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December 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 17th December, the morning of Tuesday 18th December and the afternoon of Wednesday 19th 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 and go on sale on **Monday 10th December**. They will be sold on a first come first served basis. Doors will open fifteen minutes before the show begins.

Christmas Party

Your children can come to school in their Christmas Party clothes on **Thursday 20th December 2018**. The staff have organised a lovely day for all of the children involving games, activities and a special visitor!

Non-Uniform Day

On the last day of term **Friday 21st December** the children can wear their own clothes to school. During this expensive time of year there will be no donation for this. As always wearing own clothes is voluntary.

School Holiday

The school will close on **Friday 21st December at 2.30pm** and will reopen to staff and pupils on **Monday 7th January 2019**.

Christmas Fayre

Please remember that our Christmas Fayre date has changed to **Thursday 13th December**. All children will attend the Christmas Fayre with their class during the afternoon between 1pm and 3pm. Children attending the Christmas Fayre after school should be collected by an adult at their usual dismissal point at 3pm prior to accessing the Christmas Fayre via the main entrance. Unaccompanied children will not be permitted to enter the Christmas Fayre after school.

Parent Council

A very big thank you to our Parent Council for their hard work and dedication to our school. Your support and commitment to the school is truly appreciated by us all.

Christmas Lunch

Christmas lunch will be served on **Tuesday 11th December**. We have a lovely lunch planned for our children and staff and we will be getting in to the Christmas spirit with Christmas music and crackers! The usual arrangements apply for children in receipt of free school meals and children can still come along with a packed lunch to enjoy the festive atmosphere.

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: **14th December**. For more information contact 0141 314 4601.

Families First Income Advisor

Penny Ralston our Income Advisor from the Families First team will be based in St Catherine's Primary every Thursday from 10am-12pm for support/advice. No appointments necessary.

Sacrament Dates

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

- P4/P7 Mass Of Commitment: 9th December 2018 at 10am
- P4 First Holy Communion: 11th May 2019 at 10am
- P7 Sacrament of Confirmation: 15th May 2019 at 7pm
- P4/P7 Mass Of Thanksgiving: 19th May 2019 at 10am

Further information will follow nearer these dates.

Catholic Education Sunday Mass

Thank you to those of you who joined us for Mass at St Mirin's Cathedral to celebrate Catholic Education Sunday. Well done to Adam Johnstone who read beautifully at Mass and made us very proud.

Car Park

Our Car Park is for staff parking only we respectfully ask you not to park there. There have been occasions in which parents have parked in areas that block prams and buggies. I will be monitoring this closely in the coming weeks.

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 2019 and 29 February 2020 inclusive should be registered for education in their catchment school. Pupils whose surnames begin with the initials **A to L** should be registered on **Wednesday 16th January 2019**. Pupils whose surnames begin with **M to Z** should be registered on **Thursday 17th January 2019**. Registration will take place in St Catherine's Primary between 1pm and 3pm. Please provide birth certificate and two proofs of residence including council tax or a solicitors letter confirming conclusion of missives or a rent book for a rented property tenancy agreement or mortgage/bank statement.

School Uniform

We ask you to remember that football colours are not permitted in school this includes accessories such as hats and school bags. We thank you for your support with this matter.

Thank you

I would like to say a very big thank you to the **incredible** staff team here at St Catherine's for their hard work and commitment to our school. To our families for their support and contribution to positive changes for our school and most of all to our children who make us proud every day through their excellent behaviour and aspirations for themselves and each other. We wish our families a wonderful festive period! #attainachieveaspire

November Assembly Achievement Awards

Congratulations to the following pupils!

Primary 1	Eddie Sobanski, Katie Smith, Hanna Klyszejko, Naimh Marshall, Cuong Nguyen
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	Maiya Gillespie,
Primary 2	Alexander Gibson, Ollie Mullaney, Ollie Houston, Jack Lappin, Rory McKinlay, Olivia Mullen, Ben Parnis Scott, Jack Steel, Millie Michie
Primary 3/2	Ethen Njoroge, Allan Todd, Phillip McBride, Keeley Clements
Primary 3	Katie Barr, Stuart McMillan, Mark Lundie, Catriona Muir Dunbar, Jaiden McAvoy, Alexander Sackey
Primary 4	Sara McStay, Liam Curivan, Xaiver Murray, Caiden Campbell
Primary 5	Jackson Craig, Dylan Cochrane, Mia Shankly, Coco Arquillo, Lily Zavaroni, Brodie Dooner
Primary 6	Rachel Crawford, Josh Docherty, Amora Chikuta
Primary 7	Adam Johnstone, Aaron Jackson, Jasmine Allen
Head Teacher Award	Jaiden McAvoy, Charlie Gray, Antonia Vodislav, Sean Strathearn, Millie Dawson, Josh Sullivan, Lena Batkowska, Chara Dapaah, Sean Strathearn, Rachel Crawford, Choe O'Donnell, Jessica Parker, Amy Turnbull, Brendan Thompson, Lily Elle Zavaroni, Eloise Colquhoun, Emmanella Chukubereduko, Amora Chikuta, Chloe O'Donnell, Sean Strathearn, Jaya Pardasani, Eva Russell, Ailey Gillespie, Dylan Cochrane, Sara McStay, Josh Sullivan, Freya Dennett, Morgan Barr

Dates for your diary

December

- 9 P4 Rite of Commitment Mass (St Mirin's Cathedral 10am)
- 13 Christmas Fayre
- 17 Christmas Show 2.15pm
- 18 Christmas Show 10:00am
- 19 Christmas Show 2.15pm
- 20 Christmas Parties
- 21 Non Uniform Day: last day of term

January

- 7 School opens to staff and pupils
- 10 Welcome to the school year Mass
- 14 Citizenship Groups
- 16 Primary 1 registration
- 17 Primary 1 registration

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

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

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

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