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Dear Parents/Carers,


Welcome to the November Newsletter. I have attached a list of dates for your information.

### 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 are delighted that the final total raised was **£1,024.66!** An incredible total for a very worthwhile cause. We have such a great community who bond together for important events.



### World Porridge Day Fundraiser for Mary's Meals

 Our Mary's Meals Porridge Breakfast morning was a great success! It was really well attended; so well attended, in fact, that Mrs Ogilby's arms were aching from stirring all the porridge in the huge pots! A great big thank you to Mrs Dunlop, our Catering Manager, for giving us use of her kitchen and equipment. To our friends at Tesco, Greenock, for donating the ingredients - thank you so much! Thanks to everyone who attended (we even had those attending who don't even like porridge!) and to all the staff for helping out. Thanks to your support and generosity we raised **£200** for Mary's Meals. Well done, St Patrick's!

### Reporting to Parents

Our Parents' Night was very well attended. Thanks to all our parents/carers who attended a meeting with the teachers to discuss your child's progress. Our partnership with our parents/carers is so important to us and to our children's education. Thank you also to all our adults who completed a volunteer form. We will be actively seeking ways to make the most of your talents in the near future.



### Extra-curricular Activities

Our pupils get lots of opportunities throughout their school life in St Patrick's to take part in a variety of extra-curricular activities. We are very well supported by Active Schools who provide a whole range of different types of clubs and activities, either during Breakfast Club, at lunch time or after school. Our teaching staff throughout the year also provide opportunities for children to experience different clubs and activities, and we're delighted that some of our parents/carers volunteer to run after school activities too. This term we have Basketball, Athletics, Taekwondo and Netball. If your child has registered to attend an after school club, it is essential that they come every week that it is offered. If your child is unable to attend a week of any after school club they've registered for, **please send a note to the school or telephone the school** to advise us that they will not be attending the after school club. Children will not be allowed



to go home at 3pm if they are registered to attend an after school club unless parents/carers notify the school.

### Reminder for Sacraments



Please see the information below to remind you of upcoming dates for children who will be receiving Sacraments this year.

#### Primary 4

Parents/carers of our P4 children should come to school on **Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> November at 6.30pm** to meet with Fr Gerry. Fr Gerry will talk about the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion.

The **Mass of Commitment** is on **Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> December in St Patrick's Church at 11am**. All children and families of pupils receiving the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion should attend this Mass.

#### Primary 7

Our Primary 7 pupils and their parents/carers should come to school on **Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm** (please note the change of time). Our pupils will deliver a presentation to their families and then Fr Gerry will talk to families about Confirmation and forms will be completed too.

The **Mass of Commitment** is on **Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> November in St Patrick's Church at 11am**. All children, families and Sponsors should attend this Mass.

### Parent Council

The next Parent Council meeting will be on **Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> November 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. All parents/ carers are welcome. It would be great to see new faces! It's a great opportunity to hear about what's going on in school and to get the chance to be part of the conversation about how the school can keep improving for all of our children. Please don't be shy!



The Parent Council are hosting discos for our pupils on **Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> November**, in the school hall. **P1-P3** should attend from **2pm-3.15pm**. **P4-P7** should attend from **3.30pm-4.45pm**. Please see the Parent Council Facebook page or the School Twitter and email for further details.

### 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. Look out for Parent Council requesting support to provide Wet Play games that our pupils have requested. Our new Pupil Council will oversee this venture.

## Christmas Performances

The talented children of St Patrick's Primary will be hosting 3 afternoons of Christmas performances on **Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> December, Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> December and Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> December. Each family will be allocated 3 tickets for one afternoon.**



Unfortunately, we are unable to provide any additional tickets as we must comply with Health and Safety regulations. Each afternoon is exactly the same performance and so no matter which afternoon you have a ticket for you will see the same performance. Tickets for each day have been allocated to particular classes to help us make sure we can fit everyone in the hall safely. Days are allocated to the eldest child in the family.

Where the eldest child is in: P2 (Mrs Harvey's Class) P3 (Mrs Campbell's Class) P7 (Mrs McGeehan's Class)	You will receive tickets for Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December
Where the eldest child is in: P4 (Mrs Allan's Class) P5 (Miss McDade's Class) P5/6 (Mrs Black's Class)	You will receive tickets for Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December
Where the eldest child is in: P1a (Mrs Sinclair's class) P1b (Mrs Anderson's class) P2/3 (Mr McGregor's class) P6/7 (Mrs McLean's class)	You will receive tickets for Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> December

Tickets will be sent home in the coming weeks. **Please note that the audience is required to stay for the whole afternoon performance and not just for the performance that your child is in.** If you are unable to attend the whole performance, I would ask you not to attend at all, and instead give your ticket to someone who can stay for the whole afternoon. I am sure that you'll understand how disruptive this would be to the performances but, more importantly, how disheartening it would be for our children if the audience started to leave, or if they had to perform to a reduced audience. P1-P3 children will be performing Away in Manger and each of our P4-P7 classes will also be giving a Christmas performance.

## School Improvement Planning



The Family Friendly version of our School Improvement Plan 2018-2019, and our Standards & Quality Report 2017-2018 will be sent to you by email in the coming days. The full School Improvement Plan and full Standards & Quality Report can be found on the school website.

## Focus on Children's Rights

This month please ask your children about their right to **Article 19**

***The Right to be protected from being hurt and mistreated, in body or mind.***



## 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**



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**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



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
08.11.18	NO NETBALL THIS WEEK
13.11.18	Sacraments Meeting - P4 Parents/Carers - 6.30pm
14.11.18	Family Learning Club - Canteen
19.11.18	P1-P3 to Waterfront Cinema
20.11.18	P1 Parents Book Bug Gifting
20.11.18	Sacraments Meeting - P7 Parents/Carers - <b>6pm (please note the change of time from 6.30pm to 6pm).</b>
21.11.18	Family Learning Club - Canteen
22.11.18	P7 to Waterfront Cinema
22.11.18	Parent Council Meeting
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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12.12.18	Family Learning Club - Canteen
13.12.18	Nativity and School Show
14.12.18	Whole School to Sleeping Beauty Panto at the Beacon
17.12.18	P7 Eye Screening
21.12.18	End of Term Mass - 10am - St Patrick's Church School Closes 2.30pm
07.01.19	School Re-opens for all pupils and staff
09.01.19	P1 Registration for pupils with surnames A-L
09.01.19	Family Learning Club - Canteen

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16.01.19	Family Learning Club - Canteen
23.01.19	Family Learning Club - Canteen
30.01.19	Family Learning Club - Canteen