

# St Gerard's Primary School Parent Newsletter December 2012



## Christmas Newsletter

### Sandy Hook Tragedy

As this Christmas approaches our thoughts and prayers are with the families, friends and community of Sandy Hook Elementary School in Connecticut. I am sure you were as moved by this event as I was. I continue to ponder, in genuine reflection, the mindset of a nation's citizens that need to own weapons of war. I was deeply touched by the courage of the father who asked for prayers for all including the man who had carried out the shootings. This gesture can only come from the heart of a good and kind human being. At this Christmas, please take time to reflect on those members of our human family who will be suffering physical or emotional pain, especially our brothers and sisters at Sandy Hook Elementary School.

### Hattonlea Nursing

Our Primary 7 pupils and Miss Manley were singing carols at the nursing home. The event went very well and children were invited to stay longer than planned to sing a few more. They were, and continue to be, a credit to the school. Well done!



### Tesco Carol Singing

Singing a few more our P7s were at Tesco on 18<sup>th</sup> December singing carols and raising money for School Funds. I hope the shoppers were put in the festive mood.

### Christmas Parties

The whole school have now celebrated their Christmas Parties with Santa visiting our infant celebration. The boys and girls have had a fantastic time and are now eagerly awaiting the tension of Christmas eve were they find it hard to sleep eventually making their way into the living room at 4am. Good luck mum and dad as you wait Santa visiting!

### Carol Concert

Please join us for the Carol service at 11am on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December at St. Gerard's Church. This will be a fitting end to the year were we focus on the Christmas event of the birth of Christ.

### Santa

A big thank you to Santa who joined us for our Christmas Fayre as well as our infant and nursery Christmas parties. A dear grandad John McCrory met Santa and told him how nice the boys and girls are at St. Gerard's. Many thanks, John for telling Santa all about St. Gerard's and arranging the visit.



### Finishing times 2.30pm

We close on the 21<sup>st</sup> December 2012 at 2.30pm. Any children not collected on time will be donated to Santa as a helper. He starts work on next years gifts on the 27<sup>th</sup> December; 26<sup>th</sup> is a day off. Please be on time.

### Return date in 2013.

We return in 2013 (our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary year) on 7<sup>th</sup> January at 8.55am

### Christmas Dinner Thanks

A huge thank you to our dinner staff for all their efforts in making our Christmas dinner a great event. The "Old Hags" performed yet again, they are real stars. A thanks to Angie, Michelle and Marie, well done!



## **S**chool Blog

Please check out our St. Gerard's School Blog. Mrs Clarke has spent days getting it up and running. There is a special surprise for someone who reads the last few blogs????? Put the blog on your iphone, android and visit regularly to follow our news.

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/nl/StGerardsBlog/>

## **P**artners in Learning

Many thanks for the prompt return of the school jotters. I hope you took the time to share your child's progress and set next targets with your child. Our next Partners in Learning date, where you are invited into the school, is on the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> March 2013.

## **M**erry Christmas

On behalf of all at St. Gerard's I wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



