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Dear Parents/Carers,

Time is going by so quickly this term that I have had to combine September and October's Newsletters together!

Pupil Council



Last session's Pupil Council representatives had one last meeting with the Senior Management Team to give us their views on how well the voice of our pupils leads to improvements in the school. They have been a very dedicated Pupil Council and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their service to the school. Elections for this year's Pupil Council representatives were held on Friday, 21st September. Our new reps will have their first meeting during Assembly time next Wednesday. I look forward to working with our new Pupil Council reps to continue to make St Patrick's the best school to grow and learn.

Macmillan Coffee Morning/Raffle



What a fabulous morning we all had here in the school. Thank you to all our families who donated, sent in money and came along to our Coffee Morning.

Primary 5 and Miss McDade did a fabulous job and were assisted by Shari and her drop-in mums. Donations are still being counted, check Twitter later for our final total.

Arrival and Dismissal -

It has been brought to our attention that a number of children are using the access road to the pitch as an entrance/exit from the school. Can we please discourage this as it is unsafe for them to use this route. The recommended school entrances/exits are Broomhill St and Prospecthill St and we ask that all children enter and exit by these routes to help keep our pupils safe.



Family Learning Club



Just a wee reminder that our Family Learning Club is on **every Wednesday from 3pm-4pm** in the school canteen. All parents/carers are welcome to bring children along for some help with homework and a cuppa and snack, as well as a chance to play some games together. David Ferrier, our link with Barnardo's, works very hard to set this Club up so well, and so I'd like to thank David for his commitment to our school.



Family Cooking and Fitness Class

Starting on Monday 1st October Shari from CLD will be leading some of our parents in a new event. (I'm sure the children will come up with a much better name). This will involve the adults cooking a

meal together while the children keep fit with Active Schools followed by everyone sitting down and eating together. This is something we hope to roll out to more families soon.

School Funds



At St Patrick's, we have been very fortunate to have the support of our parents/carers through a weekly collection of 50p per child, or £1 for a family for school funds. This allows us to provide an educational trip for every class each year, as well as providing the odd wee special treat for the children, at no extra cost to our families. This is part of our bid to keep the cost of the school year down. Our Parent Council also support us financially to provide these experiences for our children. School Funds is collected on a Monday, or can be paid through Parent Pay and I would encourage you to support this, if you can.

Wet Days



Please note that pupils will be brought into school on wet days in the morning **from 8.45am**.

During wet plays pupils remain in class at interval and lunch time, supervised by P7 monitors and Support Staff. Pupils should bring in a puzzle book, colouring book, or something similar, to ensure that they can be actively engaged during wet plays. However, our Parent Council have agreed to fund the purchasing of some games that can be used in class during wet plays. Our new Pupil Council will oversee this venture.

Reporting to Parents



Parents' Night will take place in the school hall on **Wednesday, 10th October** from **3.30pm-8pm**. Times will be allocated to parents/carers to discuss pupil progress with Class Teachers.

World Porridge Day Fundraiser for Mary's Meals



On **Friday, 12th October**, we will be fundraising for Mary's Meals by running a 'Porridge Breakfast'. Families are encouraged to bring their children to the canteen between **8am and 8.45am** to have a porridge breakfast together before starting our day. Last year's event was a great success and we raised over £100 for Mary's Meals. Feedback from parents/carers and pupils was very positive - we had lots of artistic porridge decoration going on! We look forward to welcoming you all that morning to support this worthy cause. Tesco Greenock will once again be supporting us by donating all the essentials.

Parent Council



The next Parent Council meeting will be the Annual General Meeting on **Tuesday, 23rd October** at **7pm** in the school. Our Parent Council works tirelessly for the good of the school and its community so please come along and support the partnership working. It was great to see some new faces from our Primary 1 parents joining us. All parents/ carers are welcome.

P7 Residential Trip to Ardmay

Our P7 residential trip will be returning to Ardmay House at Loch Long in February of 2019. There will be an Information Session about the residential trip on Monday 26th November at 6pm which all parents/carers and children should attend.

