



**Rutherglen High School  
Parent Newsletter  
December 2017**

Welcome to the December newsletter. I hope you are well and hopefully I will see you at the Christmas Coffee Morning on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2017. We are still looking for donations for the raffle and Parent Council stall.

**Pastoral Care**

If you have any concerns please contact the pastoral care link:

S1 & S2                    Mr Jamie Longworth  
S3 & S4                    Mr Guto Williams  
S5 & S6                    Mrs Karen Watts  
Supported Classes Mrs Geraldine Johnston

**Administration Information**

Thank you to everyone who has returned the administration forms. If you have not returned the forms could you do so as soon as possible.

Please contact the office if you need replacement forms.

**Parent Council Meetings**

The next meeting of the Parent Council will take place on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2017 from 9.30am – 10.30am. An invitation is extended to all parents and especially to our new parents.

**Dates of Future Meeting:**

Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2017	11.15am
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2018	6.45pm
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2018	6.45pm
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2018	9.30am
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	6.45pm
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2018	9.30am
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2018	9.30am
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> April 2018	6.45pm
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	6.45pm
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	9.30am

**Parents Evenings**

Thank you to everyone who attended the Parents Evenings in November. The turn

out on both nights was very good and the feedback from parents and staff alike was very positive.

S1 – S3

15<sup>th</sup> May 2018

S4 – S6

22<sup>nd</sup> May 2018

**School Uniform**

Thank you to all parents for supporting the schools and South Lanarkshire Council's policy on school uniform. The pupils look really smart and are a credit to the school. School uniform can still be purchased from the office. It would be really helpful if you could label your son/daughter's uniform.

**Nut Free Zone**

We have a number of pupils with nut allergies, it would be most helpful if you could ensure that pupils do not bring nuts or products containing nuts into the school. Thank you for your consideration.

**Transport**

Several parents have contacted the school with concerns regarding transport. If you have any concerns please telephone 0303 123 1023

**Parent Helpers/Volunteers**

If you have any spare time on your hands and would like to come along and help us out on outings or working in school (paired reading, E cafe, lunchtime clubs etc) please contact Mrs Geraldine Johnston. Please note you will need to obtain a PVG prior to working in the school. We can arrange this for you. Thank you in anticipation.

**Mobile Phones/Valuables**

Thank you for your continued support regarding mobile phones. Could you



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please remind your son/daughter that mobile phones should be handed into the office at the start of the day and should be collected at home time. Also expensive items should not be brought into school e.g. iPods, jewellery etc. In the event of loss South Lanarkshire Council has no insurance cover.

**Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA)**

Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is eligible for pupils who are 16 or over. This award will be paid according to the total taxable household income. Payment is dependent upon attendance, attitude and behaviour.

If your son/ daughter is 16 years of age on or before 30<sup>th</sup> September 2017, they may be eligible from the beginning of the school term. If they are 16 years of age between 1<sup>st</sup> October 2017 and 28<sup>th</sup> February 2018, they may be eligible from January 2018.

Forms are available from the school Office and your local Q&A

**Harvest Festival**

Thank you to everyone who kindly sent in food for the Harvest Festival. This was donated to the Rutherglen and Cambuslang Food Bank.

**Book Sale**

As part of S2 Enterprise topic the pupils organised a book sale. Thank you for all your donations. The fantastic sum of £107 was raised. The pupils chose two charities, The Salvation Army and Reach Lanarkshire Autism to receive a donation. Each charity received £53.50  
Well done S2!

**Race For Life**

S6 as part of their Personal Achievement Award organised a "Race for Life" event on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2017. Pupils and staff

walked, jogged and ran round the school grounds. There was also a tuck shop and face painting. Thank you to everyone who sponsored your son/daughter to take part in this fabulous fund raising activity. Over £699 was raised for Teen Cancer UK. Well done to S6 for organising the event and to all the staff and pupils who took part.

**Thank you**

A big thank you to the United Reformed Church (Rutherglen) and St Columbkille's RC Church (Rutherglen) for their generous donations. This will be used to support the Reach Forward visits to Arran and the pupils who are undertaking the Caritas Award this year.

**Spiritual, social, moral and cultural values**

Under the terms of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980, parents/ carers have the right to ask for their children to be withdrawn from religious observance and/or religious and moral education. If a pupil is withdrawn the school will make suitable arrangements for the pupil to participate in a worthwhile activity, in consultation with parents.

Parents may also request that their child be permitted to be absent from school in order to celebrate recognised religious events. Advance notice should be given and the absence will be recorded as an authorised absence.

The themes for the Advent Services are:

Advent 1 "Preparing"

Advent 2 "Sharing"

Advent 3 "Caring"

Advent 4/ Christmas Service "Loving"

The Christmas service will take place on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at 1.30pm.



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Parents/ Carers are most welcome to attend.

The school has been invited back to the final on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2017.  
Good Luck!

**ASN Football Tournament**

The ASN Football league will begin in January 2018. Unfortunately due to a double booking with the pitch, the league had to be postponed until after the new year. The event will now be taking place on a Wednesday from 10-12 at Ravenscraig and Mr Longworth will be meeting with the squad and new signings in the coming weeks to discuss tactics for this year's championship campaign!

**ASN National Swimming Championships**

Rutherglen High Schools sole entry for this year's ASN Swimming championships was Kaitlin Nutt. Kaitlin performed fantastically well in qualifying and ensured qualification to both the final of the 50 metres free style back and the final of the 50 metres free style front. Kaitlin took home the bronze medal for the free style back and competed well in a very tough free style front race. A huge well done to Kaitlin for her efforts over the last few years. If there are any other pupils involved in swimming clubs, please let a member of the PE department know and you could be the next Kaitlin Nutt, Alex Forwell or Monica Brannan!

**Disability Sports Hall Athletics**

South Lanarkshire Council held a Disability Sports Hall Athletics event on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2017. 11 pupils from S1-S5 took part in the event which included Javelin, Long Jump, Relay Races and Speed Bounce. The pupils had a great day and won several events:

Taylor McCutcheon Long Jump and Relay  
Nate Taggart Ball Throw

**Rutherglen Tennis Club,  
Disability Tennis**

Rutherglen Tennis Club hold a coaching session every **Wednesday evening from 6.30pm-7.30pm** for Wheelchair users and pupils with Learning Disabilities. The coach Cedric is well known to Rutherglen High pupils as he comes into the school on a regular basis to coach Tennis. The cost is £5 per class.

**Young Ambassador**

I am delighted to announce that Kathleen Collins has been selected to be a Young Ambassador for Inclusion Network. Kathleen is representing South Lanarkshire Council. This group is looking to improve education for young people with additional support needs and Kathleen has been involved in preparing a film that shares young people's views on inclusion.

**Jan Allan  
Head Teacher**

