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St Louise Primary Winter Newsletter 2023

School News

- Thank you to all families who attended the parent/carer open evening, it was a great turn out and the children enjoyed showing off their learning environment.
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- Our children and families were very generous during our Mary's Meals'
 Porridge Day raising £360 the charity are very appreciative of our continued support and the children were able to find out how their money helps children less fortunate than ourselves.
- Book Fair week was a great success and due to families collectively spending £486 we now have access to their online resources for a year and £174.61 to spend on resources for the school. Thank vou!
- We had a wonderful turnout at our Halloween disco and a fun time was had by all.
- P6 have now been enrolled into the Pope Francis Faith Award programme and will work over the next two years to complete this.
- Our extra-curricular clubs and festivals have started and will continue throughout the session and
 we thank all the volunteers who give their time freely to ensure the children can benefit from this
 extra provision.
- Congratulations to our new P6 Missio Champions who were commissioned at a service in Carfin grotto this term.
- Our P4-6 classes have benefited from inputs on financial education with workshops provided by MyBnk called Money Twists.
- Thank you to everyone who completed our participatory budget consultation and 'school trips and educational visits' are the winning item and classes will now think about the different opportunities to take part in.
- Thank you to Fr Romanus and Deacon Bill for leading our P1 class in a blessing for this new school session.
- Thank you to Deacon Bill for celebrating a Eucharistic Service with us on All Saints Day.

St Louise Primary School Inspection

Thank you to all our children, families and staff who supported our recent inspection process. The inspectors were so impressed with all children, the learning and progress within the school and the partnership working between families and staff to ensure all children can make very good progress in our school. The official inspection report will be published within the next two weeks and we will send a link to this when it becomes available. — Well Done Everyone!!

<u>PSG</u>

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 2023-24 and they are as
 ★ follows:

★ Chairperson: Gillian Bonner
 ★ Treasurer: Elena Gill
 ★ Secretary: Louise Gardner

☆ 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.

★ This term we will start our first round of attendance reviews and will notify any families where attendance is sitting below 85%. Please note, that in order for a child to finish the school year on an attendance rate of 90% or above, they would need to have no more than 10 days absence across the full school session.

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:

- 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



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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.

★ Holidavs

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☆ 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.

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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.

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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 reminding them of it.

$\stackrel{\wedge}{\square}$ **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 18th December − P1 and P2 Tuesday 19th December P3 and P4 Wednesday 20th December – P5 and P6 Thursday 21st December – P7

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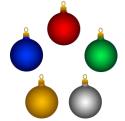
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St Louise Website

A range of information concerning school life is available via our school website www.st-louises-pri.slanark.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

Thursday 9 th November	5.00pm P3, P4 and P7 Sacramental Meeting – St Louise Primary
Monday 13 th November	In-service Day – School closed to pupils
Tuesday 14 th November	6.00pm P7 Welcome Mass – STA&STBs
Thursday 16 th November	7.00pm Annual Education Mass – Cathedral Motherwell
Friday 17 th November	9.15am Find Out Friday
16 th – 30 th November	Catholic Education Weeks
Monday 20 th November	Am – Pantomime - Cinderella
Wednesday 22 nd November	3.45pm P7 Sports Transition Event -STA&STBs
Friday 1st December	6.00pm – 8.00pm Christmas Fair
Friday 8 th December	Dress Rehearsals
Monday 11 th December	P1&2 Nativity morning (10.00am) and evening performance
Worlday 11 December	(7.00pm)
Tuesday 12 th December	10.45am P4-7 Confessions
Tucoday 12 December	P3-7 Christmas Show afternoon performance (1.15pm)
Wednesday 13 th December	P3-7 Christmas Show afternoon (1.15pm) and evening
Wednesday 10 December	performance (7.00pm)
Monday 18th December	Pm P1&2 Christmas Party
Tuesday 19 th December	Pm P3&4 Christmas Party
Wednesday 20 th December	Pm P5&6 Christmas Party
Thursday 21st December	Pm P7 Christmas Party
Friday 22 nd December	2.30pm School Closes
Monday 8th January	Pupils Return
Sunday 21st January	11.00am Enrolment Mass for First Communion and First
Curiday 21 Curidary	Confession - OLOL (P3 and P4 pupils)
Wednesday 24th January	6.30pm P7 Parent/Carer Information Evening – STA&STBs –
Treameday 21 candary	Parent/Carers Only
	7.00pm Parent Council (PSG) Meeting – Online
Thursday 8 th February	9.15am Find Out Thursday
Monday 12 th and Tuesday 13 th	School Holidays
February	Solido: Hollady o
Wednesday 14th February	In-service Day - school not open to pupils
Wednesday 21st February	6.00pm P3 Sacrament of Reconciliation – OLOL
	7.00pm Parent Council (PSG) Meeting - Hybrid
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day
Friday 8th March	10.30 P6 Swimming Session 1 (12 weeks)
Wednesday 13 th March	7.00pm Parent Council (PSG) Meeting - Hybrid
Tuesday 19th March	10.45am P3-7 Confessions
Thursday 28 th March	2.30pm School Closes
Monday 15 th April	Pupils Return
Wednesday 17 th April	7.00pm Parent Council (PSG) Meeting - Hybrid
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Thursday 25 th April	7.00pm P7 Confirmation – St Vincent's Church
Thursday 2 nd May	In-service Day – school not open to pupils
Friday 3 rd May	10.00am St Louise Feast Day Mass - OLOL
Monday 6 th May	School Holiday
Thursday 9 th May	10.00am Ascension Thursday Mass – OLOL
	6.00pm – 7.00pm P1-P4 St Louise Disco
	7.15pm – 8.15pm P5-P7 St Louise Disco
Tuesday 14 th May	11.00am P7 PFFA Mass – St Vincent's Church
	1.20pm P4 First Communion Practice - OLOL
Wednesday 15 th May	7.00pm Parent Council (PSG) Meeting - Hybrid
Thursday 16 th May	3.15pm Parents' Evening
Saturday 18th May	12noon P4 First Communion – OLOL
Monday 20 th May – Thursday 23 rd	P7 Auchengillan
May	
Friday 24th and Monday 27th May	School Holidays
Wednesday 29 th May	9.15am Find Out Wednesday
	P7 Open Evening – STA&STBs – St Louise (Session 1 at
	6.00pm) Parents/Carers and Pupils
Thursday 30 th and Friday 31 st May	P7 Induction Days
Week beginning 3 rd June	St Louise Sports Day (Day TBC)
Friday 7 th June	6.00pm-8.00pm Summer Fair
Tuesday 11th June	1.30pm P7 Leavers' Assembly
Tuesday 18th June	1.30pm P7 Leavers' Mass
Wednesday 26 th June	1.00pm School Closes

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 gw14stlouisepsoffice@glow.sch.uk or phone the school.

Please note that the school closes at 2.30pm on 22nd December.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy and Holy Christmas when it comes and best wishes for 2024!

Yours sincerely

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^{**} 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**