



St John Bosco RC Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Families



HAPPY NEW YEAR - WELCOME BACK!

*A very **happy new year** to all of our children, families, friends and local community from everyone at St John Bosco Primary School!*

Feast of the Epiphany

Today is the Feast of the Epiphany. We had originally planned for P4-7 to attend 9.30am Mass at St John Bosco's Church this morning, however, the church is closed this week. Thank you to Fr Peter from Our Lady of Lourdes' Church in Bishopton for celebrating Mass in our school hall for P1-7 this afternoon.

New School Update – important – please read!

We have just heard this afternoon that the contractors (**Heron Bros**) will be on site from **Monday 09 January 2017** to commence preliminary fencing work. The top staff car park and access from the Allison Avenue side of the schools will be out of commission from **Wednesday 11 January**. Meanwhile, please be aware that vehicular access to the bus turning circle and lower staff car park will be absolutely restricted to staff, blue badge holders (for children only) and buses from **Monday 09 January**. Police Scotland, Heron Bros staff and janitorial staff will be present at the front entrance in order to prohibit vehicular access to our grounds now, other than that stated above. Families coming from the west access roads (Allison Avenue end) are now required to walk around the entire school estate and enter via Barrhill Road. Please also note that nursery parents should walk through the playground to access the nursery, rather than walking past the front entrance of the school. We apologise for the inconvenience and hope that everyone will work with the contractors and school staff to make this as smooth a transition as possible. A more detailed letter outlining new access arrangements for children and families will be issued to everyone on **Monday 09 January**.

Parent Council Update – thank you for helping at the bag pack!

A huge **THANK YOU** to everyone who helped out at the Bag Packing Fundraiser at Morrisons on 20 December. You helped us to raise **£863.40!** Our next Parent Council meeting will be held in school on Thursday 12 January 2017 at 7pm - all welcome! *SJB Parent Council*

School Tuck Shop Raises Cash 4 Kids

Well done to Kaden Campbell, Erin Vaughan, Aidan Hamilton and Joseph Hiddleston (all P7) for organising and running the Healthy Tuck Shop this term. Thank you to everyone who supported the tuck shop last term – you helped to raise **£50.69** for 'Cash 4 Kids'!

Indoor Shoes and PE Kits – please remember to bring these in!

Indoor shoes and PE kits were sent home with all pupils just before the Christmas holidays. Please ensure that all pupils have their indoor shoes and PE kits with them in school by Mon 09 Jan. Thank you.

Registration for P1 (August 2017 Intake) – NEXT WEEK!

Parents can register their child for Primary 1 (August 2017 intake) on 11 and 12 January 2017. **Pupils whose surnames begin with the initials A to L should be registered on Wed 11 January 2017 (1-3pm); pupils whose surnames begin with the initials M to Z should be registered on Thurs 12 January 2017 (1-3pm).** Please come to the front office with the relevant documentation: child benefit notification **and one** from either of the following - council tax notice for the property you reside at or proof that you have registered for council tax at that property; a letter from your solicitor confirming that missives have been concluded / a rent book for rented property / a tenancy agreement. **It is important to register your child for school at the correct time and date – this helps to make sure that your child is considered for a catchment place. YOU MUST REGISTER YOUR CHILD AT THE CORRECT CATCHMENT SCHOOL.**

Burns' Day Celebrations: Tues 24 and Wed 25 January 2017



All families are welcome to join us in our school hall on **Tuesday 24 or Wednesday 25 January 2017** from **1.30-3pm** for our annual **Burns' Day Celebrations**. Each class will perform a couple of items in celebration of our Scottish Heritage; we will also have the traditional *Address to the Haggis*. A special 50/50 will take place at the Burns' Day Celebrations – if you wish to participate, please bring along £2.

What's on in January and February 2017?

DAY	TIME	WHAT'S ON?	WHO'S IN / OUT?
Monday 09 Jan 2017	9.15-10.15am Menu change	Mr Stone – brass teacher for P6 and P7 Tomato pasta instead of pork	
Tuesday 10 Jan 2017	1.15pm	'Safe Kids' presentation for P6	
Wednesday 11 Jan 2017	1-3pm	Registration for P1 (surnames A-L)	
Thursday 12 Jan 2017	1-3pm 7pm	Registration for P1 (surnames M-Z) Parent Council Meeting – all welcome	
Wednesday 18 Jan 2017	9.30-10.30am	P1 and P7 dental inspections	
Tuesday 24 Jan 2017	1.30-3pm	P1-7 Burns' Day Celebrations – all families welcome	
Wednesday 25 Jan 2017	1.30-3pm	P1-7 Burns' Day Celebrations – all families welcome	
Thursday 26 Jan 2017	9.20-10.20am 11am-12noon 1.30-2.30pm	'Recycling Heroes' – Eco Workshop for P1 'Recycling Heroes' – Eco Workshop for P2 'Recycling Heroes' – Eco Workshop for P3	
Tuesday 31 Jan 2017	1.30pm	Feast of St John Bosco – Mass in the school hall (all families welcome to attend)	
Friday 03 Feb 2017	pm	Stevy's Magical Family Night	
Tuesday 07 Feb 2017	7pm	P7 Mass and Information Session for the Sacrament of Confirmation – SJB school hall (all P7 pupils and families)	
Friday 10 Feb 2017	School closed	In Service Day 4 (staff training)	
Monday 13 Feb 2017	School closed	Mid-term break	
Tuesday 14 Feb 2017	School closed	Mid-term break	
Wednesday 15 Feb 2017	8.45/9am	School and nursery re-open Catholic Education Week	
Sunday 19 Feb 2017	9.30am 11am	Catholic Education Sunday – SJB Church Catholic Education Sunday – OLOL Church P1-7 pupils and families can attend either mass.	

With best wishes for the weekend, *K MacKechnie* Head Teacher

