**St Catherine’s Primary School** 

**March/April Newsletter**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Isn’t it great to see the brighter mornings coming in. We have a busy month ahead again with lots of interesting things happening in school. I have also included for you the Spring Break dates

**Dates for your Diary**

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

**MARCH**

12th – P2/1 to visit the Library

13th - P7b to visit Dumfries House Farm.

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

19th – P5 Community Litter Pick – Parents Invited – see letter for details.

29th – ***School Closes for Holidays 2.30pm***

**APRIL**

15th – ***School reopens after holidays***

19th – ***GOOD FRIDAY – school closed***

22nd – ***EASTER MONDAY – school closed***

**MAY**

**6th – *MAY DAY – school closed***

***7th – INSERVICE DAY – school closed to children***

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

***Safety of our children*** ![C:\Users\mw8110499\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\OID6CY2B\120px-Singapore_Road_Signs_-_Warning_Sign_-_Children_Warden_Sign.svg[1].png]()

Can I please remind all parents/ carers **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.**

***P7 Confirmations*** ![C:\Users\mw8110499\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\89D15OLE\367px-Gold_Christian_Cross_no_Red.svg[1].png]()

We were so proud of our P7 children who made their Confirmation with the Archbishop on the 28th February. It was a lovely evening.

***Masses for Lent*** ![C:\Users\mw8110499\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\4CG5Z5RF\catholic-funeral-requirum-mass-liturgy-icon[1].png]()

Father Gallagher will be saying mass every at 8.40am Tuesday and Thursday in school throughout Lent. Everyone from our school community is welcome to join with us at those times. We also had mass I school due to the terrible weather for Ash Wednesday. It was a lovely opportunity for us to come together as a school and focus our thoughts and prayers as Lent began.

***![C:\Users\mw8110499\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\OID6CY2B\Circle-Thumb[1].png]()Attendance***

As you know I write out to you every term to share with you Children’s attendance rates. This is something we all have to work together regularly to try and impact on. The Glasgow City Council figure is 93.13% and for Term 2 (Oct –Dec) St Catherine’s figure was 93.09%. We are getting closer to hitting the Glasgow average and hopefully overtaking it. I would like to thank all parents who continue to support us in this area.

***What’s been happening this month?![C:\Users\mw8110499\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\OID6CY2B\cartoon_bus[1].gif]()***

It’s been a busy month for us at St Catherine’s! Our P6 classes went to the Emirates Arena last week to see the European Athletics. They all were inspired to see such talented sports people.

Our P1 classes have been to visit the local library as part of their topic work.

Santander Bank have been in working with P6 classes as part of their Financial Education work. They really enjoyed the Moneywise programme and learned lots of real life lessons for managing their money.

***Family Learning![C:\Users\mw8110499\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\RE7254YR\addition01[1].gif]()***

Ms Devlin held the first of four sessions on helping your child with aspects of Maths. We had a great turnout for the addition session and have the subtraction session coming up soon. Please come along. They are very informal and designed to support the teaching of maths at all stages.

Our play along with maths sessions have also started, this is an infant club for parents and children.

***Leaflets![C:\Users\mw8110499\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\4CG5Z5RF\blockpage[1].gif]()![C:\Users\mw8110499\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\OID6CY2B\20061231222627!Information[1].png]()***

We have some useful information leaflets coming out soon. More information about our school mobile policy, our updated Promoting Positive Relationships policy and information about clubs that are on across the school at all stages. I hope these will be helpful to keep you more informed about aspects of work going on across the school.

Skills Development Scotland have a new parents website for Careers which I have been asked to share with you. <https://www.skillsdevelopmentscotland.co.uk/news-events/2018/november/new-website-for-parents-and-carers/>

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

Best Wishes,

 Head Teacher

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