******WELCOME BACK!**

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| 8th January 2016 |  |   |

St. Denis’ Primary Newsletter 6

**Dear Boys, Girls, Parents & Guardians,**

**I hope that you have all enjoyed a relaxing and peaceful Christmas holiday.**

**Please see below important information and dates for the month of January…**

**Thank You**

We would like to offer a thank you to **‘Real Christmas Trees’** for their kind donation of a beautiful Christmas tree which decorated our school’s entrance area over the month of December.

Thank you to **B & Q** for a new work top for our Medical Room.

A ‘HUGE’ thanks to **Fr Wojciech, Marie and George** for allowing us to use St. Anne’s Parish Church for rehearsals and for our Christmas Nativity Play and Carol Concert. I am sure that you will agree that our Christmas celebrations were a huge success and the children were amazing throughout! **Thank you, children!**

**Christmas Fundraising – GRAND TOTAL OF£623.25**

***Christmas Enterprise Group:***

£100 for Marie Curie Cancer Care

£100 for Yorkhill Children’s Hospital

***Text Santa – ‘Wear a Christmas Jumper Day’:***

Raised a fantastic £300!

***St. Denis’ Choir (St. Enoch Christmas Carols):***

£123.25 for Ronald McDonald House

Thank you for all of your support during our Christmas fundraising activities. We will invite representatives from Marie Curie Cancer Care and Yorkhill Children’s Hospital to a Whole School Assembly to receive their cheques.

**BREAKING NEWS!**

**Awards for All**

**FANTASTIC NEWS!!!** We have been granted **£10,000** Big Lottery money to improve our playground. We intend to develop our playground to make this area a more comfortable and enjoyable area for our children to learn and play. Watch this space!!!

**New School Resources**

**Literacy - Reading**

We have purchased a new reading resource, **Oxford Reading Tree**, for our children in Primary 1. I am sure that the children’s reading development and skills will be enhanced through continued active learning approaches supported by this resource.

**Handwriting**

Additionally, we have identified ‘handwriting’ as an area for development across the school. We have purchased Nelson Handwriting books and an ICT resource to support this. We hope that the impact of this will result in a more progressive approach to the teaching and learning of handwriting and a consistent handwriting style being used across the school. Handwriting will also be a focus for improvement during our ‘Literacy Week’ activities and competitions planned for week beginning 29th February 2016.

**Numeracy & Mathematics**

We have also purchased a new ICT Mathematics resource which will support Numeracy. This is part of our improvement agenda linked to ‘**Glasgow’s Improvement Challenge’** which is being led and supported by Ms Fletcher.

**Religious & Moral Education**

**God’s Loving Plan** – Teaching of relationships and moral education has changed since the launch of a new resource for Catholic schools across Scotland. This resource connects core learning in the national Catholic Religious & Moral Education programme, ***‘This is Our Faith’***. The programme also focuses on many themes within Health & Wellbeing and it is appropriate to the age and stage of the children. As part of our Religious Education programme, the children will begin lessons this term.

**Inclement Weather**

****Please ensure that your child brings a jacket to school each day. Our intention is to continue to allow the children opportunities to learn and play outdoors as often as possible, particularly as we begin to develop our school’s playground. **Please ensure that all items of clothing have your child’s name attached.**

***Events/Activities planned during the month of January 2016***

****First Friday Mass**

Our **Primary 4** class will lead our First Friday Mass, on the **8th of January**, at St. Anne’s Parish, 9.30 Mass. We will be looking for Parent Helpers to escort all of the children to and from Mass. Please inform our Office Staff if you are available to help escort our children. Thank you.

**New Primary 1 Intake Enrolment Dates and Times – week beginning 11th January 2016**



Monday 11th January 2016 1.15pm – 3.00pm

Wednesday 13th January 2016 9.30am – 11.45am

**Attendance Assembly – Tuesday 12th January 2016**

****Excellent attendance and time keeping are crucial if your child is to achieve the best of their ability and gain as many positive experiences from school as possible. As part of our Assembly on **Tuesday 12th of January**, any children who attained 100% attendance for Terms 1 and 2 (August 2015 – Friday 18th of December 2015) will receive an **‘Attendance Award’** in recognition of this. These children will also have the opportunity to attend RAPA as a special treat.

