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January 2020 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.

Emma Henry

Thank you

On behalf of all the staff of St Catherine's Primary I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the kind cards and gifts received prior to Christmas. We are looking forward to the year ahead and I am sure we will have a very successful Term 3!

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 5 - 7 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 1 - 2 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. Our Citizenship Groups have already made an impact in our local community and beyond with involvement in Mary's Meals World Porridge Day, Road Safety Week, World Book Day, Faith in Action Community Christmas Cards and so much more. We have further plans for this coming year so watch this space. Well done children!

Breakfast Club

Please remember that there is currently a free Breakfast Club available to your children starting at **8.15am** each morning. A number of children have been coming along to Breakfast Club very early please note that Mrs McLaughlin does not begin our Breakfast Club until 8.15am. If you would like your child to attend, please collect a form from our school office.

School Access / Inclement Weather

Please be aware that during the winter months, pavements around the school may be slippery. The playground areas could also be icy. Everyone is asked to take extra care and use the safest routes and those which have been gritted. The council policy is that only main walking routes/pathways in and out

of the building will be treated with grit. A very big thank you to Mr O'Neill for doing more than required to keep our families safe. Mrs Henry is very grateful to have the best janitor in Paisley!

Primary 1 Registration

Children who reach 5 years of age between 1 March 2020 and 28 February 2021 inclusive should be registered for education in their catchment school as follows:

- **Pupils whose surnames begin with the letters A - L** should be registered on **Wednesday 15 January 2020**
- **Pupils whose surnames begin with the letters M - Z** should be registered on **Thursday 16 January 2020**

Registration will take place between 1pm - 3pm on those dates.

Parents should produce their child's birth certificate and **two proofs of residence** which must include: Council Tax notice for your property or proof that you have registered for Council Tax at that property, and a letter from your solicitor confirming that missives have been concluded or a rent book for rented property, tenancy agreement or mortgage/bank statement.

Original documents must be produced.

You must register your child in only one school - either the denominational or non-denominational school in your catchment area.

Parent Council

A very big thank you to our Parent Council for helping us to raise a fantastic £1214 for our school funds. We have consulted with staff, parents and pupils and this money will help towards purchasing new curtains for our stage area.

Paisley Food Bank

Thank you for your generous donations for the Paisley Foodbank we raised a fantastic £238.48 from your donations for our Christmas Show programmes.

December Assembly Achievement Awards

Congratulations to the following pupils!

Primary 1	Lucy McCormick, Callen McMillan, Niamh Lundie
Primary 2	Niamh Marshall, Jaya Pardasani, Josh McKenna
Primary 3	Brogan Blair, Millie Michie, Lyle Amjadi
Primary 3/4	Sophie Sheehan
Primary 4	Antonia Vodislav, Millie Dawson, Freya McKenna, Reegan Dick, Kendell McGrath
Primary 5	Thomas Carline, Xavier Murray, Caiden Campbell, Mirin McAdam, Ava Luise Reid
Primary 6	Niamh McGarvey
Primary 7	Leanna McCarthy, Chloe O'Donnell, Brodie Blair, David Rhoda, Eva McShane, Cailyn Kelly

Dates for your diary

January

9	Whole School Mass
13	Citizenship Groups
15	Primary 1 registration
16	Primary 1 registration
16	P1-P3 Drama starts back today
22	P1-P2 Reading Café begins today

February

3	Citizenship Groups
7	In-Service Day (Pupils do not attend)
10	Holiday

- 11 Holiday
- 12 In-Service Day (Pupils do not attend)

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 _____

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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