St Aidan’s Primary School & Nursery Class

**FEBUARY 2018 NEWSLETTER**

Welcome to our February newsletter. As always the term has got off to a busy start! I look forward to visiting each class during this term and discussing the children’s learning targets with them.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

**Staffing Update**

Congratulations to Mrs Airth who is expecting a baby in June. We are delighted with this wonderful news.

A warm welcome to our new Early Years Practitioner – Miss McIntosh. Miss McIntosh will be working with children from P1-3 as part of the school priority in narrowing the attainment gap. We also welcome PGDE student, Mrs Keegan, who will be working within P7.

Finally, Mrs George has had a nasty fall and broken her wrists- we wish her speedy recovery.

**Holiday Weekend**

Please note that the school is closed for our holiday weekend on Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th February. Wednesday 14th February is an inset day for staff and pupils should not attend. We will reopen to pupils on Thursday 15thFeb. Breakfast Club will be available on the Thursday 15th from 8.20am.

**Lent**

As you know the Season of Lent begins on Wednesday 14th February. Canon Clements is continuing with Lenten Masses for school pupils and parishioners on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday 8:20am. One of the key aspects of our ethos is our annual fundraising during Lent for selected charities. This year we will once again be raising money for Missio Scotland, SCIAF and Mary’s Meals.

There will be 5 fundraising events over lent:

1. Dress up as your favourite book character – Thursday 1st March
2. Fairtrade Coffee Morning – Friday 9th March @ 10.45am
3. Cake and Candy ( P4-7)– Friday 16th March
4. Crazy Hair Day – Friday 23rd March
5. Cake and Candy ( P1-3)– Wednesday 28th March

In the past we have charged children £1 to participate in the Lenten fundraisers. However, this year we have decided to ask for a donation – ‘Pay what you can’ i.e. children can donate less or more than £1. It’s up to families to decide what they can afford to contribute.

**Sacrament of Confirmation** 

Our Primary 6 & 7 children will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday 28th February @7pm. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers- May they be filled with the gifts of the Holy Spirit

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Our Primary 3 children will soon be preparing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please put the following dates in your diary.

Tuesday 20th February – Parent Information Meeting in St Aidan’s Primary @ 6pm

Friday the 2nd of March – Reconciliation Retreat

Tuesday 13th March- Sacrament of Reconciliation @ 6.30pm in St. Aidan’s Church

**Sacrament of Holy Communion**

Our Primary 4 children will soon be preparing to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. Please put the following dates in your diary.

Tuesday 20th February – Parent Information Meeting in St Aidan’s Primary @ 7pm

Friday 11h May – First Holy Communion Retreat

Saturday 19th May – Holy Communion – St Aidan’s Church @ 11.00am

Please keep all of the children who are preparing for the Sacraments in your thoughts and prayers.

**Class Assemblies**

Pupils in Primaries 4 & 5 will present their assembly on Thursday 15th February @ 2pm. If your child is in this class please come along with your family to see their performance.

**Parent Council Disco** 

Our Parent Council will be running a Valentine’s Disco on Friday 16th February. P1-4 6:30 – 7:45, P5-7 8:00 – 9:30. Entry cost is £2. If you are able to come along to either session to help please contact a member of the Parent Council to let them know. Alternatively you can leave your name with the office staff in school. Please remember that in order to run these events the Parent Council require additional volunteers to ensure pupil safety.

**World Book Day – Read to Succeed**

World Book Day will be held on Thursday 1st March. All children are encouraged to come to school dressed as a character from their favourite book. The children will parade in the hall and take part in fun activities on this day.

**Fairtrade Fortnight**

We will be highlighting the work of the Fairtrade Movement in Fairtrade Fortnight beginning 26th February. Please note the Fairtrade coffee morning will be on Friday 9th March at 10.45am. This is an event for all parents and carers and will be held in the school hall. Primary 4 will give a presentation on this day.

**Parking and Drop Off**

Please ensure you drop off and pick up in safe parking areas. Your drop off/pick up should not hinder the view of our crossing patrol staff or the safety of other families. Please do not use the staff car park as a pick up or dropping off area as staff require access and exit to and from the car park throughout the day.

**2 year olds**

We are currently welcoming and settling our youngest members of the school community. If you need any information about 2 year old places please do not hesitate to contact the school office or North Lanarkshire Early Years Team for advice.

**Clyde in the Classroom**

![MC900155545[1]]()Pupils in Primary 5/6 are involved in this sustainability project focused on ensuring trout stocks in the River Clyde are kept at a healthy level. They will be taking delivery of 200 trout eggs which they hope to hatch, nurture and deliver back to the river as living fish! This is a big ask as the survival rates can be very poor. I am sure they will do us proud.

![MC900440428[1]]()**Primary/Secondary Liaison**

Pupils in Primary Seven will be working with Mr McCrory from St. Aidan’s High part of our transition programme. Some children will also be taking part in a Drama Day ‘Your Choice, Your Voice on Thursday 8th February.

**After School Clubs -**Please notify the school if for any reason your child can not attend their after school club – Safety of the children is paramount.

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| Day  | Activity  | Location   | For   |
| Monday Starting 15th Jan ( 6 weeks)  |  Basketball  |  Gym Hall   |  P4-7  |
| Tuesday Starting 16th Jan (all term)  Starting 16th Jan (4 weeks)  | Cross Country Cosy Café |  St Aidan’s Playground Infant Area  |  P5-7 P1-3  |
| Wednesday  Starting 16th Jan  Starting 20th Feb |  Netball  Minecraft  | Gym Hall Upper School   |  P4-7  |
| Thursday Starting 16th Jan (all term)   | Cross Country   Football  | St Aidan’s Playground  | P5-7 P6-7  |

**IMPORTANT DATES**

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| Monday 12th & Tuesday 13th February  | Mid Term Break  |
| Wednesday 14th February | In-Service Day |
| Thursday 15th February @ 2pm | P4 & P5 Stage Assembly |
| Friday 16th February P1-4 – 6.30till 7,45 P5-7 8pm till 9.30pm | Parent Council – School Disco  |
| Tuesday 20th February @ 6pm | Sacramental Information meeting - Reconciliation |
| Tuesday 20th February @ 7pm | Sacramental Information meeting – Holy Eucharist |
| Friday 23rd Feb 12.30 till 2.30pm | P1 Sports Club Event |
| Wednesday 28th February @ 7pm | P6& P7 Sacrament of Confirmation |
| Friday the 2nd of March –  | P3 Reconciliation Retreat |
| Thursday 1st March | World Book Day – Read to succeedCome dressed as your favourite character |
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Mrs McLean

Head Teacher