



St John Bosco RC Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Families



Catholic Education Sunday: 19 and 26 February 2017

The theme for this year's Catholic Education Week is 'Developing as a Community of Faith and Learning'. We have been focusing on **The Beatitudes** and how we can apply the principles of The Beatitudes to our daily lives – at home and in school. We look forward to seeing many of our children and families represented at the Catholic Education Sunday Masses: **St John Bosco's Parish – Sunday 19 February 2017, 9.30am ; Our Lady of Lourdes' Parish – Sunday 26 February**

2017, 11am. P1-7 pupils should wear formal school uniform and should sit with their families for these Masses. Finally, we have been talking to the children about the need for reverence and respect during Mass - please reinforce this message at home. Thank you for your continued support.

P7 Parent Information Session: Tuesday 21.2.17

All P7 parents / carers are invited to an informal information session to discuss forthcoming events such as P7-S1 Induction Procedures, P7 Retreat, Sacrament of Confirmation, Dalguise, Clyde Muirshiel, Leavers' Dance, P7 End of Year Show etc. This will be held in school on **Tuesday 21 February 2017, 7-8pm.** P7 pupils may attend, however, this is not absolutely necessary.

P1-7 Parents' Night: Thursday 23.2.17

A reminder that Parents' Night is coming up on **Thursday 23 February 2017 (3.30-8pm).** Crèche facilities will be available from 3.30-8pm in the nursery and will be staffed by Miss McCrone and Mrs Cairney (nursery officers). Thank you to the Parent Council for funding the crèche. Please also note that the Book Fair will be open and staffed by parent / community helpers throughout parents' nights should you wish to purchase a book for your child (no requirement to do so – completely optional). This year, we have a Scholastic Book Fair; the school receives a fairly good commission on the overall purchases (last year we received £300 worth of new books). Parents are welcome to visit their child's class either before or after their appointment with the class teachers. P1 parents please note that appointments between 3.30-5pm will be with Mrs Willis; appointments between 5.30-7pm will be with Miss Kennedy.

New Break and Lunch Times

We have been trialling new break and lunch times on Thursday and Friday of this week. The changes are as follows: BREAK: P2, P3, P4, P6: 10.15-10.30am; P1, P5, P7: 10.35-10.50am. LUNCH: P2, P3, P4, P6: 12.10-1pm; P1, P5, P7: 12.25-1.15pm. The main reason for the change is to give the children more room to play in our ever-decreasing playground areas (due to the new build); another benefit is enhanced staff / pupil ratios. For the past 2 days, these changes have worked very well, with improved behaviour and pupil enjoyment outside. We will run with these changes for another week and keep parents up-to-date with this going forward.

Science Week: 10-17 March 2017

British Science Week takes place from 10-17 March 2017. We are looking for parents / family members who would be willing to come into school / class and share their passion for any of the STEM subjects (Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths). If you, or any member of your family would be interested in helping us to take this forward, please email Mrs MacKechnie at karen.mackechnie@renfrewshire.gcsx.gov.uk Thank you!

What's on in February / March 2017?

DAY	TIME	WHAT'S ON? WHO'S IN / OUT?
Sunday 19 Feb 2017	9.30am	Catholic Education Sunday – SJB Church
Tuesday 21 Feb 2017	7-8pm	P7 Parents' Information session
Wednesday 22 Feb 2017	9.05am-12.30pm	P6 to St Mirin Park for 'SafeKids' with the Emergency Services
Thursday 23 Feb 2017	3.30-8.00pm	Parents' Night (crèche available)
Friday 24 Feb 2017	9.05am-12 noon	P7 Pre-Confirmation Retreat at Trinity HS
Sunday 26 Feb 2017 *	11am	Catholic Education Sunday – OLOL Church* <i>Please note change of date – Fr Peter is away on 19 Feb.</i>
Wednesday 01 Mar 2017	11.15am	Ash Wednesday Mass in school with Fr Peter
Friday 31 Mar 2017	9.30am	End of Term Mass, SJB Church with Fr David

With best wishes for the weekend,

K MacKechnie

Head Teacher