**St Monica’s Primary School Newsletter**

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 ***Learners today - Leaders tomorrow***

**January 2017**

I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and have had a peaceful start to the New Year. On behalf of all the staff, I would like to thank you for all of the lovely cards, presents and good wishes you gave at Christmas. It is much appreciated.

Once again we have lots of events planned this term starting with an invitation to all parents/carers to attend our Scottish Assembly for Burns Day when all of our classes and our School Band will perform for you. This will take place on Friday 27th January at 1.30pm in the School Hall. A letter will be sent out shortly with all of the details. There will be NO charge for this event.

**Enrolment Week Monday 9th – Friday 13th January**

If your child is due to begin school in August 2017 and you have not yet enrolled them please bring proof of address (e.g. utility bill), your child’s birth certificate and, if your child has been baptised, their baptismal certificate. We will enrol children on **Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 1.30 – 2.45pm.**

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**Recycling of Christmas Cards**

 Miss McDonald and P6 are going to collect Christmas cards as part of the school’s recycling campaign. Please send your cards into the school and they will be taken to Marks and Spencer in Silverburn to be

recycled.

**![C:\Users\dm7301193\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\JXTM7UTM\reading-is-key[1].jpg]()Library Books**

One of our priorities on our School Improvement Plan this year

is to increase our pupil’s enjoyment of reading. We have purchased

new books for our library and each class has been working hard to make their own library more appealing.

We are looking for donations of books that you may have that are in good condition that we could use in our library or within our class libraries. If you have books we would appreciate if you could hand them into the school office.

**Pupil Absence Reporting**

The number you are required to call to report that your child will be absent from school ***or*** that they have a medical appointment is **0141 287 0039.** Please ensure you provide a note when your child returns to school.

In line with council policy we are looking to improve our attendance statistics this term therefore we will be contacting you if your child’s attendance or late coming is a concern.

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 Please contact the school as soon as possible if you have changed your telephone number over the holidays. It is vitally important that we are able to contact you in the event of an emergency.

**Personal Learning Plans**

Your child will bring home their Personal Learning Plan and there is a part for you to discuss with them and complete on Tuesday 17th January. Please return the PLPs to school by Friday 20th January. This forms an important part of your child’s learning and helps you to be involved with their education.

**![C:\Users\dm7301193\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\A4674YID\reconciliation1[1].jpg]()Reconciliation Meeting for Primary 3 Pupils**

There will be a meeting for parents whose children will make the

Sacrament of Reconciliation on **Tuesday 17th January** at **6.30pm**

**P7 Residential Trip to Barcaple**

If you have not yet paid in full for this trip the balance is due by this Thursday 26th January. There will be a meeting for parents/carers to find out more about the trip on Tuesday 17th January at 7.15pm.

**Parent Council Meeting**

Our next Parent Council Meeting is on Tuesday 24th January at 6.30pm. We are looking for more parents/carers to be involved in the Parent Council. Please consider coming along.

**Health and Wellbeing**

We always encourage our children to make healthy choices and at this time of the year it is good to highlight it again. Please encourage your child to choose healthy snacks for playtime and lunchtime. One piece of tuck and a drink (preferably water) is more than enough at interval. There will be an opportunity for some pupils to take part in after school clubs over the coming weeks. Letters will be given out to various classes on Monday. There are details of the clubs in the dates for your diary section.

**Explore Learning**

Staff from Explore Learning based in Sainsburys in Darnley will be visiting the school over the next few weeks. They will provide either a Literacy or Numeracy based workshop for each class. We look forward to welcoming them to the school again.

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**Dates for your Diary**

**Friday 6th January –** First Friday Mass in St James the Great

**Monday 9th January** – Enrolment Week for all new P1 pupils starting in August 2017.

**Monday 9th January** – Hopscotch Theatre visit with Aladdin

**Friday 13th January** – Litter picks for P4/3 and P4 pupils

Monday 16th January – Curriculum Newsletters home to parents/carers

Monday 16th January – Dance After School Club for P6 & P7

Tuesday 17h January - PLPs home to parents/carers

Tuesday 17h January - Gymnastics Lunchtime Club for P3

Tuesday 17th January – Athletics After School Club for P4

Tuesday 17th January – Reconciliation Meeting - 6.30 pm

 P7 Residential Meeting - 7.15pm

Wednesday 18th January – Basketball After School Club for P6 & P7

Thursday 19th January – Athletics After School Club for P7

Friday 20th January – Determined to Dance Programme to work with P2a & P2b pupils for 8 sessions. Please ensure your child has their PE kit

Wednesday 25th January – Term Report out today.

Friday 27th January – All parents invited to our Scottish Assembly at 1.30pm in school hall.

Monday 30th January – All P1 pupils to Glasgow Royal Concert Hall for Funbox concert

Students of the Month for December 2016

Congratulations go to the following pupils who continuously followed our school’s Rights Respecting Agreements:

P1a Amelia Amin Christopher Keith

P1b Olivia Glasgow Rhys Claffey

P1c Orla Gallagher Sean Paul Condie

P2a Aiden McLellan Rocha Devine

P2b Matthew O’Dowd Paige Gault

P3 Orlaith O’Loughlin Logan Fay

P4/3 Adora Joseph Nico Gaultieri

P4 Maira Sattar Daniel Balmer

P5a Eilidh Murray Luke Leonard

P5b Matthew McDonald Demi Davidson

P6 Toni Phee Ilo Ndhlovu

P6/7 Aoife Deveney Cole Claffey

P7 Eva Moran Michael Rogan

Thank you, D McGeever