

# St Louise Primary School

## Spring Newsletter



### School News

- Our Multisport classes continued with P4 last term and will now move down through P3, P2 and P1.
- Our extra-curricular clubs continue this term and many children will take part in the associated festivals.
- Thank you to Fr Dougan and Fr Romanus for leading us in a number of church celebrations and events.
- Active schools continue to provide a range of opportunities for our pupils which have included volleyball, cricket and basketball.
- Our P3, P4 and P7 pupils continue their preparations for this year's sacraments. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.
- There was a great turn out at our first 'Find out Friday' session and we thank all families for joining us.
- The children enjoyed all the Christmas festivities planned which included the panto, Christmas lunch, class parties, joint working with Heathery Knowe and fundraising for the parent council.
- A huge well done to everyone in the school for the fabulous nativity and Christmas school shows that everyone enjoyed coming along to.
- Thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas Fair and the fundraising efforts that continue to benefit all children in our school.
- Our P6 and P7 children will have the opportunity this term to take part in SLC's Kids Kitchen programme and parents/carers will be invited to come along to the final session.



### P6 Swimming

In term 3 our P6 children will attend a block of swimming lessons. Please see the section on dates below for the first session. A letter with more information will be issued to our P6 pupils nearer the time.

### Adverse Weather

As you know we have now entered the colder months of the year with the possibility of adverse weather. Please refer to the school's adverse weather plan, which is available to download from the school website. We will endeavour to notify parents/carers as soon as possible of any school closures or disruption to the normal school day through our Twitter, school website and school app. You can also keep up to date with information relating to schools on South Lanarkshire Council's website and Twitter feed.

## Lent

As usual, during Lent we will take part in many fundraising activities to support our charities of Let the Children Live, SCIAF and Missio. Please see the table below for information on these events and any important information.

As many families prefer to give their children a cash contribution to bring with them to school on the Fridays we are having our fundraising events, our parent council have kindly offered to support us with this as the school can no longer accept cash. This means that children will be able to bring in money instead of contributing through the ParentPay system and our charities will receive the funds via our parent council.

We also understand that times are tough for everyone so please only donate when and where you can.

Date	Event / Time	Action
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Hospice Heroes Day	Children can dress as a hero today or dress down and we will collect a cash donation for Kilbryde Hospice.
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	Ash Wednesday  In-service Day	Beginning of Lent.  Please see St Vincent's and Our Lady of Lourdes bulletin for Lent mass times throughout February and March.
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Wear it Blue for Damu	Children to dress down in anything blue for the day - following the council's policy on appropriate clothing in schools.  The suggested donation for today is £1 but any donations would be greatly received.
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day	All children can dress up in their favourite book character or come to school in pyjamas or a onesie.
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Odd Sock and Shoe Day	Children can come to school with odd socks and odd shoes on today. They should wear their school uniform.  Charity Donations can be made through ParentPay - Lenten Charities Link or we can accept cash donations.
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Crazy Hair Day	Children can come to school with a crazy hair style of their choice. They should wear their school uniform today.  Charity Donations can be made through ParentPay - Lenten Charities Link or we can accept cash donations.

Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Express Yourself Day	Children can dress down today and come in their own clothes - following the council's policy on appropriate clothing in schools.  Charity Donations can be made through ParentPay - Lenten Charities Link or we can accept cash donations.
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Talent Show Dress Down Day  2.30pm	All children can come in their own clothes - following the council's policy on appropriate clothing in schools.  Charity Donations can be made through ParentPay - Lenten Charities Link or we can accept cash donations.  School Closes for Easter Holidays.

**PSG (Parent Council)**

Our Parent and Staff Group meetings continue virtually and our next meeting is **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January**. If you would like to join us please look out for the information on our school app. In the meantime, if you are interested in hearing more about our Parent and Staff Group or would like to contact them the email address is: [St.LouisePSG@gmail.com](mailto:St.LouisePSG@gmail.com)



**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 them with plasters to cover them. Also, a gentle reminder that our PE kit is a white t-shirt and royal blue shorts/plain tracksuit bottoms or leggings.



**Gym Shoes**

To ensure children are able to fully participate in PE lessons and from a safety aspect, could I please ask that you check your children's gym shoes throughout the school session and replace them when they have become too small or have become damaged from wear and tear. Teaching staff will also encourage children to bring them home and to let you know when new shoes are needed.

**Wider Achievements**

Each week we will send out the link to our wider achievements form. Please complete this if there is any achievement out of school you would like us to share at assembly and put on our wall. If you have any pictures you would like to share with the achievement, please send these into the office email.



## Gentle Reminders

Please continue to follow our road safety guidance which can found on our school website policies section.

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 online. You can access useful advice from [www.onceaweektakeapeek.com](http://www.onceaweektakeapeek.com).

Please note that, 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.

You must let us know as soon as possible if your child is going to be absent from school and **no later than 9.30am** on the first day of absence. Please note that we have a 24-hour answering service where a message can be left to alert us to an absence. It is also helpful if you could send in a letter/email to the office to inform us of any pre-planned absences.

All 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.

## Dates for your Diary

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)
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	P5 Retreat – The Eucharist
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 21 <sup>st</sup> March	10.00 P6 Euroquiz
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Dance Festival – Calderglen High School
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
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	P4-7 Wear Yellow Sunshine Walk and P1-3 Teddy Bears' Picnic
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	P7 Retreat – School Leavers 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 the school will close on **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 2.30pm**. On behalf of all the pupils and staff here at St Louise Primary we wish you a Happy and Holy Easter break when it comes.

Yours sincerely

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