



St Martha's Primary

September 2021

School Vision

- With Jesus and the Gospel Values at our core, each child's learning and experiences are purposeful, enjoyable and prepares them well for life.

- **Welcome**

A warm welcome to all our children, families and Staff to a new school year and especially to all of our new children throughout the school. All the pupils look really smart in their school uniform and their PE Uniform.

- **School Uniform**

We will keep a small stock of PE T-Shirts at the school office for you to purchase. They will cost £6.

- **Teaching Staff**

Teaching Staff Team

We currently have 10 permanent Teachers and 3 temporary staff members. I would also like to welcome Miss Glancy and Miss MacFarlane who has joined our staff this year and Miss Murray who will be continuing with our school for the second year.

- **Classification**

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P2/1 : Miss MacFarlane and Mrs Reynolds P2/1 : Mrs Donlon and Miss Murray
P3: Miss Stacey Monaghan P4: Miss D'Agostino
P5/4: Miss Leigh Gregory P6/5: Mr Maguire
P6: Ms Balmer P7: Mrs Morley and Mrs McAuley

Mrs Woods - Non Class Contact Time Teacher
Miss McCoid: Principal Teacher and Nurture teacher
Mr Keenan: Depute Head teacher
Mr. O'Donnell : Head Teacher

- **Support Staff**

Support Staff Team

Mr Anderson – Janitor Mrs Langrell – Clerical
Mrs Marshall – Clerical
Support for Learning Workers
Mrs Kenna, Mrs Henvey, Mrs Collins, Mrs Brereton, Mrs Hyatt, Mrs McKay

- **Parents' Evening**

Parents' Evening (October)

We will hopefully be in a position within the next week or so to find out if Parents' Meetings will be face to face or via telephone calls like last session.

- **Holidays**

Our next INSERVICE DAY for staff will take place on Friday 8th October 2021

September Weekend Holiday

Please remember that school will be closed on Friday 24th and Monday 27th September, and will reopen on Tuesday 28th September

Mid-Term Holiday

Monday 11th October to Friday 15th October: Pupils will return on Monday 18th October

Our First Friday Mass took place on Friday 10th September. It was great to go together as a school community and Father Morris was delighted to see us. We plan to attend church on the First Friday of each month and we welcome assistance in getting children safely across the road and up to Immaculate Heart of Mary.

- **School Improvement Plan**

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This year we are aiming to improve in these three areas:
Additional support for Learning
Talking and Listening
Identification and Promotion of Children's Rights

- **Poverty Equity Fund**

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This year the Scottish Government have provided additional funds to tackle the poverty gap. As per other years we have spent some of this money on staffing to enable our most disadvantaged pupils. In the near future I will be consulting with our pupils and parents to decide how else to spend the money to raise attainment.

- **Permission Slips**

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All pupils from P1 – P7 have now been issued with a parental consent form to grant permission for children to take part in out of school activities. Many thanks for all the returns so far. We aim to provide our pupils with a range of activities to compliment, enhance and reinforce learning in the classroom, however, children can only take part in these if this form has been returned. Please also take the time to check that your emergency contact details are up to date when completing this form

- **School News**

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Our Primary 1 pupils continue to settle in and are beginning to find comfort in the routines of the school. Well done to them all! Class photos of our P1 pupils are due to be taken by the Glasgow Evening Times on Monday 4th October. We will make contact with any P1 parent who hasn't returned permission for photographs to be made public.

- **Tempest Photography**

We will be organising a photographer from Tempest to come to school on Monday 8th November to take individual/family photographs for you to purchase. The office will send a reminder for this nearer the time.

- **Social Media**

Social Media

We are in the process of relaunching a new Facebook Page for our school. We are hopeful that we will be able to update this page with some activities

experienced by our children each week. We also have a Twitter site which is useful for a range of messages. Mr Maguire is looking to update the content on the school website. We would encourage you to visit and like this page after its relaunch.

- **Create**

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All Primary 1 to P4 children have started a 5 week block of music lessons from a specialist music tutor organised by 'Create' which is part of Glasgow City Council's Education programme. We are even allowed to sing!

The Determined to Dance initiative will be returning to our school this week. High energy dance lessons are being delivered to children in Primary 4 and Primary 5/4 during curricular time.

- **COP 26**

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Like all schools in Glasgow St Martha's Primary will be involved in a range of experiences to deepen our understanding of Climate Change. All classes are planning a class project for COP26 and P5, 6 and 7 children are connecting with Glasgow Caledonian University for partnership work in this area. Two pupils from P7 contributed to the Pupil Forum organised by the City to create a Climate Charter for Glasgow.

- **Primary 7 Buddies**

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Primary 7 have started their leadership work as buddies. They support the P1 pupils during lunch and are fantastic at connecting with the P2/1 classes during buddy reading sessions.

Blairvaddoch

We are delighted to let everyone know that our P7 group will be going to Blairvaddoch in two weeks. They are very excited to this outdoor residential and will be accompanied by Miss McCoid and Mrs Henvey.

- **Fame Friday**

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Last week we made a return to Fame Friday. This is a strategy to encourage our pupils to go 'Over and Above' with their learning out of school and 'of their own bat'. We had 16 children submitting entries who all received an exciting reward for their efforts. Their reward this time round was to play with the wonderful games created by Mr Anderson. The children could tell me that they went 'Over and above' to improve their learning. Every Teacher in class now has their own Wall of Fame and each week they choose at least 2 pupils to go on their wall of fame for improved effort and progress. Kids are loving it!

- **School website**

- <http://www.st-marthas-pri.glasgow.sch.uk/>

- **Twitter Feed**

- **@MarthaPrimary**

- **Contact Us**

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Kindest Regards

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Many thanks for your continued support!

