



# NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers and friends of St. Patrick's,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the very warm welcome I have received from many of you. I look forward to meeting more of you in the coming weeks. We have had an excellent first week and the children have settled well and are getting back into routine. As always, we have a busy term ahead of us and our newsletter has the details of many of the forthcoming events. I look forward to welcoming you to those events which you can attend.

Over the past week, I have been familiarising myself with the school and getting to know the children and the staff. I would like to thank Mrs Canavan and all of the staff for their support and for their warm welcome. The children have also been very welcoming and I have enjoyed our conversations and their questions! They are certainly very intrigued by the 'new kid in school'! Our Primary 1 children have impressed us by how quickly they are finding their way around the school and I would like to thank their P7 buddies for the outstanding example they are setting to us all.

Mr Thomas (Acting HT)



## SCHOOL UNIFORM

The children continue to look smart in their uniforms, however, I would like to remind you of a few things;

- ◆ All children should wear a white shirt/blouse and school tie.
- ◆ Black Shoes should be worn and not coloured trainers.
- ◆ All children should have a pair of indoor black sandshoes to change into.
- ◆ When using the Astro-turf Pitch, children should wear alternative outdoor shoes (trainers).
- ◆ All garments and belongings should be clearly labelled with your child's name.

**YOUR SUPPORT IS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED!**

## FAREWELL TO FATHER JAMES & FATHER ANDREW

As you will all be aware, both Father James and Father Andrew will be leaving us on 4th September 2014. In the short time I have been here, I have become very aware of the positive relationship between the school and the parish. This is largely due to the fact that we have such fantastic chaplains. We want to say a HUGE Thank You to both of them and to mark their departure we have arranged the following event;

### MASS OF THANKSGIVING

to be celebrated on

**Wednesday 3rd September 2014 at 1:45pm**

in the School Assembly Hall.

All Parents/Carers and Parishioners are warmly invited to join us for this special event. Please come and help us say thanks!

## PTA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

All parents and carers are welcome to attend PTA meetings which are held on the first Wednesday of every month. The first meeting will take place on;

**Wednesday 3rd September 2014  
At 7pm in the Community Room.**

There are some vacancies on the PTA Committee so why not offer your services?  
The more people who volunteer on the PTA, the better. Your PTA needs YOU!



## PARENT COUNCIL

The first Parent Council Meeting will take place on **Wednesday 24th September 2014 at 7pm in the Community Room.**

**ALL PARENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THESE MEETINGS.**

I would encourage you all to get involved in this area of school life. It is one way in which you can help us improve the experiences of our children.

## CHILDHOOD FLU PROGRAMME FOR ALL CHILDREN 2014/15

You will shortly receive a letter informing you about the above programme. Immunisation will be offered to children aged 2-5 through their GP and to primary school aged children through the school. The children will be taking part in Health and Wellbeing lessons about flu and a DVD has been provided by the NHS. Each class will watch this. More information will follow, but in the meantime, you can find out more at the following website: [www.immunisationscotland.org.uk/childflu](http://www.immunisationscotland.org.uk/childflu).



## St. Patrick's is a HEALTH PROMOTING SCHOOL!

Please encourage the children to eat a healthy snack at Morning Interval and to make healthy choices at lunchtime. I would remind all parents/carers of the following;

- ◆ No fizzy drinks should be brought to school.
- ◆ It is only necessary to give the children a small snack and a drink for interval. They can't carry much more!

***Our Breakfast Club runs every morning from 8:30am and a breakfast costs just 20p! All children are welcome to come along to the Breakfast Club.***

## HOMEWORK DIARIES

The school has made a significant investment in the purchase of Homework Diaries for this session. They are a great tool for our children and will encourage them to keep up to date with all of their homework. This is also a great way for us to keep in contact with parents/carers on a daily basis. Please check your child's homework diary every day and sign it to let us know that you have seen it.

Please encourage your child to look after his/her homework diary and bring it to school every day.

If your child loses their homework diary, due to the significant cost to the school, a charge of £3 will apply for a replacement diary.

