



St Louise Primary



Winter Newsletter 2022

School News

- Thank you to all families who attended the parent/carer open evening, it was a great turn out and we really appreciated the feedback on what makes our school unique and what you want the curriculum to do for your child – this will now feed into our rationale and we will share this with families once it is complete.
- Our children and families were very generous during our Mary's Meals' Porridge Day raising £217.91 and our Wear It Blue for Kilbryde Hospice raising £186.96 – both charities are very appreciative of our continued support and the children were able to find out how their money helps when Kilbryde Hospice spoke to them at our assembly.
- We would also like to thank our families for their kind donations during our 50th anniversary celebrations as it has provided our school with £141.44 to use with our pupils to support their learning and opportunities.
- We were delighted to finish in the top 4 of the 'Beat the Street' competition and well done to all in the St Louise Community who helped to achieve this – including the lovely sports leaders from STA&STBs.
- Book Fair week was a great success and due to families collectively spending just over £500 we now have access to their online resources for a year and £240 to spend on books for our school. Thank you!
- Loaves and Fishes joined our P6 and P7 class to discuss how foodbanks can help families and what we can do to help – please support their Christmas appeal if you can.
- We had a wonderful turnout at our first Halloween discos since covid and a fun time was had by all.
- We were sad to have Mrs Rose – who has worked in our office for nearly 20 years – move onto pastures new. We gave her a wonderful send off and wish her the very best in her new job.
- P6 have now been enrolled into the Pope Francis Faith Award programme and will work over the next two years to complete this.
- The Legion of Mary joined us in October to lead the school in a decade of the Rosary.
- Christopher, who is a student priest at Our Lady of Lourdes parish, has visited each class to introduce himself and is supporting our pupils with their sacraments.
- Thank you to Fr Dougan who met with the parents/carers of children who will be making their sacraments this session.
- Our P7s made their Confirmation on Wednesday 16th November and we ask all of the St Louise community to keep them in their thoughts and prayers.



PSG

Our Parent Staff Group held their recent AGM and we thank them for all the hard work and support they have given and continue to give to our school community.

Our new office bearers were elected for session 2022-23 and they are as follows:

Chairperson: Gillian Bonner
Treasurer: Elena Gill
Secretary: Karen Johnstone
Lets Manager: Charlene Gemmell
Church Representative: Kathleen McCann



Labels

Can we ask you to ensure your child's belongings are labelled please e.g. jackets, packed lunch boxes etc. There are many similar, if not identical items, so a label helps them and us to keep track of their belongings.

Absences

If your child is absent for any reason please ensure you call the school first thing in the morning (**01355 230804**). All of these procedures are in place to help ensure the safety of our children and I thank you in advance for your co-operation with these. A copy of the school's attendance information can be downloaded from the school website.



Safety First

For Health & Safety reasons jewellery should not be worn on gym days. If you cannot remove your child's earrings could I ask that you provide him/her with plasters to cover them

Promoting Positive Behaviour and Relationships

St Louise positive behaviour policy encourages pupils to aim for high standards in behaviour, work and effort - in class, in the playground, in the cafeteria and when representing St Louise as part of a team or on a class trip.

The system also encourages the children to follow our three basic school rules:

- **Do as you are asked**
- **Be kind, respectful and helpful**
- **Keep hurtful hands, feet and objects to yourself**

We also have three visible consistencies that we are all using to ensure our school is a great place for all. These include:

1. Using our good manners and respectful words when speaking to each other
2. Walking around the school in a safe and quiet manner
3. Listening well to others when they speak to us or visit us



Gentle Reminders

Head lice

Can I remind you to check your child's hair for head lice on a regular basis? The guidance suggests that parents/carers should aim to check their children's hair once a week during normal hair washing. Information leaflets with useful advice and guidance are available at your local pharmacy. You can also access useful advice from www.onceaweektakeapeek.com. Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can provide any further help.

Holidays

Can I ask you to avoid taking your child out of school for holidays during term time please? This can be very disruptive to your child's education as they miss valuable teaching input when they are absent. These absences are recorded as 'Unauthorised' (except in very exceptional circumstances) and do not help us present a positive picture in relation to our annual absence data.

Screw on Water Bottles

We want to encourage children to drink water throughout the day as we are aware of the potential benefits of doing so. Children can bring their own full water bottle into school with them and we do have a water point where bottles can be refilled if necessary. It would help immensely if you could try and use water bottles with a secure lid that only requires a flip open as many of the younger children are struggling with screw on tops. Unless there is a medical reason why your child needs an alternative to plain water, only plain water is permitted in your child's bottle.

Pets

Please note that pets are not permitted on school grounds except those who are needed for assistance. If you have a pet, and are collecting your child, could we ask you to do so from outside the school gate.

We also have children who are scared of dogs and would ask that you stand away from the main pedestrian gate to allow pupils to leave the school without fear.

Scooters and Bikes

Please note, if children are bringing scooters or bikes to school, they should dismount at the school gates and walk with their scooter/bike when in the school grounds. When leaving, they should walk their scooter/bike out and only get on it once out of the school gates. This is important for the health and safety of those in the playground. We will reiterate this rule to the children but would appreciate your support in reminding them of it.

Nut Allergies

Due to the increase of children with severe nut allergies, children **must not** have nut products as a snack or part of a packed lunch.

Thank you in advance for your support with all of the above.

