

# St Ninian's Primary

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It has been a busy few weeks as we started our new session in St Ninian's! Thank you to those parents who were able to attend the "Meet the teacher" event. We hope you found this useful. We also welcomed our P1 parents into school to hear about learning in the classes.

Last week was "Health Week" where children had lots of opportunities to engage in physical activities and also develop mental wellbeing. We had a

"Danceathon" and I wanted to thank those parents who contributed so generously to the school funds.

We were able to raise an amazing £2052! This will go towards enhancing children's learning by outdoor trips this session and supporting the learning and wellbeing of our children. Children

were encouraged to develop their emotional and social wellbeing by various class activities and we finished the week with a celebration Mass for the feast of St Ninian. Finally we closed the week with some delicious ice creams from the ice cream van!



## What's happening?

P6 classes visiting Carfin as St Bernadette's relics have been brought to Scotland. They will celebrate mass there.

Week beginning 27th Sept is Maths Week and there will be a whole school focus on maths and numeracy. Mrs Reddoch has sent an email to all parents about this.

Parents' night is on Thursday 6th October some responses have been received and times will be allocated next week. If you have not replied - please ensure that you respond so that your preferred time can be allocated.

Flu vaccination is on Thursday 6th October. All forms should have been returned in order for your child to receive the vaccination. (Nasal spray)

September weekend is Friday 23rd and Monday 26th September. Children return on Tuesday 27th Sept.

Inservice day is Friday 14th October and the October break is from Monday 17th to Friday 21st October.

A polite reminder that there is a recommended PE kit for school and this is a plain t-shirt or polo shirt and jogging bottoms or shorts. This supports health and safety regulations. In addition, all jewellery should be removed before coming to school on your child's PE day. During lockdown we asked children to come to school ready for PE as there were no changing facilities. However, P1-3 can now get changed and should come to school in uniform on their PE day. P4/3 upwards should come to school in the appropriate PE kit. Your child's class teacher will inform you of PE days so children are prepared. Thank you for your support in this matter.



Attendance is such a crucial part of your child's progress and we want to ensure that your child is learning as best they can. Being present in school enables your child to have the opportunity to progress and learn as effectively as possible. Late coming can also impact on learning where consistent late coming can equate to many hours, even days of missed learning across the year. If your child is unwell please contact the Absence line on 0141 287 0039 or <https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/pupilabsence> if you have set up your Parent Portal, you can also inform through this option.

There have been some issues with parking around the school we politely ask that you do not park up on the pavement beside Gorget Park and observe the no parking areas. The parent council had met this week and part of the discussion was around the safety of the crossing at Blairdardie Road and Turret Rd. They will be investigating this matter with local councillors.



We have been advised by the authority to communicate by email where possible due to the rising cost of texts. Therefore, much of the information is being sent though email and it is essential that we have all of parents' email addresses on the system and up to date. Please can you ensure that the school has your current email address so you do not miss out on important information.



We had our first Parent Council meeting of the session which was well attended. The Parent Council constitution was agreed and discussion was around the school's progress, priorities for this session, upcoming events and any issues. Many thanks to Julie Murphy (chairperson) and AnneMarie Ritchie (treasurer) for a very purposeful initial meeting of this session. Everyone is welcome and all parents will be notified of the next meeting.



We still do not have all of our parents signed up to Parent Pay. Please can you ensure that you have signed up and have access to this as this can be another means of important communication with the school



We are very much aware of the cost of living crisis at present and want to reduce as much of the cost as possible for our families. To this end, we want to encourage some recycling alongside supporting the cost of new uniforms for many of our families. We have a number of uniforms in very good condition and would welcome any families making use of these. Please do not hesitate to contact the school to arrange a visit to see the uniforms and take what you need. We would also welcome any uniforms that your child has grown out of and that are in good condition. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Each year, the school creates a standards and qualities report for parents on school improvement, successes and priorities for next session. This is available from the office.