



St. Andrew's Primary Parent Newsletter

Dear Parent,

Now we are at the start of Lent we will be focusing on this throughout the rest of the term. We hope that the activities in school will help you and your child reflect on the true meaning of this season.

Lenten Activities

Each week in Lent we will reflect on various aspects of our preparation for Easter through:

- Prayer
- Fasting
- Almsgiving

Each week at Assembly a class will lead us through a reflection on a particular aspect of our Lenten journey:

- P4 - The triumphant entry into Jerusalem
- P3/4 - Jesus clears the temple
- P3 - The Last Supper
- P2(2) - Garden of Gethsemane
- P2(1) - The trial of Jesus

Also each week at assembly we will pray one or two 'Stations of the Cross', reflecting on the meaning for our own lives.

Each class from P3/4 to P7 are preparing a visual representation of a 'Station of the Cross' which will be displayed outside of their class. The rest of the school will have the opportunity to follow the 'Way of the Cross' in a prayerful and respectful way.

P7 are busy preparing for their own reflection on the Passion and death of Jesus which is called the "Jesus

Mystery?" which they will present to the children and parents of P4 to P7. All are welcome on the following dates:

P7 for P6 & P5/6	24 March
P7 for P5	25 March
P7 for P4	26 March

These take place in the school hall at 1.30pm.

Almsgiving - fundraising

We are all made in the image and likeness of God and because of this we should help those who are most in need. This year we are supporting SCIAF and the Maryhill Foodbank.

Thank you to all those who sent in donations for the foodbank on Friday 27th February. This was a great success and a van had to come to collect the donations! There will be another non-uniform day on Friday 20th of March with proceeds raised going to SCIAF.

The Pupil Council are also organising an Easter Bonnet Parade for children of P1 to P3 on Thursday 2nd April. Again proceeds will be donated to SCIAF.

Healthy Tuck Shop

P3 have organised a very successful tuck shop throughout Lent. A big thank you to all the parents and staff who have supported this important endeavour. Money raised from this will be donated to 'Green Valley School' in South Africa.

Easter Service

Our Easter Service will take place at 10.00am on Thursday 2nd April in St.

Andrew's Church. All are welcome.

School Trips

There have been lots of school trips this term. A big thank you to our parent helpers who have made these trips possible.

- P5 trip to Holyrood Palace
- P7 trip to Scotland Street Museum
- P6 trip to Kelvingrove Art Gallery

.....to name but a few.

Please note that children in P1 to P3 are entitled to a free packed lunch on these trips.

World Book Day

World Book Day was on Thursday 5th March. The children came to school dressed as their favourite character from a book. It was great fun!!

Yours sincerely

Mr. J Kerr
Headteacher

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Parish News

Easter Messenger Reachout

We aim to deliver to all parishioners of St Andrew's Parish. If you haven't received one and would like to, please email your details to info@standrewsbearsden.co.uk or call 942 4635.

Maryhill Foodbank

The need for the foodbank grows weekly with many families and individuals requiring to use this service. The continued support of St Andrew's for this local project is very much appreciated. Currently there is a shortage of the following food and household items:- Pasta sauces, Cereals, Rice, Pot noodles, Flavoured rice, Flavoured pasta, Tins of pasta (e.g. spaghetti hoops), Tins of fish (tuna & sardines), Tins of meat dishes, Tins of fruit, Pudding, UHT milk, Treats (chocolate biscuits, sweets), Squash or cordial, toothbrush / toothpaste, Toilet paper, Disposable nappies. Although grateful for all that they receive, quantity is what is required at present and they are delighted to take "own brand" or "lower cost brand" items. Donations can be handed in to St Andrew's church, which is open every day until 4.45pm.

Confessions

There will be confessions throughout Lent for the children of P4 to P7. This is a valuable opportunity for the children to continue on their faith journey.



Primary 4 First Communion Dates

The children of Primary 4 will receive The Sacrament of Holy Eucharist on Sunday 10 May and Sunday 17 May. The planned rehearsal for 7 May has been re-arranged and will now take place on Wednesday 6 May as the school is closed to pupils on 7 May for the Election.

Parish Bulletins

Please note that Parish Bulletins are now available to view on the School Website.

www.st-andrews.e-dunbarton.sch.uk

Netball News



Since resuming the Netball Club all the girls have been making great improvements.

P7 have played two 'league' matches. The first one was against Mosshead Primary which was a close game, but the girls kept cool heads and we won 6-4.

The second match was against Bearsden Primary who only had a few practices. The girls played with good sportsmanship and we won 20-3. This shows practice does make perfect.

We also had a very tense match against Baljaffray Primary that ended up in us winning 13-12. The girls kept their head and got 2 goals in just over a minute.