**Parent Council Meeting - Monday 18th January 2016**

Our next Parent Council Meeting is on the **18th of January, 6.00pm – 7.00pm**.



**Primary 7 Educational Visit - Monday 18th January 2016**

Primary 7 children will attend a Celtic Connections Concert at the Glasgow Royal Concert Hall. *More information will follow.*

**Celtic Connections Workshops – Wednesday 27th January 2016**

Celtic Connections will deliver workshops to Primary 3/2 and Primary 2/1 in school.

**World of Work Programme Launch Event – 20th January 2016**

Our Primary 5 children have been invited to attend this event which will be held at St. Mungo’s Academy. *More information will follow.*

**Schools United Programme – St. Denis’ Primary & Haghill Park Primary**

Children from Primaries 1, 4, 6 & 7 will work collaboratively with children from Haghill Park Primary, covering a number of topics, throughout this term.

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**Burns Celebration – Monday 25th January 2016**

Our Primary 7 pupils will work collaboratively with Primary 7 children from Haghill Park Primary. They will participate in a traditional Burns’ Supper and Highland Games. *More information will follow.*

**SPCA – Thursday 28th January 2016**

Scotland’s Animal Welfare Charity will deliver an Assembly to the children in Primaries 1 – 3 and workshops to Primaries 4 – 7.

**After School Classes**

We are currently running several ‘After School’ classes which are listed below for your information:

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| **After School** **Class** | **Teacher / Coach** | **Day** | **Time** | **Children** **Involved** | **Dates** |
| Netball | Ms McGee | Monday | 3.00 – 4.00 | P6 - 7 | 11th Jan – June |
| Football | Football Coach | Tuesday | 3.00 – 4.00 | P4 - 5 | 12th Jan – June |
| Football | Football Coach | Wednesday | 3.00 – 4.00 | P6 - 7 | 13th Jan – June |
| Dance | Dance Coach | Thursday | 3.00 – 4.00 | P4 | 14th Jan – 11th Feb |
| Dance | Dance Coach | Thursday | 3.00 – 4.00 | P3 | 18th Feb – 17th March |
| Dance | Dance Coach | Thursday | 3.00 – 4.00 | P2 | 21st April – 12th May |
| Dance | Dance Coach | Thursday | 3.00 – 4.00 | P1 | 19th May – 9th June |
| Art & Craft | Mrs Black | Thursday | 3.00 – 4.00 | P1 | 21st Jan – 17th March |
| Minikickers | Minikickers Coach | Friday | 3.00 – 4.00 | P3 | 22nd Jan – 19th Feb |
| Minikickers | Minikickers Coach | Friday | 3.00 – 4.00 | P2 | 26th Feb – 22nd April |
| Minikickers | Minikickers Coach | Friday | 3.00 – 4.00 | P1 | 29th April – 27th May |

More information regarding After School Classes will follow and places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Thank you to all of our teachers and coaches who are leading our After School Classes.

**Updated PE Timetable**

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| **Class** | **PE Days** | **Class** | **PE Days** |
| Primary 1a | Monday & Wednesday | Primary 4 | Tuesday & Thursday |
| Primary 1b | Tuesday & Wednesday | Primary 5/4 | Thursday & Friday |
| Primary 2/1 | Monday & Thursday | Primary 6/5 | Monday & Wednesday |
| Primary 3/2 | Wednesday & Thursday | Primary 6 | Monday & Friday |
| Primary 3 | Wednesday & Friday | Primary 7 | Tuesday & Friday |

A reminder that our PE Kit consists of: **a white polo shirt or a white t-shirt, black shorts and black gym shoes**.

***I very much look forward to the new year and new term ahead.***

**Kind regards,**

**Mrs L Mackie**

**Head Teacher**