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### November 2018 Newsletter

#### School Christmas Show

This year our Christmas Show will be a performance of "The Magical Christmas Jigsaw", a lovely retelling of the traditional Christmas story with a fabulous showbiz feel. The show will involve all children from Primary 1 to Primary 7. Each family will be allocated two free tickets. We are planning to stage three performances of the show this year; these performances will take place on the afternoon of **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December, the morning of Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December and the afternoon of Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December**. Once all of our families have been allocated their two free tickets extra tickets will be available at a cost of £2.50 per ticket. Letters will be sent home in the near future inviting parents/carers to indicate which show they would like two free tickets for.

#### Christmas Party

Your children can come to school in their Christmas Party clothes on **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2018**. Children will enjoy party games and treats and I believe a special visitor will visit too!

#### School Holiday

St Andrew's Day, **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November**, is a school holiday. School will re-open on **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**. The school will close on **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 2.30pm** and will reopen to staff and parents on **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019**.

#### Halloween Discos

The Halloween Discos were a great success. All of the children who attended had a great time and enjoyed their Halloween Treats. Sincere thanks to our Parent Council for their continued support of the life and work of the school.

#### School Photographs

Tempest Photography will be in the school on **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November** to take individual and family photographs. Primary 1 and 7 will also have a whole class photograph. Children should wear their full school uniform, i.e. Shirts and ties, if possible.

#### Tech Lit Café

Please remember to try and come along to our Primary 5-7 Tech Lit Café. The Tech Lit Cafe sessions are designed to be a relaxed and fun opportunity for you and your child to have easy and unlimited access to digital technologies. Sessions will encompass the skills to use technology to engage in learning through managing information, communicating and collaborating, problem-solving and being creative, and the appropriate and responsible use of technology. We guarantee you will learn new skills and have fun with your child too! There is an opportunity to get on board the Skoobmobile during the session and drinks and snacks are provided too.

#### Parent Council

Please come along to our next meeting which is planned for **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November at 6.15pm**. I would like to hear your thoughts on how we spend our 'cost of the school day money'.

## Twitter

To follow us on Twitter simple join us at **@stcatherinespsy**. We will update this regularly with events, photographs and valuable information.

## Numeracy at home

This website from Education Scotland has a range of fantastic ideas to support learning at home with some fun activities. Why not have a go!

<https://education.gov.scot/parentzone/learning-at-home/supporting-numeracy/Introduction%20to%20supporting%20numeracy>

## Speech & Language Therapy Drop-In Advice Clinics

These are for children and families living in Renfrewshire. The local venue is The Aranthrue Centre (Paisley Road) between 10am and 12noon on the 2nd Friday of the month: **9<sup>th</sup> November, 14<sup>th</sup> December**. For more information contact 0141 314 4601.

## West College Partnership

We have excellent links with our West College neighbours and many great opportunities will be available to our pupils and families across the school year. This term Primary 6 and 7 are experiencing life in the hospitality trade. This is a fantastic opportunity for our pupils to experience new skills, learn from our partners and have great fun in the process! Parents will be invited to a showcase event at the end of the year. **If you are interested in learning more about the hospitality trade then why not join P6/7 on a Wednesday afternoon as a volunteer.** Contact Mrs Henry if you would like further information. Primary 6 will also be experiencing practical science classes at the college and we look forward to working with the STEM in Sport department in the coming weeks too. Exciting times ahead!

## Term 2 Coffee Morning (change of date)

Our second meeting will take place on **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November at 2.15pm.**

I hope to share with you our progress so far with our school improvement priorities and I would like to gather your views on our use of Social Media. I hope many of you can come along and join me in a chat and a cuppa!

## Sacrament Dates

In order to give you us much notice as possible I would like to share the following dates with you for your diary.

- P4 Sacrament Parent/Carer Meetings: 27<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at 6.30pm
- P7 Sacrament Parent/Carer Meetings: 27<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at 7.15pm
- P4/P7 Mass Of Commitment: 9<sup>th</sup> December 2018 at 10am
- P4 First Holy Communion: 11<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at 10am
- P7 Sacrament of Confirmation: 15<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at 7pm
- P4/P7 Mass Of Thanksgiving: 19<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at 10am

Further information will follow nearer these dates.

## Catholic Education Sunday Mass

Please join us on **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November at 10am** Mass at St Mirin's Cathedral to celebrate Catholic Education Sunday.

## Free Books for Schools

We are collecting tokens from The Scottish Sun in a bid to claim 105 free Collins Big Cat books. Tokens can be collected from The Scottish Sun with additional bonus token days on offer too up until **18<sup>th</sup> November**. Please send tokens in to school with your child or hand them in to our school office. We appreciate your support with this.

## October Assembly Achievement Awards

Congratulations to the following pupils!

<b>Primary 1</b>	Tymon Batkowska, Gabriela Gorska, Logan Munn, Louis Murray, Karly Curivan, Rosalie McGowan
<b>Primary 2</b>	Mia Hurles, Callum Donnell, Dorian Gora, James Harkness, Pria Tannahill, Mirren MacDonald
<b>Primary 3/2</b>	Sara Shahid, Sophie Sheehan, Rhyllie Galbraith
<b>Primary 3</b>	Millie Dawson, Emily Morrison, Karis Shanks, Julia Sobanski
<b>Primary 4</b>	Lewis O'Neill, Ailey Gillespie, Kyle Mullen, David Chukubereduko, Dylan Nixon, Thomas Carline
<b>Primary 5</b>	Maya Wodkowska, Lena Batkowska, Molly Barr, Morgan Barr, Lily Zavaroni, Brodie Dooner
<b>Primary 6</b>	Cailyn Kelly, Jessica Parker, Hailey O'Donnell
<b>Primary 7</b>	Sam Evans, Eljon Ujupi, Ella Chukubereduko, Hollie Adams
<b>Head Teacher Award</b>	Primary 5, Primary 7 – mental maths workshops Charity Champions – World Porridge Day Antonia Vodislav, Catriona Muir Dunbar, Millie Dawson, Liam Curivan, Sean Strathearn, Brodie Forrester

### Dates for your diary

#### November

- 1 Feast of All Souls
- 5 Citizenship Meetings
- 12 Anti-Bullying Week
- 16 P7 Trinity High School Retreat
- 19 Book Week Scotland
- 20 Class Photographs:P1/P7  
Individual and family  
photographs:P1-P7
- 25 Catholic Education Sunday Mass  
(10am) St Mirin's Cathedral
- 27 P4 Sacramental Meeting 7pm  
P7 Sacramental Meeting 8pm
- 27 Parent Coffee Afternoon 2.15pm

#### December

- 9 P4 Rite of Commitment Mass (St  
Mirin's Cathedral 10am)
- 6 Christmas Fayre
- 17 Christmas Show 2.15pm
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- 19 Christmas Show 2.15pm
- 20 Christmas Parties
- 21 Non Uniform Day: last day of term

## 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 ( )

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Class \_\_\_\_\_

Details of Personal Achievement

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Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

***You are welcome to provide feedback on any items contained in our newsletter. Please do not hesitate to contact me if there is ever anything you wish to discuss.***

***Mrs Emma Henry, Head Teacher***

*The newsletter is available on the school website*

*<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/re/stcatherines/>*

*(If you require a copy with larger print please contact the school office)*

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