

LOVE ONE ANOTHER, AS I  
HAVE LOVED YOU, IN OUR  
HOME, SCHOOL AND  
PARISH FAMILIES.

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

15.1.2018

After school  
clubs start

21.01.18

Year 4 Mass

30.01.18

Reception  
Class—  
Vision  
Screening

01.02.18

High 5  
Netball Match

12.02.18

BIG SING  
Event



## Newsletter: Friday 12th January 2018

### WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to a brand new year. We hope you all had a fantastic Christmas and enjoyed spending some quality time with your children. On behalf of all of the staff I would like to take the opportunity to thank you so much for your generosity with regards to cards and presents received by the staff before the holiday. The holidays already feel like they are in the distant past as we head into this new term full of energy and excitement for all that is going to happen. This term, you will have the opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher. This meeting will be in the second half of the term. During this meeting, you will also get the chance to have a look at the beautiful work they have produced.

### APPROPRIATE CLOTHING

Please ensure that your child is adequately wrapped up against the cold weather during the school day. If your child comes in the car, they may not realise how cold the weather is so please support them in ensuring they have everything to keep them toasty. Also, express to them the importance of them actually wearing what you send in for them and not leaving it on their peg. During these colder months, it would be really useful if all children had jogging bottoms and a sweatshirt for their PE lessons. Thanks, in advance.

### READING BOOKS

You may have previously been used to your child changing their reading books very regularly. As a school, and after examining much evidence and pedagogical research, we have now taken the decision to limit the number of times the children in KS1 can change their book in a week. This is because it has been widely proven that re-reading known texts and texts that are familiar, really enhance and develop a child's fluency. This is the speed at which they read; their ability to read without the use of a finger guide; their intonation and use of voice to make the story sound interesting. Fluency is such an important aspect of reading, and we are hoping to help our children develop this vital skill through this new initiative. We would really welcome your support in this, and your understanding that reading lots of books once is not better than reading the same book a number of times until they can read it perfectly, without mistake and at an appropriate speed. Your child's class teacher will be able to answer any questions you might have regarding this.

### AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

After school clubs will start again on Monday 15th January. We really want as many of our children to do something extra outside of school so have added some new activities that will hopefully capture their interest. The price we charge is the lowest in any school so we really hope that you will take us up on what is on offer. If you have any ideas for extra curricular clubs, we would love to hear them. Do look out for the slips where you can express your interest. As always, all clubs will be filled on a first come first served basis. If your child is doing a sports club, please ensure that they have adequately warm clothing so that they do not get cold. In the event of extreme cold weather, the children will do their clubs inside, if possible.



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**Well done to all of our wonderful stars this week.**



	Star 1	Star 2
Year R	IGA	KEVIN
Year 1	LYDIA	SIPHO
Year 2	JOEL	GUY
Year 3	JAMIE	DESTINY
Year 4	PEACE	CEDRIC
Year 5	FEDERICA	KIM
Year 6	BIANCA	JAHNIFA

**SCHOOL ATTENDANCE FOR THE LAST WEEK OF TERM**  
**18-12.17—21.12.17**

Class	%	Target met
YEAR R	80%	NO
YEAR 1	94%	NO
YEAR 2	91%	NO
YEAR 3	94%	NO
YEAR 4	91%	NO
YEAR 5	93%	NO
YEAR 6	94%	NO

**Happy birthday to all of the children who have had a birthday so far in January:**

**Jamie, Ivan, Louis, Liam, Arsal, John,  
Sipho, Kaylen, Casadie-Rae**



*A new beginning is there for the taking!*