

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. Please complete the online permissions if you wish your child to attend any of the club offers.
- Thank you to Fr Kenny and Fr Romanus for leading us in a number of church celebrations and events last term.
- Active schools continue to provide a range of opportunities for our pupils which have included cricket, tennis and handball.
- Our P3 and P4 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 focus was on Children's Rights and we look forward to the next session this term.
- 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.
- P7s are continuing their transition work with STA&STBs and we thank Fr Colm for a lovely welcome mass at St Andrew's and St Bride's High School.



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 parentsportal. 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 |
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| Friday 14 th February | Hospice Heroes Day | Children can dress as a hero today or dress down and we will collect a cash donation for Kilbryde Hospice. |
| Friday 28 th 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. |
| Wednesday 5 th March | Ash Wednesday | Beginning of Lent. Mass will be celebrated today with Fr Kenny at church or in school. |
| Thursday 6 th March | World Book Day | All children can dress up in their favourite book character or come to school in pyjamas or a onesie. |
| Friday 14 th 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 21 st 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. |

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| Friday 28 th 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. |
| Friday 4 th April | 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 22nd January**. If you would like to join us please look out for the information on parentsportal. 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



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

Please complete the wider achievement form on the school website or parentsportal 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 be found on our school website policies section. Please note that, particularly in the morning, the double gate entrance at the top of the road is for vehicle access and pupils should enter the school grounds via the main pedestrian gate. Children who are being dropped off in the parent/carer car park should also follow the crossing around and not walk across the car park. This allows children to follow the safest route into school. **Any parents/carers who choose to walk their child in the top gate and through moving vehicles or across the school car park, do so at their own risk.**

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.

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 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

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| Monday 6 th January | Pupils Return |
| Week beginning 13 th January | P1 Enrolments for August 2025 |
| Wednesday 15 th January | 6.30pm Parent/Carer Information Session – STA&STBs – Parents/Carers Only |
| Sunday 19 th January | 11.30am P3 and P4 Reconciliation and First Communion Enrolment Mass – St Vincent's Church |
| Wednesday 22 nd January | 7.00pm Parent Council Meeting - Online |
| Week beginning 27 th January | P1 – P7 NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe Workshops across the week |
| Thursday 6 th February | 9.15am Find Out Thursday Session |
| Friday 7 th February | 10.00am First Friday Mass – OLOL – Some classes will attend |
| Tuesday 11 th February | 7.00pm Mass to celebrate OLOL opening – some children will be invited to take part |
| Friday 14 th February | Hospice Heroes Day – Dress as a hero today |
| Monday 17 th February | Holiday – Schools Closed |
| Tuesday 18 th February | |
| Wednesday 19 th February | In-service Day – Children Do Not Attend |
| Wednesday 26 th February | Parent Council Meeting - Online |
| Friday 28 th February | Wear It Blue For Damu Day |
| Wednesday 5 th March | 10.00am Ash Wednesday Mass - OLOL |
| Thursday 6 th March | World Book Day |
| Friday 7 th March | 1.30pm P6 Swimming Session 1 (12 weeks) |
| Week Beginning 10 th March | 8.15am Mon and Fri Mass for Lent in OLOL |
| Tuesday 11 th March | 6.00pm P3 Reconciliation – St Vincent's Church |
| Friday 14 th March | Odd Sock and Shoe Day |
| Wednesday 19 th March | 7.00pm Parent Council Meeting |
| Friday 21 st March | Crazy Hair Day |

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| Friday 28 th March | Express Yourself Day |
| Friday 4 th April | Talent Show 2.30pm School Closes |
| Tuesday 22 nd April | Pupils Return |
| Wednesday 23 rd April | 7.00pm Parent Council Meeting |
| Thursday 1 st May | In-service Day – Pupils Do Not Attend |
| Monday 5 th May | Holiday – Schools Closed |
| Thursday 8 th May | St Louise Feast Day Disco 6.00-7.00pm (P1-4) 7.15-8.15pm (P5-7) |
| Friday 9 th May | 10.00am St Louise Feast Day Mass - OLOL |
| Wednesday 14 th May | 7.00pm Parent Council Meeting |
| Thursday 15 th May | 3.15pm Parents' Evening |
| Wednesday 21 st May | 9.15am Find Out Wednesday |
| Thursday 22 nd May | Dress Down Day – Donations for Raffle and Tombola for Summer Fayre |
| Friday 23 rd May | Holiday – Schools Closed |
| Monday 26 th May | |
| Tuesday 27 th May | 6.00-7.00pm P7 Open Evening – STA&STBs – Parents/carers and pupils to attend |
| Wednesday 28 th May | P7 Induction Days – STA&STBs |
| Thursday 29 th May | |
| Thursday 29 th May | 10.00am Ascension Thursday Mass - OLOL |
| Saturday 31 st May | 10.00am P4 First Communion – St Vincent's Church |
| Week beginning 2 nd June | St Louise Sports Day (Day TBC) |
| Tuesday 3 rd June | 11.00 PFFA Mass – St Bride's Church |
| Friday 6 th June | 6.00-8.00pm Summer Fayre |
| Monday 9 th June – Thursday 12 th June | P7 Auchengillan |
| Tuesday 17 th June | 1.30pm P7 Leavers' Mass – St Louise Primary |
| Monday 23 rd June | 1.15pm P7 Leavers' Assembly – St Louise Primary |
| Wednesday 25 th June | 1.00pm School Closes |

Please note that the school will close on **Friday 4th April 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

Siobhan Mooty

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Head Teacher

