

# St. Patrick's Primary School

## Newsletter



### October - December 2017

#### A message from the Head Teacher

In this newsletter I will update you on events in and around the school from now until Christmas, all other events will be updated on the school website.

We received "a big thank you" from St. Andrew's Hospice for supporting the "Bucket Appeal" during the month of September - £370.44 was raised (£240 from P5's Victorian Tea Party) Karen Mcfadyen visited the school to collect the cheque - she particularly enjoyed this visit as she is a former pupil of St. Patrick's.

P7 enjoyed "Continuity Visits" to Taylor High School last term, where they sampled 4 subjects, their behaviour and conduct was excellent. They were a credit to St. Patrick's and to their parents. Congratulations and well done P7!

*AM Boyd HT*

#### Important Dates To Remember

Date	Time	Event	Class
23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	9:00am	School re-opens	P1-7
26 <sup>th</sup> Oct	9:15 am	Swimming	P5
31 <sup>st</sup> Oct	1:15	Halloween Parade and fun afternoon	P1 -7
1 <sup>st</sup> Nov.	11:00am	All Saints Day Mass	P1-7
1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	6:30pm	Parent Council Meeting	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	9:15 am	Swimming	P5
8 <sup>th</sup> Nov	6:30pm	Parent Fundraising Group Planning Meeting for Christmas Fair All welcome!	Parents/carers of all children
9 <sup>th</sup> Nov	9:15am	Swimming	P5
16 <sup>th</sup> Nov	9:15am	Swimming	P5
17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	1:15pm	Movie Afternoon <small>(Cost £2:00 school funds)</small>	P1-7

20 <sup>th</sup> Nov	All Day	Inset for staff School Closed to children.	P1 to 7
22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	6:30pm	Reconciliation Sacramental Meeting	P3
22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	7:00pm	Communion Sacramental Meeting	P4
22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	7:30pm	Confirmation Sacramental Meeting	P6 & 7
23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	9:15am	Swimming	P5
28 <sup>th</sup> Nov	All Day	Retreat Disciples of Jesus	P5
30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	9:15am	Swimming	P5
30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	All Day	St. Andrew's Day (Children may wear some tartan)	P1-7
3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec (Sunday)	11:30am Mass	Enrolment Mass in St. John Bosco's Church  Reconciliation & Communion	P3 & 4
4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	All Week	Financial Education Week	P1-7
4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9:30am	HMRC Junior Tax Facts Workshop	P5, 6 & 7
6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	12:30pm	Christmas Dinner	P4, 5, 6 & 7
7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	12:30pm	Christmas Dinner	P1, 2 & 3
8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	All day	Christmas Jumper Day (cost £1:00 school funds)	P1 -7
12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	6:30pm	Parent Fundraising Group Event  (More details to follow.)	P1-7
15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9:30am- 2:30pm	Panto - Sleeping Beauty, Kings Theatre, Glasgow	P1-7
16 <sup>th</sup> Dec (Saturday)	More details to follow	Christmas Fair	Whole School Community
17 <sup>th</sup> Dec (Sunday)	11:30 am Mass	Enrolment Mass for Confirmation	P6 & 7

18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	11:00am	Nativity	P3 and whole school
18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	1:15pm	Christmas Party	P4, 5, 6 & 7
19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	11:00am	Nativity	P3 and whole school
19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	1:15pm	Christmas Party	P 1, 2 & 3
21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	9:30	Advent Mass	P1-7
21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	10:00am	Confessions (after Mass)	P 4-7
22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec (Fri)	2:30pm	School Closes	P1 to 7
8 <sup>th</sup> Jan (Mon)	9:00am	School Re-opens	P1 to 7

## Parent Council News

Next meeting will be at 6:30 on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November.

The following parents were elected on to the Parent Council at the AGM in September:

**Chair:** Mrs C. Gallacher

**Vice Chair:** Mrs M. Maling

**Members:**

Mrs G. Formosa

Mrs E. McNamee

Mrs J. Wilson

Mrs E. McNally

**Church Representative:** Rev. G. Haddock

**School Representative:** Mrs P. McIntyre

The Head Teacher is the professional adviser to the Parent Council. The Head Teacher has a duty and a right to attend all meetings of the Parent Council.

Meetings of the Parent Council are open to members of the public.

## Parent Fundraising Group

The Parent Fundraising Group, formally known as the Parent Focus Group need the help of new members for events planned for the upcoming year.

They have organised a planning meeting for Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at 6:30pm. One of the priorities for discussion will be the Christmas Fair.

Monies raised from fundraising events pay for buses, help to reduce the cost of excursions, Christmas parties, leaver events, resources to make learning fun and this year we would like to update some electronic equipment e.g. projectors for Smartboards, ipads etc.

Please come along and support your child's school.

**Raffle tickets** will be sold from now until Halloween. **Cost 10p.** Raffle will be drawn in the school after the Halloween Parade on the 31<sup>st</sup> October.

## Car Parking

The car parking around the school particularly at 9:00am and 3:00pm is a cause for concern. We urge all parents to show consideration when dropping off and picking up children.

If parking in the school, please use parking bays and show consideration for pupil safety and other road users. **Reminder** - disabled spaces at the front of the building are reserved for blue badge holders.

## Nut Allergies Reminder



In St Patrick's Primary, we have a small number of children who have been identified as having an allergic reaction to nuts. In some cases, the allergy may be triggered even when the child is not in direct contact.

Some children have snacks and lunch products which contain nuts, we would therefore ask for your cooperation in not providing nuts or products containing nuts such as nutella for your child in school.

## Mobile Phones

Just a reminder that children should not bring mobile phones to school.

Not only are they an expensive item, they are also unnecessary since if a parent needs information regarding their child during the school day, the office is always happy to help. If a child does bring a mobile phone to school for whatever reason, they should hand the phone into the office and collect it at the end of the day.

## Outdoor Learning

Engie have provided the school with a set of waterproofs for Outdoor Learning activities - look out for teacher's requesting "wellies" on some occasions for "muddy" adventures...

**A big "thank you" to Engie!!!!**



**Panto Tickets - thank you for your prompt response to paying pantomime tickets. Could those who have still to pay please send in money as soon as possible.**

