



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.



👏 **Congratulations** 🎉 to the first group of pupils invited to ☕ **Hot Chocolate Friday** ☕. These pupils have consistently been 🕒 on time for school, remembered to wear 👔 correct uniform, 📝 completed class tasks and homework to the best of their ability 📚, brought the correct equipment 🎒 for school activities and showed a really positive attitude 😊 to school, to learning, to trying their best and, of course, most importantly, being a kind, **responsible** pupil ❤️ I enjoyed a hot chocolate catch-up and chat with Aine (P1), Niharika (P2), Tom (P3), Ella (P4), Maghavani (P5), Senan (P6) & Robyn (P7) to hear how they would like to see St Bride's move forward. Congratulations and thank you, children!



This is just one of many ways I'm exploring **Pupil Voice** at St Bride's. Soon the opportunity will arise for pupils to apply to be elected on to the



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

September 30th, 2022

Birthdays so far...

Happy birthday to these children who celebrate birthdays this week with love from everyone at **St Bride's PS, Belfast** 🤍🥳

- Orla (P6McA). Rory (P6TM)
- Senan (P6D). Harley (P1JT)
- Niamh (P7BM). Elora (P1JT)
- Marguerite (P6McA). Eva (P7BM)
- Caoimhe (P4Mcl). Lewis (P4McCL)
- Jude (P2KP). Alan (P4KG).
- Ava (Nursery). Dan (P6CK)
- Oliver (P5BY). Penelope (P2MOP)
- Sarah (P7BM). Sean (P5GH).

We know times are hard. 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

☎ Tel: **02890 381700**



Coming soon..

The **AMAZING** St Bride's **PTA** will meet on **Thursday 6th October at 7.30pm** on our Derryvolgie Site. **All are welcome!** It's a great way to get involved, meet other parents and grandparents and give back to our school community.

children communication committee
fundraising
PTA school
 pupils staff parents
rewarding events
 organisation
ideas
teachers

School Council and I look forward to meeting with and hearing from this elected group in the coming weeks. I'm also really enjoying sitting with a different table of children each day over lunch to get to know them, their interests, talents, aspirations and ideas for our school. It's been a privilege and pleasure and I want to thank all of the children who have been so kind, welcoming, mannerly, articulate with their ideas and generous with their time. **Families, you have much to be proud of, your children are a credit to you!**

Our Voice counts...



Keeping up with St Bride's...

I'd encourage all adults to follow St Bride's PS on **Twitter** to get a glimpse into all that goes on in our school. Check us out **@StBridesPS1** - Here are just a few examples.



Meet the Team

This week, let me introduce you to more members of our teaching team. **Meet our fantastic P2 Teachers...** 🙌🙌

Thank you!



Once a week, take a peek!

It's that time of year again when some unwanted visitors make their way around school from head to head.

Can I remind all families that good practice is to **'once a week, take a peek!'**

Please ensure to treat any cases of head lice as soon as possible.

Thank you for your help in minimising spread.

It is also that time of year

when children pass on tummy bugs, colds and even chickenpox. Please always follow medical advice and keep any sick or infectious children at home.

Do I need to keep my child off school?



Chicken Pox Until all spots have crusted over	Conjunctivitis No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Diarrhoea & Vomiting 48 hours from last episode	Glandular Fever No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Hand, foot & mouth No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Impetigo Until lesions are crusted & healed or 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
Measles or German Measles 4 days from onset of rash	Mumps 5 days from onset of swelling	Scabies Until after first treatment	Scarlet Fever 24 hours after commencing antibiotics	Slapped Cheek No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Whooping Cough 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
Flu Until recovered	Head Lice No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Threadworms No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Tonsillitis No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed		



Need to chat to us or raise a concern... We will always be happy to help! Most often **class teachers** are the best person to speak to. They can be contacted via Seesaw (Nursery), Class Dojo (P1-3) or via the school email address or landline for any child. If the matter remains unresolved it may be further raised to the Head of Key Stage, SENCo, Senior Leadership Team, VPs and then the Principal.

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.