Beacon Pantomime - Sleeping Beauty

I know it is far too early to be talking about Christmas - *oh no it's not!* - but I just wanted



to give you plenty of notice that we have booked for the whole school to attend the Beacon Panto on **Friday, 14th December.**

School Improvement Planning

The School Improvement Plan is an annual plan that the school uses to set out its aims and objectives for the year. The full plan can be found on the school website but the main priorities for Session 2018-2019 include developing learning and teaching approaches in spelling and phonics, as well as in reading to increase the children's attainment. The Standards & Quality Report can also be found on the school website and details the successes we had in St Patrick's in Session 2017-2018. These documents are fairly lengthy and official and so watch out for a shortened, family-friendly version coming to you soon.



Hallowe'en

Our Hallowe'en parties will take place in the school hall on the afternoon of **Wednesday, 31st October.** Pupils should wear uniforms to school in the morning and will be given time to change into their Hallowe'en costumes after lunch. P7 Buddies will assist their P1 Buddies to get prepared, if necessary. If parents/carers wish to take their children home for lunch to get them changed, then please provide a note to confirm this and collect children from the school office at 12.15pm. Children should return to school by 1.00 pm. Please also ensure that children have a suitable bag to store their uniforms in as they will be wearing their costumes on the way home. I would ask parents to consider carefully the suitability of costume accessories ie. toy weapons are not appropriate. **Please remember to put your child's name on every item of costume/clothing.**



Focus on Children's Rights

This month please ask your children about their right to **Article 28.**
The Right to good quality education. You should be encouraged to go to school to the highest level you can.



Twitter



Please follow us on Twitter. It is a great way to keep up to date with school life as staff photograph as much as they can so Mrs Ogilby can update Twitter! **@StPatricksPS15**



September/October 2018 Newsletter

We value your views

Please let us know if you are particularly pleased about something or have any suggestions or comments.

Child's Name _____ Child's Class _____

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



29.09.18	Phoenix Car Club Cycling Competition
03.10.18	P4 Swimming
03.10.18	Family Learning Club - Canteen
05.10.18	P7 Vocations Mass - St Mirin's Cathedral (am)
06.10.18	P5-7 Cross Country Event
10.10.18	P4 Swimming
10.10.18	Parents' Evening
10.10.18	Family Learning Club - Canteen
11.10.18	P1-P4 Childsmile Flouride Varnish
12.10.18	Porridge Smiles Party for Mary's Meals
15.10.18 - 19.10.18	October Holiday
22.10.18	In-service Day for Staff. Pupils do not attend school.
23.10.18	Pupils return to school
23.10.18	Parent Council AGM - 7pm
24.10.18	Family Learning Club - Canteen
31.10.18	Class Hallowe'en Parties
31.10.18	Family Learning Club - Canteen
01.11.18	Robin Hood Show for whole school (Parent Council Funded)
07.11.18	Cross Country Championships
07.11.18	Family Learning Club - Canteen
13.11.18	Sacraments Meeting - P4 Parents/Carers - 6.30pm
14.11.18	Family Learning Club - Canteen
20.11.18	Sacraments Meeting - P7 Parents/Carers - 6.30pm
21.11.18	Family Learning Club - Canteen
25.11.18	P7 Mass of Commitment - 11am - St Patrick's Church
26.11.18	P6 & P7 to Notre Dame Panto
26.11.18	Ardmay Meeting - P7 Parents/Carers - 6.00pm
28.11.18	Family Learning Club - Canteen
05.12.18	Family Learning Club - Canteen
06.12.18	Flu Immunisations
09.12.18	P5 Mass of Commitment - 11am - St Patrick's Church
12.12.18	Family Learning Club - Canteen

11.12.18	Nativity and School Show
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14.12.18	Whole School to Sleeping Beauty Panto at the Beacon
21.12.18	End of Term Mass - 10am - St Patrick's Church