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| **NEWSLETTER 30 January 2014** |

Dear Parent/Guardian

**SPORTS FESTIVAL**

Congratulations to the children of primaries 5 & 6 on winning the ‘Team Spirit Award’ at the ‘Sky Sports’ Community Games’ held at Easterhouse Sports Centre. The children had a wonderful day which was enjoyed by all. Thanks to Sky Sports.

**DETERMINED TO BUILD**



The children of Primary 6 are working on an exciting new project; ‘Determined to Build’ which is in partnership with City Building, the Prince and Princess of Wales Hospice Brick by Brick Appeal. This provides the children with support for the ‘World of Work’ initiative. During the project, with the support of Mr McKerrall, the children use a model building kit to construct a building. A group of children from the class will then be invited to showcase their work in the City Chambers.

**LORD PROVOST**



The Lord Provost will visit the school on Monday morning. She will speak to the children of primaries 4-7 about her role as Lord Provost of the city of Glasgow. This is the first time a Provost of the city has visited the school and we look forward to meeting her.

**AREA MANAGER**

The new Education Area Manager for the schools in the east visited St Benedict’s for the first time yesterday. She was very impressed by the children; their work, uniforms, manners and behaviour. She left with a very positive impression of the school.

**NATIONAL THEATRE**



Over the next few weeks the children of Primary 4 will work with members of the National Theatre of Scotland on a project linked to the Commonwealth Games Cultural Programme called the ‘Tin Forest’. This will culminate in the children linking into a ‘Light Up’ event across the city in March.

**FASTWORKS**

The parents involved in the ‘FAST’ project have the opportunity to meet up again for a Fastworks meeting on 5 February at 2pm in the school. We hope as many parents as possible can attend this meeting.



**PHOTOGRAPHS**

The Tempest photographer will visit the school on Thursday 13 February to take the children’s photographs. Attached to this letter is a note from Tempest on which you have to identify whether or not you would like a photograph taken. This will be on Thursday 13 February. Please ensure all children are wearing their shirts & ties on that day even if P1 and P2 are timetabled for PE.

**COLD PIECES**

As you are aware your child completed his or her ‘cold piece’ in Big Writing last week. The results are very encouraging with almost all children making significant progress. You will be informed of the level at which your child is now working, the success criteria for all Big Writing levels is on the school’s website along with the Book Banding levels.

**CAR PARK**

Can I remind you that no parent should be entering the school car park at 9am or 3pm. If you are collecting your child by car during the course of the day then please use the ‘drop off’ area. This is also the case for parents collecting children from after school clubs. This is an important health & safety issue.

**AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS**

There has been some confusion over the last few weeks with texts being sent out regarding last minute cancellations of clubs. These have been due to illness of staff and staff meetings, I do apologise for this. I have listed below the clubs in the school and any dates over the next term when these clubs will be cancelled due to holidays & meetings. If there are changes to these it will be due to illness or a situation out with our control.

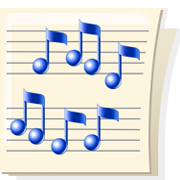
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**Monday**

Running Club P2-4

Drama Club P4-5

Film Club P7

**Tuesday**

Singing Club

P4-7

**Wednesday**

Football P6-7

Netball P5-7

Book Club P4-7 (will start 19 February)

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**Thursday**

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Book Club P1-3

**Friday**

Running Club P5-7

There will be **no clubs** on

**Thursday 6 February** (staff meeting)

**Monday 10 & Tuesday 11** **February** (holidays),

**Wednesday 12 February** (Inset Day),

**Thursday 27 February** (staff meeting) &

**Tuesday 25 March** (staff meeting).

C:\Users\am2340918\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\OY0LE708\MC900294290[1].wmfI would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff for the time they give to after school clubs, they give up their time voluntarily and do not get paid for this work. We are extremely lucky to be able to offer your children a wide range of after school experiences.

**LIBRARY VISITS**

Library visits to the Bridge have been arranged for all classes. Attached to this newsletter is a Membership Form, I would be grateful if you could complete this and return it to your child’s class teacher otherwise your child will be unable to borrow books.

**‘WEE WRITE’**

We have managed to secure places for almost all children at Glasgow’s ‘Wee Write Festival’ at the Mitchell Library. It is very difficult to get places at these events because almost all schools in the city apply. Thanks to Mrs Mullen in the office we have managed to get places on a number of events with free transport.

**TIMETABLE FOR PE**

Although there has been an improvement in the number of children bringing their PE kit to school there are still a number of children who continually forget their PE kits. Here is a reminder of PE times once again.

P1a Thursday & Friday

P1b Wednesday & Thursday

P2/1 Wednesday & Friday

P2 Monday & Wednesday

P3/2 Tuesday & Thursday

P3 Monday & Tuesday

P4/3 Monday & Tuesday

P4 Wednesday & Thursday

P5a Wednesday & Friday

P5b Thursday & Friday

P6 Monday & Tuesday

P7a Monday & Tuesday

P7b Monday & Tuesday

**FIRST RECONCILIATION AND CONFIRMATION**

The children of Primary 3 will make their Frist Reconciliation at St Clare’s on Tuesday 25 February at 7pm, the children should wear their full school uniform. 

I am delighted to say Bishop Toal will celebrate Confirmation on Tuesday 18 March in St Benedict’s Church at 7pm. All children in P6 & P7 should wear their school uniform, white shirts & ties, black skirts/trousers.

**SECRET STUDENT**

As you know school funds are very low therefore only one class won the Secret Student award for last term; Primary 3/2. They will visit Frankie & Benny’s for a treat.

