

St. Peter's Primary School January/February Newsletter 2018



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Dear Parents/Carers

Happy new year and welcome to our new term. As always there are lots of exciting learning opportunities to be enjoyed by our children over the coming weeks. You should be able to read about these in the termly curricular newsletter provided by your child's class teacher.



Thank you

On behalf of all the staff I would like to thank you for the kind cards and gifts received prior to Christmas. Your generosity is greatly appreciated,

Your support during the festive period was tremendous and our children certainly put on a great show which was enjoyed by St Peter's school community. A huge thank you to all parents/carers who came along to help on the day.

Religious Life of the school

We continue to be very well supported by Canon Eddie and Deacon John. They both make regular visits to our school and welcome us as we attend First Friday Mass each month.

Canon Eddie visited all of the children in Primary 5 – 7 who wanted to go to Confession. He is also making special visits to the children in Primary 4 and Primary 7 to help prepare them for the sacraments of First Confession, Holy Eucharist and Confirmation. Please remember to keep the children in your prayers. Deacon John visits our school every week and spends some time in classes. Our children are always delighted to see him.

Catholic Education Week



This takes place between 28 January and 3 February. Canon Eddie has requested that our dedicated Mass will be 10am on 4 February in St Peter's Church. Canon Eddie will be delighted to see as many of you as possible there to mark this special occasion.

Our cluster Mass for every pupil in the St Andrew's cluster will take place on Thursday 1st February at 7pm. You are all invited to join in the celebration of Mass. There will be pupils and staff from across our cluster there (St Peter's, St Paul's, St Fergus', St James, St John Ogilvie, St Charles', St Mary's, Mary Russell and St Andrew's Academy). As pupils will be representing their school it would be appropriate if they wore school uniform. Some pupils will be asked to participate in the Mass. I look forward to seeing many of you there.

Staffing update

Ms Debbie Connor continues to work in our school office every afternoon while we are waiting for our temporary clerical post to be filled.

Mrs Caitlin Maclean, Acting Principal Teacher, will be absent for the next 4 weeks. Miss Claire Cassidy will teach Primary 5 during this time. We will welcome various student teachers to St Peter's over the coming weeks. I am sure they will enjoy being part of St Peter's school community.

Fundraising

Our school fundraising group have met and would like to organise a non-uniform day on Friday 16 February. Children should bring £1 or a fair trade item. The money raised will go towards school funds.

Mrs Campbell has arranged a Fair trade Coffee afternoon which will be held on Thursday 22 February in the school dining hall from 2.30-3.45pm, parents are welcome to bring children along. The Fair trade items donated on the non-uniform day will be used that afternoon.



Throughout the year we raise funds for MISSIO. However, during Lent the children will be raising funds for SCIAF. Mrs Lawson's citizenship group will be selling toast during breaks throughout Lent for 10p a slice.

The cost of going to school

There are a number of expenses connected with going to school (e.g. uniform, lunches, snacks, P.E kit, stationery, etc). In addition, from time to time, parents may be asked to contribute to the cost of school activities. At St Peter's, we try as much as possible to subsidise costs using school funds, however, we recognise that families may still find it difficult to meet some expenses. I would ask that any parent/carer concerned about expenses related to going to school contact me. All such conversations will be treated with the strictest confidence and we will always try to help.

ECO Garden

Mr McIntosh has contacted Community Youth Services and asked for some assistance in clearing the space in our ECO garden. Someone will be in touch early Spring to arrange for this to happen. I'm sure there will be lots of outdoor learning

taking place in there once the task is complete. We are all looking forward to seeing it looking beautiful again.

Effective Teaching and Learning

Mrs Lawson and I have made planned visits to every class in the school with a focus on Numeracy. We are delighted with the learning taking place and the introduction of SEAL maths (Stages of Early Arithmetical Learning) in the early years is making a real difference. Pupils are increasing their level of accuracy and speed and their confidence seems to be growing.

Assistant Director Visit

We were recently visited by Steven Quinn, Assistant Director of Children's Services at Renfrewshire Council. Mr Quinn enjoyed a tour of the school and spoke to many of our children that day. He was very happy to be here and spoke positively of our children. They managed to do us proud, as always.

Robert Burns Day

Every pupil took part in our special Robert Burns day assembly on 25 January in our school. There was a wide variety of Burns poems and songs performed and enjoyed by all. This was a wonderful occasion to celebrate Scottish Tradition.



Clyde in the Classroom



Primary 4 are beginning a very exciting topic which involves them looking after fish eggs until they hatch and are able to be released into the local river. This is a very engaging and stimulating learning opportunity for everyone involved and I am sure the children will be excited to tell you about it.

Career Day (22 March 2018)

We will soon be looking for volunteers to come to our school and talk to some classes about their job (qualifications/skills needed and description of tasks involved in doing their job). We would really like to hear from anyone who is keen to do this. Please look out for a letter with a return slip coming out shortly.

