



NEWSLETTER November/December 2023

St. Mary's Harvest Festival

The children enjoyed celebrating the Harvest Festival. They were complimented on their behaviour at Mass and beautiful singing.

Parental Engagement Workshops/Learning Conversations

Our Curriculum Evenings/Learning Conversations were very successful and well attended. The feedback from parents/carers was very positive.

'Delighted with the school and the support given to my children.'

Non-Uniform Days

The Pupil Leadership Group have voted that pupils will now have the choice to come to school on the last Friday of every month in Non-Uniform.

We will also be having a **SPARKLE DAY** on Friday 1st December when children and staff may come to school wearing a piece of tinsel/headband and/or Christmas jumper/their most sparkly/shiny/glittery outfits. Sparkle Day should not incur any extra expense.

Christmas Fayre

The Parent Council Christmas Fayre on Tuesday 28th November will run from 3.00 pm-5.30 pm. Tickets are £2 adult/£1 child/£5 family to include hot food and a drink.

We are hoping for a great turn out on the night. Please enter via Largs Academy for the Christmas Fayre which will be held in the Primary Gymnasium 1. A separate flyer has been issued to Parents/Carers with further information on this event.

Cauliflower Cards Christmas Project

The children have enjoyed participating in this annual project. They have worked hard and created beautiful pieces of art with Mrs Corkindale

Active Schools/Clubs

We would like to welcome our new Active Schools Co-ordinator – Tony Gilhooly. The Active Schools team will be rolling out their programme of clubs shortly, details and information on how to register interest will follow.

DIARY DATES

NOVEMBER 2023

- 9th November – School Photos
- 13th – 26th November P1 Online Enrolment
- 17th - 20th – School Closed (local holiday)
- 21st – Flu Vaccination
- 28th – Christmas Fayre (3 pm – 5.30 pm)

DECEMBER 2022

- 1st – Sparkle Day
- 6th – Christmas Lunch
- 6th – Largs Yuletide
- 12th – Nativity 7 pm (St. Mary Star of the Sea)
- 13th – Pantomime – Jack & The Beanstalk, Palace Theatre, Kilmarnock
- 14th – P6-7 Christmas Party
- 15th – P4-5 Christmas Party
- 19th – P1-3 Christmas Party
- 22nd – School closes at 2.30 pm

JANUARY 2023

- 8th – School reopens at 8.45 am

In addition to Active Schools, the school is also facilitating the following clubs;
Football – Monday lunchtime P5-P7 (spaces available)
Choir – Monday lunchtime P3-P7 (spaces available)
Homework – Monday afterschool (fully subscribed)
Pokemon – Tuesday lunchtime P1-P7 (spaces available)
Music – Ukulele – Thursday lunchtime P7 (spaces available)
Growing Together Outdoor Club (GTOC) – Thursday afterschool P3-P7 (spaces available)

Breakfast Club

Our Breakfast Club continues to run on Tuesday and Thursday Mornings 8:20 – 8:40am. Please contact the office if you would like your child(ren) to attend.

Groupcall Xpressions

We have noted the feedback from Parents/Carers that a Header introducing the topic would be useful when viewing messages in the Xpressions App. The system already allows for a header to be auto populated when viewing via email and we were not aware this wasn't replicated on the Xpressions page, going forward, Education Business Assistants will manually enter a header.

School Uniform

Children are encouraged to come to school wearing their full school uniform; grey skirt/pinafore/trousers, polo/shirt and sweatshirt. Children will change for PE and should bring their PE kit in their bag.

Latecomers

There are still a number of children coming late to school. This has quite an impact on the learning and teaching time your child is missing. Please allow extra walking time from car park to front door to classroom. Thank you.

Staffing

I would like to welcome Miss Yingman He to our staff this session. She is our Chinese Exchange Teacher who visits St Mary's every Friday to work with our children.