



St. Joseph's Primary School Newsletter.

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Dear all,
Welcome once again to our monthly newsletter.
As ever, I hope this issue will keep you informed of the many and varied events that have been happening in the school recently and also give you some detail about forthcoming dates for your diary.
Happy reading!
Carlyn Hill Head Teacher

Welcome back

Welcome back everyone and may I begin by wishing you all a very happy New Year.

As ever, we have a full range of exciting lessons and plans for 2017 and I hope you enjoy reading about them in the class blogs or on our website.

I would like to particularly draw your attention to one of these events as it appears some people did not receive the email which was sent out in December.

St. Joseph's Primary School Fundraising Dinner Dance

On Saturday 11th March 2017
At The Busby Hotel

Tickets are now on sale for the St. Joseph's Primary School Fundraising Dinner Dance! The evening will consist of a three course meal and dancing to a live band in The Busby Hotel. The monies raised on the evening will go directly to further the aims of outdoor learning and outdoor play equipment in St. Joseph's Primary School.

Seating will be at tables of 10 and tickets priced £26 each, can be bought individually, as groups or as complete tables. Please email enquiries to stjosephsdinnerdance@gmail.com. We look forward to chatting to you over dinner and dancing!

Group Call



You may have noticed that some of the emails/texts from the school look slightly different. This is because we are changing to a new system of contacting parents called **Group Call**.

This system will allow us to :

- email and text as we do at the moment however for now we can only send to the main contact. This should change so we can send to two contacts. We will implement this as soon as this facility is available. ***This makes it all the more important that you update us with any changes to your email address and mobile number.***
- inform parents by email/text much more easily about school closures etc in the case of bad weather.

Keep your eyes peeled for updates on the website.

Parent Pay



You have now have been sent an activation letter with a user name and password to allow you to use Parent Pay. This system allows you to pay for school meals but also for Lockerbie Manor, after school clubs, fundraising events, school trips, etc.

All balances including outstanding money owed have been transferred to the new system.

Please keep checking our website for more up to date information.

Thank you for your generosity

I hope those of you with children in P1-3 have enjoyed watching the Infant Nativity Dvds over the holidays.

Once again we have been staggered by your generosity and myself and the staff would like to express our gratitude for the lovely presents and kind words you gave to us in the last few days of the term.

We have also collected a huge amount for charity and I have listed below the various amounts that have been sent off on your behalf.

Thank you very, very much.

P7 Advent for Glasgow Children's Hospital	£171.45
P5 Advent for Mary's Meals	£400.00
P7 Grow £5 for Mary's Meals	£300.00
P4 Advent for Missio	£300.00
Staff Cards for Mary's Meals	£200.00

Total: £ 1371.45

We also collected four black bin bags of gloves scarves, etc for the homeless as well as augment our school funds.

Masterclasses

We will shortly be running our much enjoyed Masterclasses for the children and desperately need extra helpers to lend a hand. The lessons will run on 22nd Feb, 1st March, 8th March between 1:45 -2:45. You don't need any expertise to help – just a willing pair of hands but of course if you have a particular skill, interest or hobby which you would like to show the children we would be delighted to hear from you – please phone the school office or Mrs Leddy. This year we would love if any doctors or nurses or any other health professionals could help deliver lessons on First Aid. Thank you for your help.

Important Dates

10 th Jan	Social Committee @ 7.30pm in St Ninian's
12 th Jan	P7 Cluster Ceilidh in St Ninian's
16 th Jan	P1 Enrolments – all week in the afternoons 1:30 -3:00pm
17 th Jan	P1 Dental Inspections
18 th Jan	P7 Dental Inspections P1a, P1b and P2c Judo Taster
19 th Jan	Judo Taster for the rest of the school
3 rd Feb	Family Ceilidh run by Parent Council - More details available from the Parent Council.
7 th Feb	Parent Council Meeting @ 7pm in St Ninian's
10 th Feb	Inservice day
12 th Feb	Catholic Education week – this may be changed due to the local Mid Term holiday
13 th Feb – 15 th Feb	Mid Term holiday
16 th Feb	School re-opens
1 st March	Ash Wednesday

As ever, we hope you are happy with the work we do in St Joseph's however if there are any comments or concerns you wish to make to us, please feel free to contact the school office (Tel: 570 7380, fax 570 7381) or email Headteacher@st-josephs.e-renfrew.sch.uk There are also complaints forms which can be found in the main foyer or at the office. Naturally we would also be delighted to hear if there is anything you are particularly happy with, we'd love to know that too.