Dates for your Diary - March, April & Early May

P3/4 & P4 Roman Workshop (in school)	11 March	All Day
P7 Teambuilding with Castlehill Primary (in school)	11 March	1.00 - 3.00pm
P1 to P3 Numeracy Workshop	12 March	10.30am
P4 to P7 Numeracy Workshop	12 March	1.30pm
P1 Visit from The Dogs Trust	12 March	1.00 - 2.45pm
P5 TRY Rugby Festival	TBC	TBC
Netball Match -v- Bearsden Primary (in school)	18 March	3.00 - 4.30pm
P2(1) & P6 Signs of Spring Welly Walk	19 March	9.30 - 10.30am
P2(2) & P6 Signs of Springs Welly Walk	19 March	11.00 - 12.00pm
Home Learning Forum	24 March	2.00pm
Parent Council Meeting	24 March	7.00pm
P1(1) Pets at Home Trip	25 March	9.50 - 11.10am
P1(2) Pets at Home Trip	26 March	9.50 - 11.10am
P7 Table Tennis League, Drumchapel	27 March	12.00 - 2.55pm
Teacher / Parent Interviews	30 March	7.00 - 9.00pm
Teacher / Parent Interviews	1 April	3.30 - 6.00pm
Easter Service at St. Andrew's Church (All Welcome)	2 April	10.00am
P7 Trip to Ardmay	4 May	
P4 First Communion Rehearsal	6 May	After 10.00am Mass
P4 First Holy Communion	10 May	
P4 First Communion Rehearsal	13 May	After 10.00am Mass
P4 First Holy Communion	17 May	

St. Andrew's Primary PTA

An update on our fundraising activities.....

Mother's Day Secret Present Room

Sincere thanks to everyone who assisted by buying the gifts and to those who wrapped all 164 of them last Monday. We hope that all our Mums have a wonderful day on Sunday and enjoy their presents.

Beer tasting evening night for the Dads, Uncles, Grandas and friends - Friday 1st May, School Hall

Family event - Friday 13th June, 6.30pm - 9pm, School grounds

Watch this space for more details !

Family Fish and Fun Disco - Saturday 14th March 7pm - 10pm, Bearsden Burgh Hall

We look forward to welcoming everyone on Saturday evening for what promises to be a great occasion. There are still tickets left ... please text Anne on 07866 009078 to book. Donations for the Mother's Day hamper will be gratefully received this week - please hand them into the School Office.

Ladies Charity Night - Friday 29th May, 7pm - 11.30pm, School Hall

The charity we'll be supporting this year is Team Lewis (<https://www.facebook.com/TeamLewis14>).

We are extremely grateful to Carousel Training, 276 Bath Street, Glasgow G2 4JR who have made an extremely generous donation which will enable us to buy some fantastic prizes.

Thank you for your continuing support

St Andrew's Primary PTA

PS Find us on Facebook: St Andrew's Primary's Parent Community



School Holidays

March 2015 to June 2015

School Closes at 2.30pm Thursday 2 April (Easter Break)

Pupils Return Monday 20 April

School Closed Monday 4 May (May Day)

In-Service Day Thursday 21 May

School Closed Friday 22 May (May Weekend)

School Closed Monday 25 May

Pupils Return Tuesday 26 May

Last Day of School Thursday 25 June

Pupil Attendance

Please telephone the school before 9am if possible if your child(ren) are going to be **LATE** or **ABSENT** from school. We also **require a note** on their return to school verifying when and why they were off in line with East Dunbartonshire Council policy. This will assist the Admin Staff when monitoring pupil absences. Many thanks for your assistance.

Pupil Attendance

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Parent Council

At the Parent Council meeting on the 24th February we were joined by Simon Mair who runs the Primary School Improvement Programme for East Dunbartonshire Council. It was an opportunity for members of the Parent Council to ask on behalf of the Parent Forum what the next steps are in developing a new school on the site of St. Andrew's.

At some point after Easter, East Dunbartonshire Council will write to all parents and invite them to nominate themselves to be members of the Interim Parent Council for the new school. The Interim Parent Council will be constituted by parents of both St. Andrews's and St. Josephs Primary Schools and will have an important role in ensuring the new school is fit for purpose for our children and future generations of Catholic children in the area. If you are interested in a role on the Interim Parent Council please see the Councils website for more information (http://www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk/content/education_and_learning/schools/primary_school_imp_programme.aspx) or speak to one of the Parent Council members.

The existing Parent Council for the school will continue to run in tandem with the Interim Parent Council until the new school is occupied. All parents will have the opportunity to contribute to a discussion on design of the new school in due course.

Greater Maryhill Foodbank

Fighting food poverty in our community

A huge thank you to all pupils and parents from St Andrews Primary for their generous food donations for the Maryhill Foodbank.



The response was overwhelming.

From Miss Stewart and the Pupil Council

WORLD BOOK DAY

5 MARCH 2015

On March 5th, the pupils celebrated World Book Day by dressing up as their favourite book character. We had Alice in Wonderland, Matilda, Dorothy from the Wizard of Oz, Paddington Bear, Mary Poppins, Oompa loompas and Horrid Henry. Mrs McConnell was dressed up as Professor McGonagall and she had many Harry Potter's, Hermione Granger's and Ron Weasley's to cast spells upon. There was even some 'Where's Wally' hiding in the school including Mrs Quail and Miss Stewart. Check out our fantastic photos.



More to follow on our website!

Newsletter Comments

Name of Child _____ Class _____

Please comment on any issues or concerns.

Signature of Parent _____

Date _____

Thank you.



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St Andrew's Primary School Parent Helpers for Library Session 2014-2015

Name of Child _____ Class _____

Name of Parent _____ Tel. No. _____

I will be able to help in the Library on (please tick the appropriate box(es))

Tuesday Afternoon ☐

Both Afternoons ☐

Thursday Afternoon ☐

Signature of Parent _____ Date _____