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Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year! I wish you all every best wish for 2017! The children have been busy telling me all about how they celebrated Christmas and about all the fabulous presents Santa brought them! A big thank you for your continued support of the school in the lead up to Christmas. Our Christmas shows were very well attended and the children agreed that you were a quality audience! We also had a wonderful turnout at Church on the last day for our carol service- thank you! It really is a great motivation for our children to feel they are delivering a service to our school and parish community.

Infant Registration



Children who reach the age of 5 years between 1st March 2017 and 28th February 2018 should be registered for Primary School on **Wednesday, 11th January** or **Thursday, 12th January**.

Children whose surname begins with the initials **A to L** should be registered on **Wednesday 11th January**. Children whose surname begins with the initials **M to Z** should be presented on **Thursday 12th January**.

Parents/Carers must register their child in their chosen denomination catchment primary school, on the above dates as appropriate, between the hours of 1.00pm and 3.00pm. Children must be registered in their catchment denominational or non-denominational school **even if you are considering a placing request for another school**. This includes Primary 1 Gaelic Medium Education at Whinhill Primary School.

The following documents are required for registration:

- Your child's birth certificate.
- Your Council Tax demand notice for the current year.
- A utility bill (ie gas, electricity, landline telephone or broadband) in parents'/carers' name and dated within the last 6 months.



If your child has been baptised in the Catholic Church please bring along the Baptismal Certificate.

Inverclyde Music Festival



Some of our very talented children will be performing at the Inverclyde Music Festival during the month of January. The P5-P7 Choir and the children in P1, P2, P3 and P4 will be performing at the Greenock Town Hall. They will be accompanied by school staff. Our Music Instructors have also entered some of our instrumentalists into the Festival. The dates and times of these performances will be sent home to parents/carers individually to allow you to make arrangements for your children to attend.

Parent Council



The next meeting of the Parent Council is Tuesday 24 January at 19:15 in the Church Hall.

Parent Council meetings are very welcoming so please come along and help us continue to strengthen our partnership working. All parents/carers are welcome. The work of our Parent Council really supports the children in school. During the Christmas Shows the Parent Council raised £280 which they used to fund the children's Christmas parties and to decorate the canteen to make the Christmas dinner day very special for the girls and boys. Thanks to all of you who bought a ticket for the lucky number.

Sacraments

Primary 7

Tue 28th Mar 17 Meeting for Parents and Sponsors in Church Hall at 6:30pm.



Primary 4

We had planned for P4 to attend a Retreat in the Church Hall on the afternoon of Thursday, 12th January but we have postponed this Retreat until a later date.

Tue 24th Jan 17 First Communicants' Parents' Meeting - Church Hall at 6:30pm.

Tue 9th May 17 First Communicants' Parents' Meeting in School at 3pm (Children try on albs and tabards and parents/carers take them home).

Ardgowan Hospice Fundraiser



Thanks to everyone who supported our 'wear something Christmas-y' to raise funds for Ardgowan Hospice. Through your generosity we raised **£271.49!**

P7 Residential Trip to Ardmay



Primary 7 pupils have the opportunity to attend a residential trip to Ardmay. Mrs Ogilby is organising an information session for parents/carers. Details will follow.

Lunch Money



We keep a small float of money in case any child forgets to bring dinner money to the canteen but our float has run out as not all money has been repaid. Can you send in any dinner money owed to the school office as soon as possible please?

Focus on Children's Rights

This month please talk with your children about their right to **Article 15**.

The right choose their own friends and join or set up groups, as long as it isn't harmful to others.



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!



<https://twitter.com/StPatricksPS15>

You can follow Miss McDade's P6/7 class and Mr McGregor's classes too ... **@missmcdade123** and **@mrmcgstpats**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Wed 11 th Jan	13:00	P1 Registration for children with surname beginning with A-L
Thu 12 th Jan	13:00	P1 Registration for children with surname beginning with M-Z
Tue 17 th Jan	13:00	Sportshall Athletics
Mon 23 rd Jan	09:00	P7 Vision Tests (School Health)
	10:00	P3 & P4 to Greenock Town Hall for Inverclyde Music Festival
	11:00	P1 & P2 to Greenock Town Hall for Inverclyde Music Festival
	13:15	P5-P7 Choir to Greenock Town Hall for Inverclyde Music Festival
Tue 24 th Jan	09:00	P7 Vision Tests (School Health)
Tue 24 th Jan	18:30	First Communicants Parent Meeting - Church Hall
Tues 24 th Jan	19:15	Parent Council Meeting - Church Hall
Thu 26 th Jan	09:00	P1 & P7 NHS Dental Checks
Fri 3 rd Feb	14:00	First Friday Mass for pupils - Hall
Mon 6 th Feb	HOLIDAY	
Tue 7 th Feb	HOLIDAY	
Wed 8 th Feb	IN-SERVICE DAY	- Pupils do not attend school
Fri 10 th Feb		Scottish SPCA visit children
Mon 13 th Feb - Fri 17 th Feb		P7 Residential Trip to Ardmay
Mon 20 th Feb		Community Wardens to visit children
		P6 Drug Awareness Training (in Classroom)
Mon 27 th Feb		P7 Drug Awareness Training (in Hall)



January 2017 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 _____