**St. Mirin’s Primary School Newsletter – January 2024**

Dear Parents/Carers,

A very Happy New Year to all in our St Mirin’s School and Parish Community. I hope that you all had an enjoyable time over the festive season.

**Burns Day**

Burns Day will be celebrated on **Thursday 25th January**. This will be a non-uniform day. Children can come to school wearing tartan or items that are associated with Scotland. Football tops/strips are not permitted.

**Sacraments**

**Dates for Sacraments this session:**

Reconciliation (Primary 3) – **Monday 11th March** - **Christ The King Parish – 7pm**

First Holy Communion (Primary 4) – **Saturday 18th May – Christ The King Parish – 12pm**

Confirmation (Primary 7) – **Thursday 30th May – Christ The King Parish – 7pm**

Further dates will be sent out regarding parent/carer information sessions for the sacraments.

**70th Anniversary**

This February marks the 70th Anniversary of the school opening. We have a number of fun activities planned throughout the rest of the session – details to follow. All parents/carers are invited to our 70th anniversary Mass on **Friday 9th February at 10am** in Christ the King Church. Please note that all children should wear full uniform on this day.

**Primary 7 Residential Trip**

Blairvadach will be providing a Teams information session for parents/carers on T**hursday 15th February at 2pm**. The link for this meeting will be sent out week beginning 5th February. Parents/carers will also be invited into the school for an information session on **Tuesday 20th at 5pm.**

**Winning House Group**

The winning house group for term 2 is the Yellow Group. The children have decided on a trip to Flip Out. Parents/carers with children in the yellow group will receive a letter with further information regarding the trip.

**Sponsored Danceathon**

Our whole school danceathon will be held on **Friday 16th February**. All classes should bring their PE kit and a water bottle on this day. Sponsor forms will be sent out at the beginning of February.

**Parent’s Evening**

Our Parent’s evening will be held on **Tuesday 19th March.** Letters will be sent out at the beginning of March with further information regarding appointment requests.

**Attendance/Late-coming**

We are in the process of informing a significant number of families, by letter, if their child/ren’s attendance at school has fallen below 95%.

In Glasgow City Council when a pupil’s attendance level falls below 95% this becomes a concern for the school and as such we will follow council and school procedures to support our families to ensure their child/ren attend school on time each day. We know there can be a variety of reasons for absence which include illness, bereavement and family holidays, however, we continue to strive to further improve attendance for many of our pupils.

Attendance levels are calculated on a daily basis and all absences from school, including term time holidays leave, whether authorised or unauthorised will affect a pupil’s percentage of attendance.

If attendance levels do not improve, you will be invited in to a Maximising Attendance meeting at the school to discuss ways in which we can support.

There are a number of children who are still arriving after 8.55am on a regular basis. This has an impact on their learning and teaching time as well as disrupting the learning of others. Please ensure you child arrives in school between 8.40 and 8.55am. Please do not hesitate to contact me if there are additional circumstances I should be aware of.

**Late Coming – The Facts**

* Late coming can affect achievement
* Late coming disrupts lessons
* Late coming can embarrass and/or upset your child
* 10 minutes late adds up to 6 days of learning lost each year
* 15 minutes late add up to 10 days of learning lost each year
* 20 minutes late adds up to 13 days of learning lost each year
* 30 minutes late add up to 19 days of learning lost each year

**St Mirin’s Fruity Tuck Shop**

Our next fruity tuck shop will take place on **Tuesday 6th February.**

Please provide your child with some spending money if you wish for them to purchase anything from our healthy tuck shop.

**Parent Council Update**

Thank you to all our families who came along and supported our Christmas Fair this year. We raised a total amount of **£1737.47**. Thank you to our Parent Council who work tirelessly to ensure we have fundraising events planned throughout the year in order to fund resources/experiences for the children within the school.

If you require any further information about our Parent Council or wish to contact them with an enquiry, then please email:

stmirinsprimaryparentcouncil@gmail.com

**Dates for your Diary**

**Thursday 25th January -** Burns Day (Non-uniform)

**Tuesday 6th February** – Fruity Tuck Shop

**Friday 9th February** – 70th Anniversary Mass – Christ the King Church 10am

**Thursday 15th February** – Blairvadach parent/carer teams meeting – 2pm

**Friday 16th February** – Sponsored Danceathon

**Tuesday 20th February** – P7 Residential Trip information session – 5pm school hall

**Holiday Dates for your diary**

**February Mid-term break**

* Monday 12 February 2024
* Tuesday 13 February 2024
* Wednesday 14 February 2024 (In-service day)

**April – Spring Holiday (Easter)**

* Schools close at 2.30pm on Thursday 28 March 2024
* Good Friday 29 March 2024
* Easter Monday 1 April 2024
* Monday 1 April – Friday 12 April 2024 – Spring Break
* Schools return on Monday 15 April 2024

**May**

* Thursday 2 May 2024 (In-service day)
* Monday 6 May 2024 (May holiday)
* Friday 24 May and Monday 27 May 2024 (May weekend)

**June**

* Schools close at 1pm on Wednesday 26 June 2024

If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With kind regards and thanks for your continued support.

*Laura Wilson*

Head Teacher