## ANNUAL FUN DAY

Our Annual Fun Day will take place on **Friday 29th August**



**2014.** The children will take part in a number of activities and our Primary 7 pupils will help with the organisation of these. We have hired an Inflatable Obstacle Course for the children to enjoy. I wonder if any of the staff will try and sneak a turn! Fun Day will also be a Non-uniform Day, therefore children can wear their casual clothes. However, I would ask that **no Football Strips are worn.**

**Sponsor Sheets and more information will follow on a separate flyer.**

## UNDER



## CONSTRUCTION

### PLEASE BE VIGILANT!

We currently have a busy building site next to the school and over the coming months, this will only get busier.

I am appealing to you all to be aware that there may be heavy construction traffic around the school. Keep an eye out for anything which could be of danger and report it to the school.

We are working closely with the builders to make things safe for our children.

## CAR PARK



## WE NEED YOUR HELP AND CO-OPERATION IN THE SCHOOL CAR PARK!

During this first week of the term, I have been observing some of the inappropriate use of the Car Park. I am appealing to all parents and carers who use the Car Park to join me in ensuring that it is a safe place for all users, particularly our children.

1. The car park is clearly laid out and the road markings are there to help us park in a safe place.
2. If there are no available parking spaces, please do not park on the one-way system. This blocks the flow of the traffic and makes it difficult for the school bus to move freely. Park outwith the school grounds instead.
3. Disabled spaces are for drivers with a VALID BLUE BADGE. Those without a badge will be asked to remove their car. We have people who genuinely need the use of the disabled spaces.
4. Please do not park **ON** (yes on!) or **AROUND** the roundabout outside the school gates. This is **AGAINST THE LAW** and is highly dangerous!
5. The school bus needs a safe place to park. The Bus Bay and Service Vehicle area is set aside for this purpose only. If the bus cannot park there, then this puts our children in danger and may cause an accident.
6. The Zebra Crossings allow users of the car park to cross safely. Please do not park on them.
7. The Drop-off zone is for **drop-off** only. Cars should not be parked and left in this area.

**I realise that this is a lot of information and will sound rather like a rant! However, with a little teamwork, we can ensure everyone is safe. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.**



## EXTRA INSET DAY - SCOTTISH INDEPENDENCE REFERENDUM

There will be no school for children on **Thursday 18th September 2014**, due to the Scottish Independence Referendum. St. Patrick's will be used as a polling station. The staff will be in school on that day, but children should not attend. School will be re-open as normal and children should attend on **Friday 19th September 2014 at 9am.**

Friday 29th August	Fun Day/No uniform		
Wednesday 3rd September	Mass of Thanksgiving	1:45pm	<b>ALL WLECOME</b>
Wednesday 3rd September	PTA AGM	7pm	Community Room
Monday 8th September	P7 to Kilbowie	9am	
<b>Thursday 18th September</b>	<b>INEST Day</b>		<b>School Closed to pupils</b>
Wednesday 23rd September	Parent Council	7pm	Community room
<b>Friday 25th September</b>	<b>HOLIDAY</b>		
<b>Monday 29th September</b>	<b>HOLIDAY</b>		
Wednesday 1st October	PTA Meeting	7pm	Community Room
Thursday 9th October	Parent Consultations	3:15pm onward	
<b>Monday 13th - Friday 17th</b>	<b>OCTOBER HOLIDAY</b>		
<b>Monday 20th October</b>	<b>School Reopens</b>	<b>9am</b>	
<b>Thursday 23rd October</b>	<b>Hopscotch Theatre</b>		<i>in school for all children.</i>
Wednesday 29th October	PTA Disco		More information to follow

## How to contact us...

If you require any information about any of the items in our newsletter or need assistance with anything else, please feel free to contact us.

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**Keep an eye out for our blog updates!**

## A farewell Prayer for Fr. James & Fr. Andrew...

Christ with me, Christ before me,  
Christ behind me,  
Christ in me, Christ beneath me,  
Christ above me,  
Christ on my right, Christ on my left,  
Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit,  
Christ when I stand,  
Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,  
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,  
Christ in every eye that sees me,  
Christ in every ear that hears me.

**Amen .**

***St. Patrick, Pray for us.***