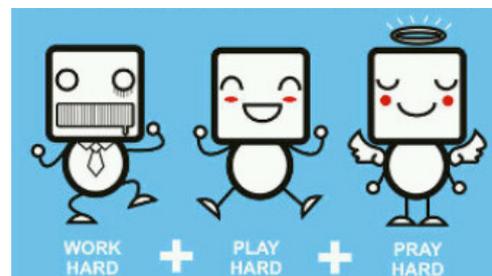
-**Parking**: I appreciate and have witnessed the difficulties associated to traffic management, however, I respectfully request that parents adhere to road markings, keep clear of school gates, avoid using staff carpark areas and zigzag marked crossing lines to **park responsibly**, with respect for local residents and of course, 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 📌📄
<p>Monday 3rd October</p> <p>Cycle to School week 🚲🚲🚲🚲🚲🚲🚲🚲🚲🚲🚲🚲🚲🚲🚲🚲</p>	<p>🕒 Early Morning Drop-off 8.30am</p> <p>🎵 Clarinet Lessons</p> <p>🧑🏫 P5 Mandarin Lessons</p> <p>💻 Miniversity (ICT Suite)</p> <p>🕺 Irish Dancing (DV Hall)</p> <p>🗣️ Many Faces Drama P2-3</p> <p>🏈 Girls' Gaelic P6-7 (Ashleigh Pitch)</p>	<p>📌 Remember to book school meals by Sunday for the week ahead.</p>
<p>Tuesday 4th October</p> <p><u>October Theme: RESPECT</u></p> <div data-bbox="180 891 451 1093" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Respect is... 🧡</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treating someone how you and they want to be treated • Caring about the thoughts, feelings, beliefs, and rights of someone else </div>	<p>🕒 Early Morning Drop-off 8.30am</p> <p>🙏 Mass P4KG P4McC</p> <p>🏈 Yr2 Rugby</p> <p>🧑🏫 P6 Mandarin Lessons</p> <p>🐛 P7 Wee Critters Workshop</p> <p>🌱 Eco Planting with Ms Kinney</p> <p>🎵 Brass & Cello Lessons</p> <p>🎨 Arts & Crafts Club - DV Site</p> <p>🤸 Gymnastics MR Sports - DV Hall</p> <p>🏐 Playball After-School Club - Ashleigh</p> <p>🎹 Orchestra Practice</p>	<div data-bbox="1098 741 1297 887" style="border: 1px solid blue; border-radius: 10px; padding: 10px; text-align: center;">  Follow us on twitter </div> <p>@StBridesPS1</p> <p>to keep up with all that goes on in our school!</p>
<p>Wednesday 5th October</p>	<p>🕒 Early Morning Drop-off 8.30am</p> <p>🎵 Violin Lessons</p> <p>🏊 P6 Swimming - Queens PEC</p> <p>🏏 Hurling & Camogie - St Brigid's</p> <p>⚽ Soccer MR Sports - DV Hall</p> <p>🇫🇷 French (ICT Suite)</p>	<p>📌 As the weather changes, please ensure that all pupils have coats for outdoor play in all weathers and that all items of uniform are clearly labelled with names. 🌧️☔</p>
<p>Thursday 6th October</p> <p><u>National Poetry Day</u></p> 	<p>🕒 Early Morning Drop-off 8.30am</p> <p>🎵 Viola & Percussion lessons</p> <p>🏈 KS1 Gaelfast</p> <p>🏀 Basketball - Ashleigh</p> <p>🏈 Boys' Gaelic Coaching - Queens PEC</p>	<p>Good luck to our swimmers taking part in the Swim Ulster Heats this Saturday!</p> <p>🏊🏊🏊</p>
<p>Friday 7th October</p> 	<p>🕒 Early Morning Drop-off 8.30am</p> <p>🎵 Flute lessons</p> <p>🏃 PTA School Marathon Day</p> <p>🧑🏫 P1 Curriculum Meetings 2.10-2.45pm</p> <p>🧘 Yoga & Mindfulness P1-3</p> <p>🥋 Judo</p>	