

# St. David's Primary School

## Newsletter



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## Head Teacher's note

Dear Parents/ Carers,

We have really enjoyed celebrating the festive season with you again this year. We have had so many lovely events from our Family Movie Night, Carol Singing in the local community, Christmas Fayre and of course our Jingle Bell Mile.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support and continued generosity - the fundraising we do throughout the year supports us to provide the best educational opportunities for our children.

I hope that you all enjoyed a very, merry Christmas and would like to wish you all a Happy New Year and all the best for 2019.

Linda Berry

### **Christmas Fayre**

Thank you to everyone who supported this event by donating, helping and attending on the day! It was, as always a huge success and combined with all our other festive fundraising, we raised £ 1403.09 - thank you so much!

A huge thank you to all of our donors for the raffle. We had some fantastic prizes on offer this year:



### **Christmas Nativity Show**

Our show this year was 'The Inn-spectors' and all children throughout the school were represented at the show with either a part on stage or in the school chorus. I'm sure you will agree they gave a fantastic performance and reminded us all of the real message of Christmas. Well done to everyone!

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You may remember that at the show we had a 'chuck-it-in-the-bucket' collection for our friends in St Vincent's Hospice. Laura and Vinnie the Lion came along to collect our donations and have just confirmed that we raised £126.10 - through the council's charity matching scheme this will be doubled to total £252.20 which is an amazing total and will make such a difference in our local community.

### **Parent Council**

Huge thanks to our Parent Council who have had a great start this session - the fundraising events throughout the year allowed them to take the whole school on a trip to the pantomime at the Pavilion Theatre with absolutely no cost to our pupils and families. We are so grateful to them for all the effort in fundraising and planning this required - we had a fantastic time!

Please continue to support the Parent Council in all their fundraising events throughout the year -they are making big things happen in our small school. Upcoming events include Valentine's Disco and the Race Night. If you are interested in coming along to one of the meetings or getting more involved, please get in touch and look out for the next meeting date.

### **PATHS Café**

At St David's we work alongside our colleagues in Barnardos to deliver the PATHS programme. This empowers children to develop the fundamental social and emotional learning skills which will enable them to make positive choices throughout life. You may have heard your child talking about Paths kid/Pupil of the day, emotional intelligence, doing the turtle? If you'd like to find out more about these things and what we do in school, please come along to our PATHS Café on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January at 9am. We will provide Tea, Coffee and a bite to eat and would love to see you there.



### **Outdoor Learning Days**

This session, we have been making an effort to make the most of our outdoor spaces and local community. We believe that Outdoor Learning is an essential part of the school day and enhances the curriculum so much. We make use of the outdoor environment to educate children about the natural science around them, connect them with nature, create wonder and awe as well promote confidence, compassion and companionship.

Our ideas and planned activities take account of all the variations that Scottish weather has to offer and as such we will encourage children to go outside in all weathers. Please ensure that your child comes to school dressed appropriately for the weather - although our Outdoor Learning Days require longer periods to be spent outside, our children and staff are encouraged to take their learning outside every day.

If you would like to volunteer as a Parent Helper with your child's class, please let us know. We'd love to have you along.

### **Staffing Update**

Miss Munro has been filling the position of Acting Principal Teacher for some time now and I am delighted to inform you that following recent interview, this has become a permanent appointment. Miss Munro is a longstanding member of the St David's team and I'm sure you will join me in congratulating on this news.

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## Sacrament Update

Fr Paul has just confirmed a meeting date for ALL P4 and P7 pupils who wish to enrol in the Sacrament process this session. P4 children are scheduled to enrol at the Mass of Commitment on 10<sup>th</sup> March, receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on 14<sup>th</sup> March and the Sacrament of the Eucharist on 27<sup>th</sup> April. P7 pupils will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on 22<sup>nd</sup> May.

Fr Paul will host the information meeting at St Margaret's Parish on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January at 6pm. It is essential that you attend with your child. If you have any questions about the session or the Sacraments, please contact Fr Paul on 01505 320 198.

## Diary Dates

15 <sup>th</sup> January	School Photographer in school today
16 <sup>th</sup> January	P1 Registration 1-3pm
17 <sup>th</sup> January	PATHS Café 9am
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21 <sup>st</sup> January	Outdoor Learning Day
29 <sup>th</sup> January	P4 & P7 Sacrament Information Meeting 6pm - St Margaret's Parish
1 <sup>st</sup> February	First Friday Mass at St Margaret's Parish - All welcome. (Parent Helpers Required)
6 <sup>th</sup> February	How Good is My Learning 3 - Appointments will be issued
8 <sup>th</sup> February	Non Uniform Day - no charge
11 <sup>th</sup> February	Holiday
12 <sup>th</sup> February	Holiday
13 <sup>th</sup> February	INSET Day 4 - Staff Only
14 <sup>th</sup> February	Parent Council Valentine's Disco
25 <sup>th</sup> February	Fairtrade Fortnight
26 <sup>th</sup> February	Outdoor Learning Day
1 <sup>st</sup> March	Parent Council Race Night. 7.30pm at the Lilybank Social Club
6 <sup>th</sup> March	Ash Wednesday at St Margaret's Parish - All welcome. (Parent Helpers Required)
14 <sup>th</sup> March	Sharing the Learning 3 - Numeracy Event - All welcome 1-3pm
20 <sup>th</sup> March	Cluster Lenten Stations Mass - All Welcome 7pm St Margaret's Parish
27 <sup>th</sup> March	Outdoor Learning Day
29 <sup>th</sup> March	Non Uniform Day - £1 per family - all proceeds go to SCIAF
	Close for Spring Break

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