



St Anthony's Primary

September Newsletter



Note from the Headteacher

The school has been remarkably busy over the last few weeks as everyone has settled back into the daily routine. It has been wonderful to see all the children looking so smart in their uniforms. We look forward to welcoming everyone to our upcoming Meet the Teacher event to share our exciting plans for the year ahead.

To keep you fully updated on our improvement journey, we have attached copies of our School Improvement Plan and a summary of last year's Standards and Qualities Report. Both documents are also accessible on the school website.

Our first school mass of the year will take place this **Thursday, 3rd September at 9:30am**. All parents and carers are warmly invited to join us for this celebration.



All parents and carers are invited into school on **Thursday 3rd September at 2pm** to Meet your child's teacher and see your child in their new classroom. We look forward to welcoming everyone.

Our school breakfast club runs daily at Loch Primary starting at 8:15am. If you would like your child to attend, please contact the school office to register their place. Please remember that the school gates do not open until 8:50am each morning, at which point playground supervision begins. If you need to drop your child off earlier than this, please consider utilizing the breakfast club. For any children who arrive before the gates open, please ask them to use the pedestrian gate at the entrance to the car park and remain at the top of the stairs until the bottom gate is unlocked. Thank you for your help in keeping everyone safe.



To ensure our school office can run smoothly and effectively support everyone, please note the following gentle reminders regarding communication and attendance:

- **Peak Office Times:** The office is exceptionally busy from 8.45-9.30am and from 2:30pm each day. For non-urgent matters, please consider emailing your request so Mrs Naseby can action it during a quieter window.
- **Reporting Absences:** Please use our dedicated absence line to report any absences, making sure to clearly state your child's full name, class, and the reason for their absence.
- **Appointments:** Where possible, please schedule medical and other personal appointments outside of the school day.
- **End-of-Day Collection:** We have experienced a high volume of requests for children to be collected early. Please remember that the school day concludes at 3:00 pm, and pupils should remain in class until the final bell.

Thank you for your cooperation and continued support in helping our school day run seamlessly for everyone.



Sacraments

I have spoken to Fr Stephen and am able to confirm the following dates for our Sacraments this year

Sacramental Enrolment Mass- **Sunday 22nd November - 11.30am** (All children who will make a Sacrament this year should attend)

P7 Confirmation- **Tuesday 23rd February- 7pm**

P3 Reconciliation- **Thursday 4th March- 6pm**

P4 First Communion – **Saturday 8th May**

Fr Stephen will be holding Sacramental meetings for parents of children receiving Sacraments this year on **Wednesday 18th November**. A parent must attend the appropriate meeting for their child to enrol their child for the Sacrament.

Reconciliation – 6pm

Communion- 6.30pm

Confirmation – 7pm

If anyone wishes their child to make a Sacrament this year who has not been Baptised, please contact Fr Stephen/Fr Christopher as soon as possible to make arrangements for this.



Homework routines are now underway for all classes. Tasks will be issued on a Monday and should be returned on a Friday. To keep things manageable, homework should take no more than 15 to 20 minutes to complete each night, offering a great opportunity for families to connect with and support their child's learning journey.

Reading books are also being issued weekly for all pupils in P1 through P4, as well as select children in P5 through P7. Please ensure reading books are returned to school **daily** to support classroom activities. Unfortunately, we cannot issue a new book if the previous one has not been returned. We completely understand that accidents happen with books—if a book is accidentally damaged, please simply reach out to the school to let us know.



Our first Parents Night will be on **Wednesday 30th September**. This will start at 3.15pm. Parents may book appointments through our Parent Portal system. These will be available from the **14th of September**.



The Parent Partnership are running their first event of the year on **Sunday 6th September**. This will be a fun family day with lots of stalls and activities. Please come along and support the school.

The Parent Partnership have generously offered to fund Panto tickets and the buses for the whole school to attend the panto at Rutherglen Town Hall. We are very grateful and appreciate the support shown to the school. This has been booked for **Wednesday 9th December**.

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Parent Portal

Thank you to everyone who has already registered for the Parent Portal, which serves as our primary channel for school communication. Annual data checks and permission slips have now been sent out via the portal. Please log in at your earliest convenience to complete these forms and ensure our records remain accurate. We also encourage you to check the portal regularly to stay up to date with school events and news.

Important Reminder Regarding Permission Slips

We kindly ask that all permission slips issued on the Parent Portal be completed by the specified deadline (typically two days before a trip, allowing time for necessary paperwork to be printed). Following Council guidelines, we are unable to take children on trips without a completed permission slip. Currently, Mrs Naseby spends a considerable amount of time repeatedly contacting parents to chase missing responses, which is unsustainable moving forward. If a permission slip is not completed by the deadline, unfortunately, your child will not be able to attend the excursion. Please help us avoid any disappointment by checking the portal promptly and submitting forms on time. Thank you for your cooperation and support.



Uniform

We have already accumulated a large number of jumpers, cardigans and jackets since returning in August. If you are missing any items, please contact the school office and we will hopefully reunite you with them. Going forward at the end of each month we will donate items to clothing bank at the Church.

Our school uniform consists of grey trousers/skirt/shorts and grey jumper, white blouse/shirt, yellow polo shirt and brown and yellow striped tie.

If anyone has items of uniform that no longer fit, please send into the school to help replenish our uniform bank.



Health Promoting School

Children are encouraged to bring a piece of fruit daily to have at fruit and story time in class. Fresh and dried fruit is permitted. Children may also bring a bottle of water each day to have throughout the day. Fruit juices and diluting juices are not permitted during class time but may be consumed at break and lunch. No fizzy juice is permitted in school.

Please remember that snack time is only 15 minutes long and children only require a small snack to enable them time to eat and play with their friends.

Lollipops should not be sent in for snacks as these can be a choking hazard in the playground.

Due to allergies within the school nuts and nut-based snacks should not be brought to school.



Attachment Sensitive & Trauma Informed

The school was successfully awarded our second award of 'Seeing Behaviour as Communication' in June. Thank you to all the staff and children involved.



Dates for the Diary

Thursday 3rd September – Mass 9.30am/ Meet The Teacher 2.00pm

Monday 7th September – P1 Newspaper Photo/ Tennis Session for P1-4

Tuesday 15th September– JRSO Event for P6 Road Safety Officers

Wednesday 16th September- P5 Resilience Event with Loch Primary and the Christian Outreach Church

Tuesday 22nd September – PATHS Buddy Training for P6

Nil By Mouth Assembly for P7 and Loch Primary P7

Wednesday 23rd September – P1-4 Childsmile Visit

Friday 25th and Monday 28th September – School Closed- September Weekend Holiday

Wednesday 30th September- Parents Night

Monday 12th- Friday 16th October – October Week Holiday

