

**St Peter's Primary School**  
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**Newsletter**



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year to you all! Our term is off to a very positive start. It's lovely to see our pupils returning looking very healthy and happy. What a pleasure to see them looking so smart in



their uniforms! Thank you for your co-operation in ensuring our children wear these with pride.

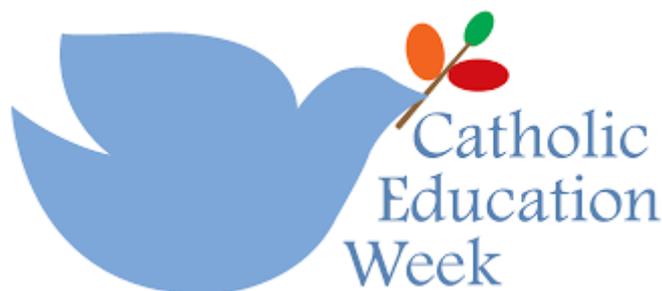
### **Thank you**

On behalf of all staff I would like to thank you very much for all the kind cards and gifts received at Christmas time. Staff appreciate your kind thoughts and good wishes. I would also like to thank you for your support during our festive calendar. The children's performances were out of this world and thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. What talent! Thanks also to our parents who kindly gave their time to organise the raffle. We raised £320 through donations received during each performance. This will go towards our school fund and will help to pay for treats such as the Christmas pantomime, "Dick Whittington" - £999 and other events during the year.

### **Religious Life of the School**

#### **Catholic Education Week – 12<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> February 2017**

During Catholic Education Week we are encouraged to reflect on the value and purpose of Education in Faith. "*Developing as a community of faith and learning*" has been chosen as this year's theme. We will be celebrating the start of Catholic Education Week with a Mass in St Peter's Church on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February at 10am. Everyone is welcome to come along and it



would be encouraging to see many families there.

#### **St Andrew's Education Week Cluster Mass**

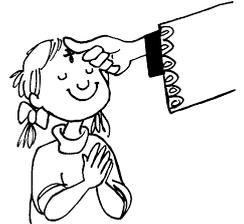
All pupils, parents/carers, family members and friends are invited to St Charles' Parish Church on Thursday 9 February at 7pm to celebrate the work of Catholic Education within our cluster.

There will be representatives from St Andrew's Academy and all primary schools within our cluster (St Mary's, St Paul's, St Charles', St Fergus, St James', St John Ogilvie and St Peter's). It is an excellent opportunity for pupils to understand the large community they belong to. All pupils attending should wear school uniform. Light refreshments will be served in the hall after mass. I look forward to seeing many of you there.



### **Ash Wednesday**

Ash Wednesday takes place on 1<sup>st</sup> March. The children will be attending church to receive ashes. Parent helpers will be required to accompany the children to and from St Peter's Church. Please contact the school office if you are able to



help.

Please continue to remember in your prayers the children of Primary 4 and Primary 7 who are preparing to receive sacraments this year.

### **Pope Francis Faith Award**

The Pope Francis Faith Award is a prestigious new award which recognises young people putting faith into action and showing "signs of love" to others. It is named in honour of Pope Francis because of the good example he gives to everyone. P6 and P7 have been learning about the Gifts of the Holy Spirit and how they can use these in good ways. They have promised to do some good deeds at home, in school and in their community (including their local parish, where appropriate). They have been gathering evidence of their good deeds in a FAITH Journal. P7 will begin working on the concluding evidence this term to achieve their award. P6 will work on their Pope Francis Journal for another year and will receive their award in P7.

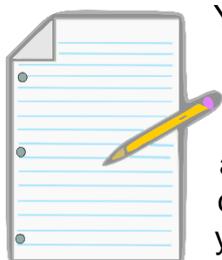
### **Staffing Update**

I am pleased to inform you that Lorna Robertson has been appointed to St Peter's Nursery Class as Senior Nursery Officer and will take up her post in the very near future. Lorna was appointed using Renfrewshire Council's recruitment procedures. She is very much looking forward to joining us and I am sure you will welcome her with open arms in the usual St Peter's fashion.

Mrs McRobbie continues to teach P5/6 on a Monday and Tuesday and will continue to do so throughout the term. She will also continue to teach primary 6 every Wednesday.

Congratulations to Katrina (Nursery Officer) who gave birth to a baby boy on 16 November 2016. Both mum and baby are thriving! Hazel McCool, supply nursery officer is filling this temporary vacancy on a supply basis at present. The maternity leave post has been advertised using Renfrewshire Council's recruitment procedures and will be interviewed on 6 February.

### **Termly Curricular Newsletters**



You should be receiving a termly curricular newsletter from your child's teacher at the beginning of each term. This is to provide you with general information regarding your child's learning experiences in school and what is planned for part of the term. Learning opportunities, however, will be adapted to suit each individual as we respond to his/her needs and can change on a daily basis. The newsletter is intended for the term. I hope that you find this helpful and informative. Please remember that you are welcome to contact myself or Mrs Lawson at any time if you wish to discuss any aspect

of your child's learning.



