**St Catherine’s Primary School** 

**February Newsletter**

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Here we are into the second month of the New Year already! We have had a very busy January in St Catherine’s and we are all very busy with our learning in Term 3. We look forward to having more opportunities to share with you lots of the great things that we are doing in classes this year.

**Dates for your Diary**

*If parents and carers are invited along to a school event, it will state ‘Parents invited’ next to the event.*

**FEBRUARY**

2nd – Mass and preparations begin for P7 Confirmations with Fr Gallagher at St Catherine Laboure – Parents Invited

11th & 12th – ***HOLIDAY***

13th – ***INSERVICE DAY*** – school closed to children

28th – P7s Confirmations – 7pm at St Catherine Laboure – Parents Invited – more information to follow

**MARCH**

14th – P3 First Confessions - – 7pm at St Catherine Laboure – Parents Invited – more information to follow

**MAY**

11th – P4 First Holy Communions 10.30am at St Catherine Laboure – Parents Invited – more information to follow

***Safety of our children*** 

Can I please remind all parents/ carers to be very careful when parking and dropping off children with these dark mornings and afternoons. **Please do not park on the Zig Zags outside the school.**

Recently we have had a number of complaints regarding dangerous parking/ drop offs. We will be looking at ways to try and combat this over the new few months. We all have a responsibility for the Health and Safety of our children at St Catherine’s so I would very much appreciate your support in this matter.

**Can I also remind you that all parents and carers must only enter the school building through the front door and report in to the Reception. This is to comply with our Child Protection Policy.**

***Health & Wellbeing***

We have had several cases of head lice reported recently and some parents are getting understandably frustrated at their children getting repeat bouts. Please could ***everyone*** take a few minutes this weekend to do a thorough head lice check and treat children’s hair accordingly?

An early check and prompt treatment will help to stop the spread. Thank you.

***Balornock Uniform Bank***

The uniform bank has recently been restocked with Jumpers, shirts and other uniform clothes. Please come in and help yourself to any items you can make use of. This is fantastic community resource.

***Playground Zones ***

We have recently purchased toys and equipment for the children to use at Playtime. The playground has been divided into zones to allow the children supervised areas to enjoy a variety of activities including Football and Basketball. We are working carefully with the children to support them to follow the instructions to allow them to play and enjoy these areas safely. For Football and Basketball we follow a three strike rule. We are continuing to try to further develop the playground with a music / dance area and a quiet area.

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|  | FOOTBALL | BASKETBALL | MUSIC AREA | QUIET AREA | CLIMBING FRAME |
| MON | P7 | P6 | P5 | P4 | P5 |
| TUES | P6 | P5 | P4 | P7 | P4 |
| WED | P5 | P4 | P7 | P6 | P7 |
| THURS | P4 | P7 | P6 | P5 | P6 |
| FRI | P7 | P6 | P5 | P4 | P5 |

***Football / Basketball rules re negative behaviour***

***1st issue – ban following week 2nd issue – ban following week 3rd issue – rest of term ban***

***Super 7 Athletics ***

A huge well done to our P7 Athletics team who recently attended the Super 7s tournament. The children all did really well and we even won a few medals!

The children were an absolute credit to the school and we are all very proud of their achievements.

***Ye Cannae Shove Yer Granny Aff A Bus***

We enjoyed a variety of celebrations last week for Burns Day. We had a visit from a Theatre Company and all really enjoyed the Scottish themed show. Many children enjoyed tasting a range of Scottish food and drink including Haggis and tablet! Check out the pictures of all the fun on Twitter!

If you wish to contact me about anything in this newsletter please don’t hesitate to get in touch.

Best Wishes,

**Mrs Michelle Wright**

Head Teacher

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