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January 2018 Newsletter

A very Happy New Year to all members of our school community I do hope that you all enjoyed a very restful and peaceful Christmas. If you were lucky enough to get a new phone from Santa please remember to notify us of your new number. I would like to say how grateful I am for your kind words, cards and gifts. I am delighted to be taking on the role of Head Teacher and I am very much looking forward to the year ahead with you all.

Emma Henry

Thank you

On behalf of all the staff of St Catherine's Primary I would like to wish you a happy new year and take this opportunity to thank you for the kind cards and gifts received prior to Christmas.

Attendance & Punctuality

It is important that parents contact the school with regard to a child's absence. Parents are requested to telephone the school office between 8.30am and 9.15am at the latest on the first morning of each absence. If no notification is received it is treated as an '*Unauthorised Absence*' and a text message will be sent to the main parental contact. However, parents are respectfully requested to adhere strictly to the school policy.

Parents must ensure that prior to leaving the house in the morning children always know their travel arrangements for the end of each day.

Parent Partnership - Reading Café

Many of our families from Primary 1-3 came along to our reading cafés last term and what a wonderful time was had by all. This term we invite our families in Primary 4-7 to come along and join in the reading fun! Further information to follow.

Citizenship Groups

Every pupil is provided with the opportunity to develop the school identity through involvement in school Citizenship Groups this not only allows them to grow and develop but also to have a positive impact on school improvements. Congratulations to Mr McKay's Junior Road Safety Group for successfully organising a road safety competition and assembly. The whole school community had great fun whilst raising road safety awareness.

Website

Please remember to use our school website, 'Whole School News' will provide you with up and coming events and necessary information and 'School Blogs' will showcase our pupil's skills and talents across the curriculum and beyond. You will also find copies of our newsletters, school handbook, school improvement plan and other useful information.

Breakfast Club

Please remember that there is currently a free Breakfast Club available to your children starting at 8.15am each morning. If you would like your child to attend, please collect a form from our school office.

Staffing

We are delighted to announce that Ms McLaughlin will carry out the role of Acting Depute Head Teacher. I am sure you will join me in wishing Ms McLaughlin every success in her new position. We are also delighted to welcome Mr Gallagher to the St Catherine's team!

December Assembly Achievement Awards

Congratulations to the following pupils!

Primary 1	Olivia Mullen, Phillip McBride, Alexander Gibson
Primary 2/1	Kai Semple, Aaron Docherty
Primary 2	Catriona Muir Dunbar, Millie Dawson
Primary 3	Michaela Mullen, Sara McStay
Primary 4	Josh Jackson, Chara Dapaah, Sandy Jackson
Primary 5	Eva McShane, Rachel Crawford
Primary 6	David Roy, Aaron Jackson
Primary 7	Allisa McLardie, Nathan Shanks

Dates for your diary

January

- 8 Citizenship Groups
- 10 Whole School Mass
- 10 Primary 1 registration
- 11 Primary 1 registration
- 11 P1-P3 Drama starts back today
- 12 P4-P7 Drama starts back today
- 24 P4-P5 Reading Café begins today
- 25 P6-P7 Reading Café begins today

February

- 1 P1/P7 Dental Inspections
- 5 Citizenship Groups
- TBC Catholic Education Sunday Mass
- 9 In-Service Day (Pupils do not attend)
- 12 Holiday
- 13 Holiday

Recognition of Achievement

Although we encourage our children to tell us about their achievements out with school we are sure that we don't know about lots of things however big or small, for this reason we would like your help. If you feel that your child has accomplished something for the first time, improved in something, or has achieved an award (yellow belt in Judo, badges at Scouts/Brownies/Boys Brigade etc.) please let us know by completing the tear off slip below. Your child will receive a Head Teacher Award which will be shared at assembly and added to our achievements records.

Please tick ()

Church	Community	General	Language and Arts	Music	Sport
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Name _____

Class _____

Details of Personal Achievement

Parent's Signature _____

Date _____