



# 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.
- 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 you!
- 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!!

## 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 2023-24 and they are as follows:

- ★ Chairperson: Gillian Bonner
- ★ Treasurer: Elena Gill
- ★ Secretary: Louise Gardner
- ★ Church Representative: Kathleen McCann







**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**

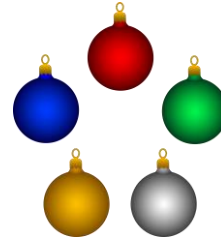
We have issued a Christmas events timetable so that you have information regarding all activities going on and the information needed for these. Contact the school office if you would like a paper copy sent home with your child.



## 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 18<sup>th</sup> December – P1 and P2
- ★ Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December– P3 and P4
- ★ Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December – P5 and P6
- ★ Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> 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](http://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

Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	5.00pm P3, P4 and P7 Sacramental Meeting – St Louise Primary
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	In-service Day – School closed to pupils
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	6.00pm P7 Welcome Mass – STA&STBs
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	7.00pm Annual Education Mass – Cathedral Motherwell
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	9.15am Find Out Friday
16 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Catholic Education Weeks
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Am – Pantomime - Cinderella
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	3.45pm P7 Sports Transition Event -STA&STBs
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	6.00pm – 8.00pm Christmas Fair
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Dress Rehearsals
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	P1&2 Nativity morning (10.00am) and evening performance (7.00pm)
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	10.45am P4-7 Confessions P3-7 Christmas Show afternoon performance (1.15pm)
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	P3-7 Christmas Show afternoon (1.15pm) and evening performance (7.00pm)
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Pm P1&2 Christmas Party
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Pm P3&4 Christmas Party
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Pm P5&6 Christmas Party
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Pm P7 Christmas Party
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	2.30pm School Closes
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	Pupils Return
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> January	11.00am Enrolment Mass for First Communion and First Confession - OLOL (P3 and P4 pupils)
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	6.30pm P7 Parent/Carer Information Evening – STA&STBs – <b>Parent/Carers Only</b> 7.00pm Parent Council (PSG) Meeting – Online
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	9.15am Find Out Thursday
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	School Holidays
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	In-service Day - school not open to pupils
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	6.00pm P3 Sacrament of Reconciliation – OLOL 7.00pm Parent Council (PSG) Meeting - Hybrid
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	10.30 P6 Swimming Session 1 (12 weeks)
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	7.00pm Parent Council (PSG) Meeting - Hybrid
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	10.45am P3-7 Confessions
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	2.30pm School Closes
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	Pupils Return
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	7.00pm Parent Council (PSG) Meeting - Hybrid

Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	7.00pm P7 Confirmation – St Vincent's Church
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	In-service Day – school not open to pupils
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	10.00am St Louise Feast Day Mass - OLOL
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	School Holiday
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> May	11.00am P7 PFFA Mass – St Vincent's Church 1.20pm P4 First Communion Practice - OLOL
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	7.00pm Parent Council (PSG) Meeting - Hybrid
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	3.15pm Parents' Evening
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	12noon P4 First Communion – OLOL
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> May – Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	P7 Auchengillan
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> and Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	School Holidays
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	9.15am Find Out Wednesday P7 Open Evening – STA&STBs – St Louise (Session 1 at 6.00pm) <b>Parents/Carers and Pupils</b>
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> and Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May	P7 Induction Days
Week beginning 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	St Louise Sports Day (Day TBC)
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	6.00pm-8.00pm Summer Fair
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	1.30pm P7 Leavers' Assembly
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	1.30pm P7 Leavers' Mass
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:gw14stlouiseoffice@glow.sch.uk) or phone the school.

Please note that the **school closes at 2.30pm on 22<sup>nd</sup> 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

Siobhan Mooty  
Head Teacher