While we are educating the children about the world of work, we ask them to research and prepare a short speech (about 2 minutes long) to be delivered to their class on 23 February 2018. Pupils will be asked to vote for the talk they found most interesting and engaging. All class winners will present their talk at assembly on Friday 02 March and pupils will again be asked to vote when they return to class. The overall winner will be Head Teacher for the day on 22 March (I'm looking forward to a wee rest!) and all class winners will have tea with Mrs Lawson and I in the afternoon.

Lockerbie Manor

Primary 7 pupils will take part in their residential excursion to Lockerbie Manor this year 14-16 May. They will have a wonderful time, I'm sure. There will be an information evening for parents/carers and pupils on 07 March in St Peter's school hall at 6pm.



Parent Council

Due to the fabulous work of our Parent Council, we are almost in a position to purchase the curtains for our school hall. I hope to have these installed by the spring break. Thank you to everyone for their hard work, time and efforts. The next meeting will take place in St Peter's on Tuesday 06 February at 6.30pm. Please come along and enjoy getting to know other parents while supporting your child's learning opportunities at school. The meetings are usually fun with lots of laughter and we would really like to see some more people participate.

We are hoping to improve our school playground space and would welcome your ideas. Please let me know if this is an area you have an interest in and you would like to be part of our 'Improving the Playground' project.

School Fund

Money raised for our school fund is used to enhance the learning opportunities for every pupil in the school. Thank you for each contribution you make. We have a committee made up of teaching/non-teaching staff, parents/carers and community members. Each year we meet to discuss any spends and revise the constitution. This meeting will take place in St Peter's school on Thursday 01 February at 2.30pm please let me know if this is something you would like to be involved in.

Dogs

Please remember that dogs are not allowed on school premises. If you have a dog with you when dropping your child off or picking them up I must ask that you remain outside the school grounds and clear from the entrance/exit. Thank you for your cooperation.

School Website

Please remember this is updated regularly by Mrs Fergusson and you should access this for updated information about school events, newsletters etc. each class has a blog which contains information about the learning taking place in each class.

As always, please feel free to contact me at the school should you wish to discuss any matter.

I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Yours sincerely

S. Mazzone
Head Teacher

January/February

Dates for your Diary

January

Friday 26		Family Fish 'n' chip Movie night
Monday 29	3 - 4pm	P2&3 Art Club (Mrs Quinn)
Tuesday 30		Deacon John visiting P5
Wednesday 31		Mrs Mazzoni at Head Teacher meeting

February

Thursday 01	2.30pm	School Fund Constitution meeting at St Peter's
	7pm	St Andrew's Cluster Mass at St Charles Parish Church – all invited – please come along
Friday 02	4pm	Meeting for P7 parents/carers to discuss leavers' end of session celebration
Monday 05	11.15am – 12pm	Citizenship Group Meetings
	3 – 4pm	P2&3 Art Club
Tuesday 06	11am	Canon Eddie here to see P4 (Sacramental preparation) Parents welcome to attend
	6.30pm	Parent Council Meeting (all invited)
Friday 09		In Service Day (PUPILS DO NOT ATTEND TODAY)
Monday 12		HOLIDAY
Tuesday 13		HOLIDAY
Wednesday 14	9am	School reopens to pupils and staff
	10am	Ash Wednesday (whole school attend St Peter's Church)
Thursday 15	6.15 – 7.15pm	P1-3 school disco (organised by parent council)
	7.30 - 8.30pm	P4-7 school disco (organised by parent council)

Friday 16		Non-uniform day (organised by fundraising group)
Tuesday 20	11am	P4 Pre-reconciliation service
Thursday 22	2.30pm	Fairtrade Coffee afternoon
Friday 23		Career Day talks in class today
	4pm	Movie Club (organised by Parent Council)
Monday 26		Parents Evening appointment letters coming home today
	3 – 4pm	P6&7 Art Club (Mrs Quinn)
	7pm	P4 First Confession in St Peter's Church
Tuesday 27	11am	P7 Lenten Service (Deacon John attending)

A look at the month ahead.....

March

Thursday 01		World Book Day "Dress up as your favourite character" (organised by Parent Council)
Friday 02	1.30pm	Career Day Assembly
Monday 05	2 – 2.45pm	Citizenship Group meetings
	3 – 4pm	P6&7 Art Club
Tuesday 06	11am	P6 Lenten Service
Wednesday 07	6pm	Lockerbie Manor meeting
	7pm	Parent Council meeting
Tuesday 13	11am	P5 Lenten Service (led by Canon Eddie)
Wednesday 14	5 – 8pm	Parents Evening
Thursday 15	3 – 6pm	Parents Evening
Monday 19	3 - 4pm	P6&7 Art Club
Tuesday 20	11am	P4 Lenten Service (Deacon John)
Thursday 22		Career Day
	2pm	Career Day winners have tea with HT and DHT

Tuesday 27	11am	P1-3 Lenten Service (Deacon John)
Thursday 29	10am	Holy Thursday – whole school attending 10am Mass in St Peter's
	2.30pm	School closes for Spring break. School reopens to staff and pupils on Monday 16 April