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December 2019 Newsletter

School Christmas Show

This year our Christmas Show will be a performance of "Children of the World", a fun story in which we discover a little bit of Christmas from around the world. The show will involve all children from Primary 1 to Primary 7. All free tickets have been sent home and extra tickets are now available on Parent Pay at a cost of £2.50 per ticket. Please note doors will open fifteen minutes before the start of the show.

Christmas Party

Your children can come to school in their Christmas Party clothes on **Thursday 19th December 2019**. The staff have organised a lovely day for all of the children involving games, activities and a special visitor!

Pantomime

To celebrate the Christmas season the children today enjoyed a performance of the pantomime 'Mother McGoose' Donations from our own clothes day will help to pay for this fantastic experience for our children.

Non-Uniform Day

On the last day of term **Friday 20th December 2019** the children can wear their own clothes to school. Children can bring in a chuck in a bucket donation (suggested £1 donation) As always wearing own clothes is voluntary.

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. Our annual Christmas Fayre raised a fabulous £1214! Thank you to our Parent Council for pulling this together for us, to all of our parent helpers for their support on the day, our helpers from S6 at Trinity High School and thank you to all of our families for coming along and supporting our school. The proceeds from this event as always will be used to benefit the children in a variety of ways throughout the year.

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: **10th January 2020**
14th February 2020, 13th March 2020, 10th April 2020 – No clinic. For more information contact 0141 314 4601

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 our children 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 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.

School Uniform

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

School Holiday

The school will close on **Friday 20th December at 2.30pm** and will reopen to staff and parents on **Monday 6th January 2020**.

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	Phillip Gibson, Callen McMillan, Leo Dollard, Robert Strathearn, Lucy McCormick, Niamh Lundie, William Webster, Callum Hinshelwood, Ajita Pardasani
Primary 2	Aiden Cummings, Maiya Gillespie, Gabriela Gorska, Hanna Klyszejko, Lucas Kerr, Jaya Pardasani, Hayden McCormick, Ella Hamilton, Sabrina Tasmin, Cole Cochrane
Primary 3/4	Brooklyne Murphy, Allan Todd, Alessandro Degboe, Alistair Greer, Ethen Njoroge, Rhyllie Galbraith, Eloise Colquhoun, Kacey Orr, Kariss Orr, Logan Munro
Primary 3	James Harkness, Jane Donald, Ben Parnis-Scott, Alexander Gibson, Kayla Ireland, Ollie Houston, Mirren MacDonald
Primary 4	Mirryn McCallion, Elijah Chikuta, Millie Dawson, Freya McKenna, Catherine Barr, Jaiden McAvoy, Joshua Dapaah, Julia Sobanski, Julia Galaj
Primary 5	Alex Hurles, Antoni Marciniak, Shellie McKinlay, Lilly-Rose McMahan, Ava-Luise Reid, Jacob Page, Ailey Gillespie, Liam Curivan, Xavier Murray, Kyle Mullen, Ava Mitchell, Gabriel Marshall,
Primary 6	Niamh McGarvey, Damilare Adebayo, McKenzie Coyle, Sandy Craig, Alana Clark, Ciara McBride, Brodie Dooner, Lilly-Elle Zavaroni, Ben Pattison, Dylan Cochrane, Mia Shankly, Nabeeha Shahid, Josh Sullivan, Josh Jackson, Lena Batkowska
Primary 7	Jessica Parker, Cailyn Kelly, Amora Chikuta, Rachel Crawford, Leanna McCarthy,

Dates for your diary

December

12 School closed for Election
16 Christmas Show 2.15pm
17 Christmas Show 10:00am
18 Christmas Show 2.15pm
19 Christmas Parties
20 Non Uniform Day: last day of term

January

6 School opens to staff and pupils
10 Welcome to the school year Mass
14 Citizenship Groups
15 Primary 1 registration
16 Primary 1 registratio

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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