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January 2019 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, Community gritting competition, 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 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 conforming conclusion of missives or a rent book for a rented property tenancy agreement or mortgage/bank statement.

Parent Council

A very big thank you to our Parent Council for helping us to raise a fantastic £1049.84 for our school funds. We have consulted with staff, parents and pupils and this money will help towards purchasing clothing for outdoor learning.

Paisley Food Bank

Thank you for your generous donations for the Paisley Foodbank we raised a fantastic £162.74 from your donations for our Christmas Show programmes.

December Assembly Achievement Awards

Congratulations to the following pupils!

Primary 1	Maiya Gillespie, Zofia Sala
Primary 3/2	Freya Dennett
Primary 2	Tyler Strathearn, Brogan Blair, Stuart Harkness
Primary 3	Kacie Coyle, Mirryn McCallion
Primary 4	Kyle Mullen, Gabriel Marshall, Ava Mitchell
Primary 5	Mia Shankly, Maja Wodkowska, Ciara McBride
Primary 6	Martin Tannahill, Eva McShane
Primary 7	Sam Evans
Head Teacher Awards	Rosalie McGowan, Amy Turnbull, Charlie Gray, Hannah Dillon, Olivia Kearns, Adam Johnstone, Ryan Martin, Liam Curivan, Dylan Nixon, Jacob Page, Lily-Rose McMahan, Sara McStay, Ava Mitchell, Amora Chikuta, Millie Dawson, Sabrina Tasmin, Ollie Houston

Dates for your diary

January

10	Whole School Mass
14	Citizenship Groups
16	Primary 1 registration
17	Primary 1 registration
17	P1-P3 Drama starts back today
18	P4-P7 Drama starts back today
23	P1-P2 Reading Café begins today

February

4	Citizenship Groups
11	Holiday
12	Holiday
13	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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