### White Cart Credit Union

White Cart Credit Union continue to collect deposits on Tuesday mornings in the school. They are grateful for the response they have received from the school and also extremely grateful for parents arranging to have the deposits on the day the Credit Union visit the school. Suzanne McGillp will be on hand to answer any questions you may have and will continue the collection every Tuesday



morning.

### Citizenship Groups

Our children continue to enjoy their involvement in one of these groups. It is hugely important that they feel a sense of belonging to the school community and beyond. Please ask your children about the work being carried out by their group as this helps reinforce the purpose. If you would like to become involved in any of our groups, please contact the school office. Thank you to Mrs McAllister who is continuing to attend the gardening group and supports the children as they develop many skills through looking after our school grounds and local environment.

Our existing groups are as follows:

- Pupil Council and Travel Planning
- Eco Group
- Fundraising
- Fairtrade
- Health
- Friendship
- Community Involvement
- Playground
- Gardening
- Missio/SCIAF
- St Peter's in the News

## Active School Clubs

Active Schools clubs will be running from the week beginning Monday 30th January for 9 weeks. Jamie Forrest, our Active School's Coordinator has been able to secure a block with Kelburn's Hockey Club who will run 9 sessions with P5-7 after-school on a Monday. This is a very exciting opportunity for us! We have new clubs on offer this term for all classes. Your child's consent form will be issued shortly. It is pleasing to see the number of clubs on offer to the children. Please encourage your child to attend by returning consent forms promptly.

## Athlete Visit

We're very excited to be welcoming GB Long Jumper Jade Nimmo to the school on Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> February. Growing up, Jade was an all-around athlete who enjoyed basketball, dance, and gymnastics. After competing in various track and field events Jade excelled at the Long Jump and is now Scotland's record holder in that event. Jade will be leading a sponsored fitness circuit with all pupils, and will follow-up with a talk and question and answer session. The aim of the event is to inspire the pupils to take up sport generally, but just as importantly to encourage them to discover and then pursue their passion in life. You will be given a sponsor form shortly for your child to use in order to help raise money for the event and new gym equipment for the school.



## Football Club

We are still very keen to start a football club here at St Peter's but require some adults to volunteer. If you or someone you know would be willing to offer an hour per week after school to lead a football club I would be delighted to hear from you.



## Internet Safety



Internet Safety - Safer Internet Day 2017 will take place on Tuesday 7th February with the theme 'Be the change: unite for a better internet'. Each term we discuss Internet Safety and encourage children to discuss things that they are doing online. If you would like further information on keeping your child safe online go to [THINKUKNOW.co.uk](http://THINKUKNOW.co.uk) This includes ideas for discussions and guidance for parents. A link to this is also on the school website. We have

invited the Community Police Officer to come to talk to the children about safe use of Social Media. More information to follow.



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School Website - take some time to have a look at our school website. It has lots of useful information about the school, minutes of meetings and a copy of the newsletter. Each class

also has a blog page. Here you will find information and pictures about work the children have completed in class.

## **Fundraising**

We have been trying very hard to minimise the amount of fundraising activities this year. However, our enterprising pupils are keen to continue to do the best they can to raise funds not only for themselves but others. Missio is our main charity. During Lent, we will contribute to SCIAF instead of Missio. Every little penny that is donated goes to a very worthwhile cause. Thank you for encouraging your children to contribute to this on a regular basis.

## **Fairtrade**

Our Fairtrade coffee morning will be held in the school dining hall on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January at 9.30am. All parents/carers, family members or friends are invited to come along. Thanks to Mrs Campbell and our senior pupils for organising.



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## **Health and Safety**

### **Head Lice**

Please remember to check your child's hair weekly and inform school staff if you have any concerns. Further advice can be sought from your local health visitor or NHS online.

## **Scottish Celebration**

### **Robert Burns Day**

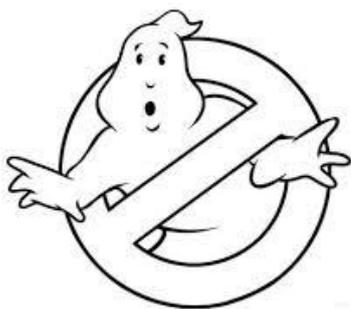


Pupils will celebrate this during the afternoon of 25 January. Each class will perform a song or recite a poem. I am sure this will be a very entertaining afternoon where our children will enjoy the opportunity to celebrate living in Scotland.

## **Parent Council**

My thanks, as always, for the support we receive from working in partnership with all parents/carers. We know that children benefit greatly when school staff and parents/carers work together to achieve the best outcomes for our children. The next meeting is Wednesday 8 February at 3pm. Please come along and join us – everyone is welcome and your attendance is very much appreciated.

### **Family Fish and Chip Night**



This takes place on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January in the school hall. Food will be served from 5.30pm with the movie starting at 6pm. The movie being shown is 'Ghostbusters' and parents/carers are required to stay with their children. The aim of the evening is to build on our fabulous community and provide an opportunity for everyone to enjoy some family time. It has been so popular that the event is now sold out. I'm sure it will be a fantastic family night out!



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As always, if you have any concerns regarding your child, please feel free to contact me at the school.

Yours sincerely

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