



# ST BRIDE'S BUZZ!



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## Keeping everyone safe...

COVID-19 is very much still with us. Whilst it's great to see society return to some sense of normality, the onus and responsibility of keeping everyone safe lies with us all. Schools are very vulnerable to bugs and viruses due to the sheer number of people and families on our premises daily. St Bride's whole school community want our staff and children to be able to stay safe and well - **so we need your help!**

### Please ensure you:

- inform school immediately of any suspected/confirmed COVID cases
- Keep any sick children at home
- Promote good hand hygiene
- Complete any necessary periods of isolation to stop spread

## Ready, Respectful, Safe...

In St Bride's we teach our children how best to be ready to learn. We also equip them with the skills to know how to care for others and keep themselves safe. Our Safeguarding Team work hard to ensure that our children can become confident to Approach, Tell & Share their worries.



## 2022-23.. Our School Values

It's been another great week in St Bride's PS with so much laughter, love and learning on show. As highlighted on our last newsletter, to ensure that we address our pastoral objectives as well as our academic curriculum, we will be focussing each month on a particular value we want to develop across our school.



This value will be promoted through assemblies, lessons and in our daily interactions at school.

The start of a new school year is always a great time to focus on being ready and prepared to learn, being **RESPONSIBLE**.

### BE RESPONSIBLE

- right place, right time, right thing
- take care of your belongings
- look after school resources
- focus on your learning
- manage yourself and make good choices





## Birthdays so far...

Happy birthday to these children who celebrate birthdays this week with love from everyone at

**St Bride's PS, Belfast** 🤗🥰

- Barbara (P2KP). Lachlan (P7MM)
- Oscar (P7JM). Oscar (P1AM)
- Eric (P3SMcN). Phuong (P4McC/L)
- Anay (P2COH). Yan Tony (P3ML)
- Peter (P3ML). Conor (P6JD)
- Lara & Phoebe (P1AM).
- Ethan (P3AMcD). Ann (Nursery)
- Mateusz (P7JM).

If any family needs our help or would like to chat with us in confidence, please get in touch via the school office. Email: [info@stbrides.belfast.ni.sch.uk](mailto:info@stbrides.belfast.ni.sch.uk)

☎ Tel: **02890 381700**



## Coming soon..

Parent Curriculum Newsletters packed full of Term One information to help support your child at home. Check your Class Dojo, SchoolComms Gateway App and child's schoolbag.

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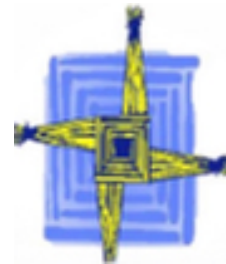
Throughout this month we are focussed on ensuring that pupils understand the need to come to school prepared for the day ahead and ready to participate in class and extra-curricular activity in order that they can be supported to try their very best and develop their interests and talents.

The children are all off to a great start and I look forward to hearing more of their achievements and 'catching' our values in action. I look forward to lots of 'good news' visitors to my office.



**Responsibility** being trusted by others to make good choices and doing all you can to be the best person possible. **Responsibility is:**

- Being dependable
- Doing the right thing
- Being in control of your own behaviour
- Apologising when you make a mistake
- Being trusted with important jobs
- Doing your bit when working together
- Completing what you set out to do



As a new addition to the St Bride's team myself, it struck me that, perhaps, as new families or as a result of COVID measures, many of you may not be familiar with the many members of staff that carry out important roles to support your children and our school community. Each week, I plan to introduce you to some members of our team beginning this week with those who do so much to support us all.

## Meet our fantastic office staff... 🙌🙌🙌



*Thank you!*



**Early Learners** provide Breakfast Club from 7.30am and wraparound care from 2pm to end of day. School staff are also on hand to facilitate early morning drop-off for children from **8.30am**.



As a cashless school, we use the SchoolComms system to collect payments for your convenience. This is also our main method of communication with parents and how I will be keeping in touch with you all for this school term, so, please ensure that you have downloaded the app and that you have informed the school office of any change of Home Address, Email or Mobile Telephone Number. Thank you for your co-operation.

- SchoolComms **Gateway App**: Where possible, please book school meals by **Sunday** evening for the week ahead.

- **Parking**: I appreciate and have witnessed the difficulties associated to traffic management, however, I respectfully request that parents adhere to road markings, keep clear of school gates and crossing areas and **park responsibly**, with respect for local residents and children's safety.

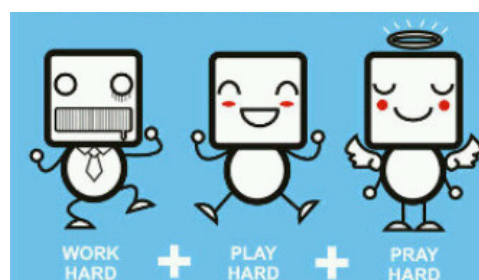


- **Safer School Premises**: Families, you may be aware that we have a number of children with severe, often life-threatening, allergies, others with mobility issues and many who have experienced trauma which can be easily triggered. With that in mind, as the children's safety and well-being is

my paramount concern, I respectfully ask that food coming into school is nut-free, adults refrain from smoking on school premises and that dogs are not brought on to our school sites.



-**Thank you** for your co-operation in protecting and safeguarding our children.



Now for a summary of **what's on next week...**





Day & Date 	Events 	Points to note  
Monday 19th September	 <b>School closed - Bank Holiday</b> 	 <b>Remember</b> to book school meals by Sunday for the week ahead.
Tuesday 20th September	 Early Morning Drop-off <b>8.30am</b>  <b>Mass P5 MRM &amp; LGH</b>  <b>Yr2 Rugby</b>  <b>Brass &amp; Cello Lessons</b>  <b>Arts &amp; Crafts Club</b>  <b>Gymnastics MR Sports</b>  <b>Playball After-School Club</b>	<a href="#">P7 Post-Primary GL &amp; AQE registration closes Fri 23rd September.</a> <a href="#">Please ensure you have registered if you wish to sit these exams.</a>
Wednesday 21st September	 Early Morning Drop-off <b>8.30am</b>  <b>Violin Lessons</b>  <b>P6 Swimming PEC</b>  <b>Hurling &amp; Camogie - St Brigid's GAC</b>  <b>Soccer MR Sports</b>  <b>French</b>	 As the weather changes, please ensure that all pupils have coats and that all items of uniform are labelled with names.
Thursday 22nd September	 Early Morning Drop-off <b>8.30am</b>  <b>Viola &amp; Percussion lessons</b>  <b>Basketball</b>  <b>Boys' Gaelic Coaching - St Brigid's GAC</b>	 Follow us on <b>twitter</b> <b>@StBridesPS1</b>
Friday 23rd September	 Early Morning Drop-off <b>8.30am</b>  <b>Flute lessons</b>  <b>Yoga &amp; Mindfulness P1-3</b>  <b>Judo</b>	

**Happy Friday! Wishing you all a wonderful and a happy weekend. Take care and stay safe.**