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| **St Aidan’s Primary, Language and Communication Support Centre and Nursery Class**  **Newsletter**  **February 2019** | | |
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**FEBRUARY 2019 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 Convery, ASNA, who will leave her post here on **Friday 8th February** to take up a clerical position within NLC. Thank you Mrs Convery for all your hard work and support and Good Luck in your post. I’m delighted to announce that Mrs Claire Kirkwood will take up the post of ASNA within our school on **Monday 11th March** - I’m sure you’ll join me in welcoming Mrs Kirkwood to our wonderful school. We also welcome PGDE student, Miss Thomson, who will be working within P6.

Finally, welcome to Miss Weir, clerical assistant. Miss Weir will be covering in the office during Mrs McKenna absence.

**Nurturing Schools - Good to be Green**

As part of my responsibility for tracking and monitoring School Improvements, I have been monitoring closely the work and impact of our Nurture Schools Priority. I have been analysing the findings from our nurturing school evaluations that our school staff team have undertaken and impact of our current Good to be Green system. It clearly shows that our school is moving towards a more nurturing and restorative approach towards supporting our children. To this end, I plan on sending a questionnaire to all stakeholders (including children) on the effectiveness of Good to be Green. In my honest professional opinion and after reflection - Good to be Green was introduced with the best intention - sometimes the best intention is not good enough! I am very proud to be in this position with such a nurturing staff beside me. Our children are truly blessed to be cared for by such a super team. Time to reflect... I will be interested to see your responses.

**Holiday Weekend**

Please note that the school is closed for our holiday weekend on **Monday 11th****and Tuesday**

**12th February.** **Wednesday 13th February** is an inset day for staff and **pupils should not** **attend.** We will re-open to pupils on **Thursday 14th February**. Breakfast Club will be available on the **Thursday 14th from** **8.20am.**

**Class Assemblies**

Pupils in **Primaries 2/3 & 3/4** will present their assembly on **Wednesday 6th February @ 2pm**. If your child is in this class, please come along with your family to see their performance.

**Curriculum Workshop**

Please join us on **Thursday 7th February at 3.15pm – 4.15pm**. This is a wonderful opportunity to find out what your child will be learning about this term. I will also give a brief update on the Pupil Equity Fund.

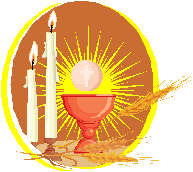
**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

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

**Monday 4thth February** – Parent Information Meeting in St Aidan’s Primary @ 6pm

**Friday 1st March –** Reconciliation Retreat

**Tuesday 12th March** - Sacrament of Reconciliation @ 6.30pm in St. Aidan’s Church

**Sacrament of First 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.

**Monday 4th February** – Parent Information Meeting in St Aidan’s Primary @ 6.30pm

**Friday 3rd May** – First Holy Communion Retreat.

**Saturday 11th May** – Holy Communion – St Aidan’s Church @11.00am.

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

**Robert Burns Competition**

Some of our pupils from P4 – 7 will be taking part in a Robert Burns Competition. The children will be reciting Burns poems. This event will take place on **Tuesday 19th February at 7pm** in

St Aidan’s High School. If your child is involved in this event a letter with more details will follow shortly.



**Fairtrade Fortnight**

We will be highlighting the work of the Fairtrade Movement in Fairtrade Fortnight beginning **25th February**. Please note the Fairtrade coffee morning will be on **Thursday 28th March @11.15am – 12pm**. This is an event for all parents and carers and will be held in the school hall. The Fairtrade After School Club will give a presentation on this day. We hope you can join us. We would also appreciate any Fairtrade donations towards our coffee morning and raffle.

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**Wear Purple Day – Alzheimer Scotland Fundraiser**

As you will be aware our Green Hands Together committee work in partnership with Alzheimer Scotland on our intergenerational project. To support this wonderful cause, we are asking the children to wear something purple to school on **Friday 22nd February**. This is easy for us as our school jumper is purple! Please don’t go to any expense – school jumper – ribbon – socks etc. is ideal. This is a **‘pay what you can’** fundraiser i.e. children can donate less or more than a **£1**

**Movie Night -Parent Council**

As part of our Read to Succeed Week our Parent Council will be running a Movie Night on **Thursday 7th March.** The movie will be based on a novel which the children will have been reading during the week. The movie will be screened from **3.15pm till 4.15pm** in the school hall. Entry cost is **£1.50** which includes a drink, popcorn and a snack. More details will follow.



**Parents’ Night/ Tracking Reports/Jotters home.**

Tracking Reports and jotters will be home on **Wednesday 13th March.** Parents’ Evening will be held on **Thursday 14th March**. Please note that logoexpres- our new uniform supplier will be available on Parents’ Evening to talk you through the online ordering system and they will also have samples of the new pinafore/skirt available. Once again we will use the Parents’ Evening Booking system for appointments. More details will follow soon.

**Lent**

As you know the Season of Lent begins on **Wednesday 6th March.** Fr. O’Connor 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, Mary’s Meals and St Andrew’s Hospice.

**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**

MC900440428[1]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.

**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 linking up programme during the following months.

**St Aidan’s Shining Stars**

Congratulations to our LCSC parent group, St Aidan’s Shining Stars, for obtaining charity status. They are now a charitable organisation, able to start fundraising for our sensory play area within the school.

**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** |
| **Tuesday**  Starting 15th Jan (all term)  Starting 19th Feb( 5 weeks)  Starting 5th March (4 weeks) | Cross Country  Cooking Club  Cosy Café | St Aidan’s Playground  Focus on Food Area  Infant Area | P5-7  P6 & 7  P1-3 |
| **Wednesday**  Starting 16th Jan  Starting 16th Jan ( 5 weeks)  Starting 20th Feb | Football  Fairtrade  STEM | Hall  Upper School  Middle School | P6  P2-7  P3-P4 |
| **Thursday**  Starting 17th Jan (all term) | Football | St Aidan’s Playground | P7 |

**IMPORTANT DATES**

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| Monday 4th February @6pm | Sacramental Information meeting - Reconciliation |
| Monday 4th February @6.30pm | Sacramental Information Meeting – Holy Eucharist |
| Wednesday 6th February @ 2pm | P2/3 & P3/4Stage - Assembly |
| Thursday 7th February | Curriculum Workshop 3.15pm – 4.15pm |
| Monday 11th & Tuesday 12th February | Mid Term Break |
| Wednesday 13th February | In-Service Day |
| Monday 25th February | Fairtrade Fortnight |
| Tuesday 19th February | Robert Burns Competition 7pm. @ St Aidan’s High School |
| Friday 22nd February | Wear Purple Day |
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***Mrs McLean***

Head Teacher



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