

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 or festivals.
- Thank you to Fr Kenny and Fr Romanus for leading us in a number of church celebrations and events last term.
- Our Mini Vinnies had a lovely mass and conference at Carfin and enjoyed meeting up with other mini vinnies from South Lanarkshire Council.
- Active schools continue to provide a range of opportunities for our pupils including cricket and karate.
- Our P3 and P4 continue their preparations for this year's sacraments. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.
- 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 Fayre and the fundraising efforts that continue to benefit all children in our school.
- P7s are continuing their transition work with STA&STBs and look forward to the variety of opportunities available.



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 BlueSky, the school website and parentsportal. You can also keep up to date with information relating to schools on South Lanarkshire Council's website and social media feed.

Lent

As usual, during Lent we will take part in many fundraising activities to support our charities of Let the Children Live, SCIAF, Kilbryde Hospice 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
Wednesday 18 th February	Ash Wednesday	Beginning of Lent. As it is an In-service Day, children should make arrangements to attend their own parishes for ashes.
Friday 20 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.
Thursday 26 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.
Thursday 5 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 13 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 20 th 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 27 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.
Thursday 2 nd 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.

Parent Council

Our Parent Council meetings continue this session and our next meeting is **Wednesday 4th February**. 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 Council 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**.

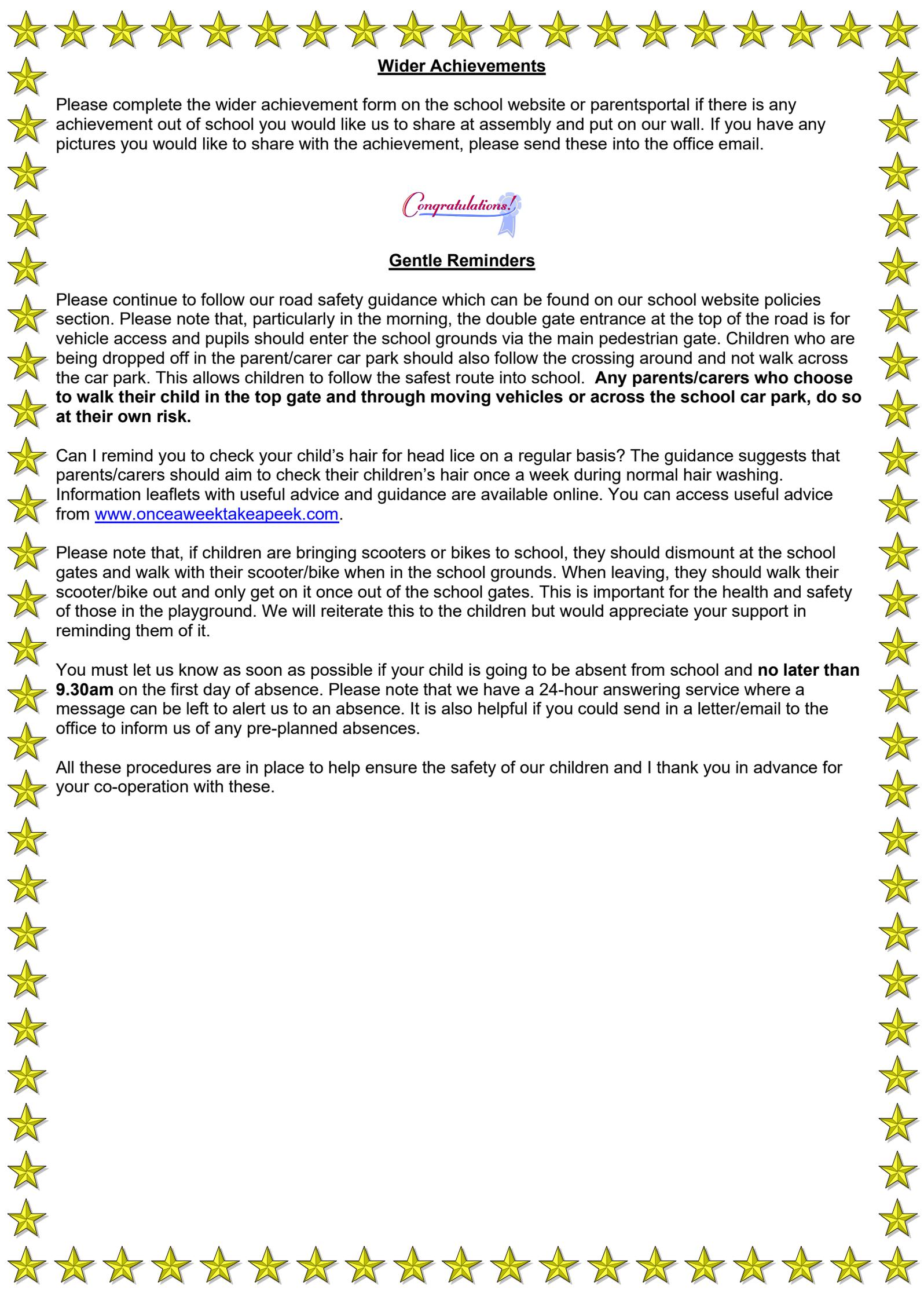
Uniform

It is lovely to see all our children in their school uniform which is plain grey skirt/pinafore/trousers with grey or royal blue jumper/cardigan. **A gentle reminder that our uniform is not black or navy.**



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

Wednesday 4 th February	7pm Parent Council Meeting in school
Friday 20 th February	Hospice Heroes Day
Saturday 21 st February	10.30am St Vincent's Parish Catechesis Day for P3 Reconciliation
Thursday 26 th February	Wear It Blue for Damu Day
Friday 27 th February	PM P6 Swimming Session 1 (12 weeks)
Wednesday 4 th March	P7 Confirmation – St Vincent De Paul Church
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day – Dress Down Day
Tuesday 10 th March	6.00pm P3 Reconciliation – Our Lady of Lourdes Church
Friday 13 th March	Odd Sock and Shoe Day
Thursday 19 th March	9.15am Find Out Thursday Session
Friday 20 th March	Crazy Hair Day
Friday 27 th March	Express Yourself Day
Wednesday 1 st April	7.00pm Parent Council Meeting in school
Thursday 2 nd April	Talent Show and Dress Down Day 2.30pm School Closes
Monday 20 th April	Pupils Return
Saturday 25 th April	10.30am St Vincent's Catechesis Day for P4 First Communicants
Wednesday 29 th April	7.00pm Parent Council Meeting in school
Tuesday 5 th – Friday 8 th May	P7 Auchengillan Residential Trip
Saturday 9 th May	10.00am P4 First Communion – Our Lady of Lourdes Church
Thursday 14 th May	10.00am Ascension Mass - OLOL 3.15pm Parents' Evening
Thursday 21 st May	Dress Down Day – donations for Parent Council Summer Fayre Raffle
Week beginning 1 st June	St Louise Sports Day (Day TBC)
Friday 5 th June	St Louise Summer Fayre
Tuesday 9 th June	1.30pm P7 Leavers' Mass in school
Tuesday 16 th June	1.15pm P7 Leavers' Assembly
Thursday 25 th June	1.00pm Schools close for Summer

Please note that the school will close on **Thursday 2nd 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

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