gate exits or out with parking bays or the drop off zone will be asked to move their vehicles to a safe location. A consultation meeting has taken place regarding congestion on Hightstonehall Road outside the perimeter fences of St. Peter's Primary School, Neilsland Primary School and Woodlands Nursery with a view to considering measures to reduce parking in the area, eradicate parking on pavements, prevent engine idling and minimise additional safety risks to pedestrians and other road users. A further update will be provided in due course. In the interim, we would join with Neilsland Primary School and Woodlands Nursery to encourage children and families to walk to school, ride bicycles or scooters to keep active, reduce congestion and minimise impact to the environment. In addition, 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.

### Inclement Weather Health and Safety Notice

A reminder to families that in the event of inclement weather (ice, snow, high winds) requiring the closure of some school gates the children will enter the building through the main pedestrian access gates and follow gritted pathways to the PE hall where they will be supervised by staff. Risk assessments of the outdoor pathways and playground areas are completed at regular intervals throughout the school day. Updates on the weather forecast or any advance weather warnings are considered.

**Many thanks for all your support!**





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