



**St. Mark's Primary School
January 2015
Newsletter No. 6**



Dear Parent & Carers

Staffing News

Mrs Seddon has been successful in a recent interview and will be leaving us on Friday 30th January 2015.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Seddon for all the hard work and support she has given to St. Mark's Primary over the past six years. Mrs Seddon has devoted an enormous amount of time and personal commitment to the school over the years.

As well as teaching various stages in the school she also started and developed a variety of pupil groups. Our Pastoral Pupil Council and School Choir are two such pupil groups which have benefited from Mrs Seddon's hard work and dedication. It has been a privilege to work alongside her. On behalf of the staff, pupils, parents and the wider community I would like to wish her every success in her new job.

I am delighted to inform you that Miss McCann will be the new Primary 2 teacher until further notice. Miss McCann has already been working with Primary 2 since the beginning of the New Year.

Don't forget...Parent Council



The Parent Council will meet at St. Luke's on Wednesday 4th February at 7pm.

Sincere thanks to the Parent Council for co-ordinating and organising another very successful Christmas Fayre. The Parent Council also funded the parties and the P6-7 disco - all the children had a great time. Thanks again.

Cluster Quiz Night

The annual Cluster Quiz Night will take place on Friday 30th January in St. John's Church Hall from 7.00pm until 11.00pm. Bring your own bottle. Tickets are priced at:-

Adults £4.00
Children £2.00
Family £10.00



Reminder-New Year Resolution - to be on time for school!



Can I please, please remind all parents and carers that the school opens at 8.45am - 9.00am. Please try to have your child here on time. Children hate being late and it isn't a great way to start the day.

Registration for Primary 1 - update

I am delighted to inform you that to date, 44 pupils have enrolled for Primary 1 in the new session. I hear we still have quite a few more to enroll!!!



Easter Play

The Primary 3 and 4 classes are currently working on an Easter play that will be performed in the school prior to the Easter holidays. This **will not be an annual event** but is being held in order to give Primary 3 a chance to perform. As you will know, they did not take part in the Nativity this year due to the large numbers of Primary 1 and 2s. The children are working hard on their speaking, singing and acting and hope that you will come along to support them. The dates for these performances are Monday 30th March at 1.30pm and Wednesday 1st April at 7pm. In the same way as the Nativity, a letter will be issued about the availability and purchasing of tickets.



Mid Term Break and In-Service Days - Reminder

School will close as usual at 3pm on Thursday 4th February (clubs will run as normal). Thursday 5th and Friday 6th February are both in-service days. Monday 9th and Tuesday 10th February are the Mid Term Holiday.

School will re-open on Wednesday 12th February - breakfast club as usual.

Medicine Policy

Can I please remind all parents/carers that the policy for a child requiring is as follows:

- Parents/carers should notify the office manager - Mrs Kennedy
- The office staff will issue the appropriate form to complete
- All medicine must be kept in the office.



Teachers and support staff should not be approached about this.

Catholic Education Week 8th - 14th February 2015



Catholic Education Week launches on Saturday 8th February. Primary 7 pupils will speak at the Vigil Mass on Saturday 14th in St. John's Parish Church. There will be lots of activities throughout the week which should allow the children to further develop their own personal understanding of their faith. There will also be at cluster mass at St Thomas's on Thursday 12th February at 7pm. Everyone welcome.

Fund Raising

Pupils raised £1000.00 for Yorkhill Children's Hospital doing the Santa Dash and Choir Singing in December. Josh Nugent and Noah Mazumder raised £255.00 from footcards and a raffle for Children's Charity Scotland. Well done to everyone.

House System

Our House System is now in year 4. Pupils receive house points for a variety of reasons; showing good manners, hard work, helping others etc. All staff in the school can give out house points. House points are counted weekly and the house that has received the greatest amount of points that week will be given a certificate at assembly. We have now created a 'House' section on our school website and the house points will be updated weekly so that parents/carers can see the progress being made. The 4 houses are **Mackintosh**, **Bell**, **Wallace** and **Oglivie**.

Spare Clothing

In St Mark's we keep a variety of spare clothing for pupils for when they require it. At the moment we are running low on skirts and trousers. If your child has grown out of their school skirt or trousers and they are still in reasonable condition they would be a welcomed addition to our spare clothing. If you have any spare skirts or trousers that you are willing to donate could these please be handed into the school office. Many thanks for your continued support.

Please be respectful.....

Can I please ask all parents/carers to be respectful of our neighbours in and around St. Mark's. Can parents/carers not park over resident's driveways. In addition, can I request that parents/carers who are dropping children off at the Breakfast Club do not park outside on the zig zags or in the bus stop zone.

Class Photographs

Class Photographs were taken on Tuesday 27th January, these will be issued in due course. Please look out for your proof and order form in your child's bag.

Dates for Diary

Wednesday 18 th February	Ash Wednesday 10.00am Mass in St. John's Parish Church
Tuesday 3 rd March	P5 & P6 Adoration St. John's Parish Church 11.30am
Friday 6 th March	P3 to attend First Friday Mass at 9.30am
Sunday 8 th March	P4 Mass of Commitment 10.00am St. John's Parish Church
Thursday 12 th March`	Parents Evening 3.00pm - 8.00pm
Thursday 19 th March	Spring Dance P4 & P5 5.00pm - 6.00pm P6 & P7 7.00pm - 8.30pm
Wednesday 25 th March	P4 Reconciliation 7.00pm St. John's Parish Church
Tuesday 31st March	Cluster Performance P4-P7 St. John's Church 1.30pm Parent Council Meeting St. Luke's High School 7.00pm
Wednesday 1 st April	Chrism Mass St. Mirin's Cathedral 7.00pm
Thursday 2 nd April	Easter Bonnet Parade 1.30pm - 2.30pm Close for Easter 2.30pm

Gerard J. McLaughlin
Head Teacher

I have received and read the January 2015 newsletter.

Name of child.....**Class**

Signature of Parent/Carer

We value your comments and/or suggestions