**MONEY WEEK**



There has been a slight change to ‘Money Week’ dates. Money week will now take place the week beginning 3 February. The children will have the opportunity to develop their skills in Financial Education. This will also link to Enterprise Weeks in which all children will be given the challenge of planning enterprising activities to make money. Rather than give each child £1 coin this year, as funds are low, each class will get an investment of £15 from which they will have to make money. Each class will take a week to carry out their activities. It would be helpful if the children could have a small sum of money at school over the next few weeks. Like last year, the children will have to produce a spread sheet of income and expenditure. 33% tax will be given back to the school for investment in our Lenten Campaign.

**CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK**





Catholic Education Week will take place week beginning 23 February. We would encourage all Catholic children to attend mass on that day with their families. We have also been selected to take part in the Pope Francis Award, this is the primary equivalent of the Caritas Award. The Primary 6 children will work on this project over the next 18 months. The school, parishes and children will work together to spread the Gospel Values through a practical and effective project.

**SHOWCASE**

There will be a showcase for parents on Monday 31 March at 1.30pm onwards. You will see the children’s work from ‘Money Week’, ‘Enterprise’ & ‘Catholic Education Week’.

**PLPs**

You will receive your child’s evaluated PLP and new PLP for this term. I would be grateful if you could support your child in working towards his/her targets.

**UNIFORM**

Can I please remind parents that children should not be wearing bright coloured designer trainers to school. This was a decision taken many years ago after consultation with parents who did not want the pressure of buying designer brand names for school. Black school footwear should be worn.

**Diary of Events**

As you can see it is a very busy term, please find listed below the diary of events.

**Thursday 30 January**

Primaries 7a & 7b to Science Museum

**Friday 31 January**

Primary 6 Impact Art Exhibition –

Primary 5b ‘Auld Firm Alliance’

**Monday 3 February**

Lord Provost’s visit

Money & Enterprise Weeks

**Tuesday 4 February**

Boozebusters (P6)

**Wednesday 5 February** Primary 1 Health Screening

Shettleston Harriers (P3 & P3/2)

Fastworks 2pm

National Theatre( P4)

P6 children to Glasgow Youth festival at the GFT

**Thursday 6 February**

Primary 7 training for the Commonwealth Games with FARE

Secret Student trip to Frankie & Benny’s

Westerhouse Nursery Commonwealth Baton Event

**Friday 7 February**

First Friday Masses (P6 & P4)

Auld Firm Alliance (P5b)

Netball tournament for school team at Tollcross Sports Centre

**Monday 10 February**

Holiday

**Tuesday 11 February**

Holiday

**Wednesday 12 February**

Inset Day (holiday for children)

**Thursday 13 February**

Tempest Photographer for whole school

Commonwealth Games training with FARE (P7)

**Friday 14 February**

Tea Party

Primary 5b Auld Firm Alliance

**Monday 17 February**

P1a to Library (am)

P1b to Library (pm)

Netball coaching (P5a & 5b)

P4/3 to ‘Wee Write’ event

**Wednesday 19 February**

Primary 7 to swimming

Dental Health Check for

P1 & P7

Shettleston Harriers

(P3 & P3/2)

**Friday 21 February**

Library visit (P2)

Auld Firm Alliance (P5b)

**Monday 24 February**

Catholic Education Week

Library visit (P2/1)

Library visit (P3)

Netball coaching (P6, P5a & P5b)

Commonwealth Games training FARE P7

Shettleston Harriers

(P3 & P3/2)

**Tuesday 25 February**

Boozebusters (P6)

First Reconciliation 7pm St Clare’s

St Andrew’s Music Programme (P 6 & P7)

**Wednesday 26 February**

Library visit (P3/2)

Library visit (P4)

Shettleston Harriers

(P3 & P3/2)

Swimming (P7)

**Thursday 27 February** ‘Student of the Month’ Assembly

Big Golden Time

**Friday 28 February**

Auld Alliance (P5b)

**Monday 3 March**

Library visit(P4/3)

Library visit( P5b)

Netball Coaching( P6, P5a

& P5b)

**Tuesday 4 March**

Youth Music Initiative (P3, P3/2 & P4/3)

Boozebuster (P6)

St Andrew’s Music Programme (P6 & P7)

**Wednesday 5 March**

Ash Wednesday

Swimming (P7)

**Friday 7 March**

Library visits (P5a & P5b)

Auld Firm Alliance( P5b)

First Friday Masses

(P7 & P1)

**Monday 10 March**

Library visits(P6 & P7a)

Netball Coaching (P6, P5a & P5b)

Confession in school for P4-7

P5b to ‘Wee Write’ event (am)

P6 to‘Wee write’ event (pm)

**Tuesday 11 March**

Confession in school for P4-7

St Andrew’s Music Programme (P6 & 7)

Youth Music Initiative

‘Wee Write’ event P1a & P1b

**Wednesday 12 March**

Library visit (P7b)

‘Wee write’ (P7a & P7b)

Parent Council 7pm

‘Wee Write’ events( P4 & P5a)

**Thursday 13 March**

‘Wee Write’ Event (P2)

**Friday 14 March**

Tea Party

Auld Alliance( P5a)

‘Wee Write’ Event the P1s of P2/1

**Monday 17 March**

Netball Coaching (P6, P5a & P5b)

St Andrew’s Music Programme

Youth Music Initiative

Confirmation, St Benedict’s Church

**Wednesday 19 March**

Swimming (P7)

**Friday 21 March**

Auld Firm Alliance (P5a)

**Monday 31 March**

Showcase for parents

1.30 – 3pm

**Tuesday 1 April**

Youth Music Initiative

St Andrew’s Music Programme

**Wednesday 2 April**

Swimming Programme (P7)

**Thursday 3 April**

St Benedict’s Gives Back

ASPs to parents

**Friday 4 April**

Students of the Month

Big Golden Time

Stop for holidays