Christmas Activities

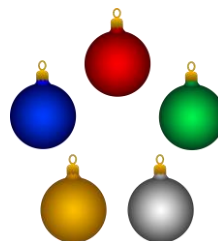
We have issued a Christmas events timetable so that you have information regarding all activities going on and the information needed for these. Contact the school office if you would like a paper copy sent home with your child.



Christmas Parties

All parties will take place on the following dates and times and children should come to school on these days in their party clothes:

Monday 19th December – P1 and P2
 Tuesday 20th December– P3 and P4
 Wednesday 21st December – P5 and P6
 Thursday 22nd December – P7



St Louise Website

A range of information concerning school life is available via our school website www.st-louises-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk you can also follow our school life on our Twitter feed @stlouiseprimary
 Almost all communication is now done via the school app but please contact the school office if you require a paper copy of any of our documents.

Dates for your Diary

Friday 25 th November	9.20am Find Out Friday
16 th – 30 th November	Catholic Education Week
Thursday 1 st December	6.30pm P7 Parent Information Evening – STA&STBs
Friday 2 nd December	6.00-8.00pm PSG Christmas Fair
Monday 5 th December	5.30pm 'My Child is So Anxious' Workshop – St Hilary's PS
Friday 9 th December	Dress Rehearsals
Monday 12 th December	P1&2 Nativity morning (10.00am) and evening performance (7.00pm)
Tuesday 13 th December	P3-7 Christmas Show afternoon performance (1.30pm)
Wednesday 14 th December	P3-7 Christmas Show afternoon (1.30pm) and evening performance (7.00pm)
Thursday 15 th December	School Christmas Lunches
Monday 19 th December	Pm P1&2 Christmas Party
Tuesday 20 th December	10.45am P4-7 Confessions Pm P3&4 Christmas Party
Wednesday 21 st December	Pm P5&6 Christmas Party
Thursday 22 nd December	Pm P7 Christmas Party
Friday 23 rd December	2.30pm School Closes
Monday 9 th January	Pupils Return
Wednesday 11 th January	7.00pm Parent Council Meeting (PSG)
Tuesday 17 th January	5.30pm 'Coping with Challenging Behaviours at Home' workshop – St Louise PS
Friday 20 th January	P5 Retreat
Sunday 22 nd January	11.00am Our Lady of Lourdes Enrolment Mass for First Communion and First Confession
Sunday 29 th January	4.00pm St Vincent's Enrolment Mass for First Communion and First Confession
Wednesday 8 th February	7.00pm Parent Council Meeting (PSG)
Thursday 9 th February	9.20am Find Out Thursday
Friday 17 th February	P5 Retreat
Tuesday 21 st February	9.30am 'My Child Struggles to Go to School' Workshop – St Leonard's PS
Wednesday 22 nd February	1.30pm OLOL Ash Wednesday Mass
Monday 27 th February	Fairtrade Fortnight
Thursday 2 nd March	World Book Day – Dress as a character
Tuesday 7 th March	7.00pm St Vincent's Sacrament of Reconciliation
Wednesday 8 th March	7.00pm Our Lady of Lourdes Sacrament of Reconciliation
Wednesday 15 th March	7.00pm Parent Council Meeting (PSG)
Tuesday 21 st March	9.30am 'Helping Them to Better Understand Emotions' Workshop – St Leonard's PS

	Cross Country
Wednesday 4 th March	10.45am P3-7 Confessions
Wednesday 29 th March	East Kilbride Dance Festival -Calderglen High School
Friday 31 st March	2.30pm School Closes
Monday 17 th April	Pupils Return
Tuesday 25 th April	1.10pm P4 First Communion Practice -St Vincent's
Wednesday 26 th April	1.20pm P4 First Communion Practice – OLOL 7.00pm Parent Council Meeting (PSG)
Tuesday 2 nd May	P7 to Auchengillan
Saturday 6 th May	10.00am St Vincent's First Communion 12noon OLOL First Communion
Monday 8 th May	Bank Holiday – King's Coronation
Tuesday 9 th May	10.00am St Louise Feast Day Mass OLOL St Louise Disco P1-3 (6-7pm) and P4-7 (7.15-8.15pm)
Wednesday 10 th May	9.20am Find Out Wednesday
Wednesday 17 th May	6.00pm P7 Parent & Pupil Open Evening – STA&STBs
Thursday 18 th May	1.30pm Ascension Thursday Mass - OLOL 3.15pm Parents' Evening
Monday 22 nd May	P7 Induction Day 1
Tuesday 23 rd May	P7 Induction Day 2
Wednesday 24 th May	7.00pm Parent Council Meeting (PSG)
Friday 2 nd June	P7 Retreat
Week beginning 5 th June	St Louise Sports Day (Day TBC)
Friday 9 th June	St Louise Summer Fayre 6-8pm
Tuesday 13 th June	1.30pm P7 Leavers' Mass
Tuesday 20 th June	1.30pm P7 Leavers' Assembly
Tuesday 27 th June	1.00pm School Closes

** Please note that these are proposed dates and may be subject to change. We will endeavour to give as much notice as possible if dates need to be changed**

We always welcome the views of all our stakeholders and if anyone has any ideas or suggestions they wish to raise with us please send these in writing, by email gw14stlouiseoffice@glow.sch.uk or phone the school.

Please note that the **school closes at 2.30pm on 23rd December.**

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy and Holy Christmas when it comes and best wishes for 2023!

Yours sincerely

Siobhan Mooty
Head Teacher

