

# St Mary's Primary School Newsletter

June 2016

It hardly seems any time since we were beginning the New Year and here we are in the final stretch. Our shiny, new P1's have all grown and matured and are very well settled in school routines, ready for the new challenges that P2 has to offer. In all other classes children are making good progress in their learning and have enjoyed the variety of experiences on offer this year. Pupil feedback has been positive and all children are developing skills in relation to Confidence, Responsibility, Learning Successfully and making valuable contributions in all areas of school. We are very proud of them and I know that our Parent body will be equally as proud after reading all of the children's reports. I would like to thank our tremendous teachers for their hard work in planning and assessing your children's learning and for the commitment they give in ensuring lessons are stimulating and interesting.

We have had a number of visits this year from other agencies which has enriched learning. Too many to mention however the Bug Walks, the dance instructor and Shakespeare's Kids are some of our more recent events and we have already arranged for many of these opportunities to be on offer again next year. As always, I would like to thank you for your support. We aim to keep costs as low as possible however at times there has to be a charge. We hope that you agree the benefits to the children are enormous and again I would remind parents that if the financial burden becomes too great please come and speak to us. There is always a solution. All of our children are heading out on their summer trips over the next few weeks. Please remember sun cream, hats and plenty of water if the sun is shining and waterproof jackets and appropriate footwear if it is wet. The joys of living in Scotland – you never know what the weather will do!

On behalf of Miss Martin, the P7's and the school, I would particularly like to thank all parents for the support given to the P7 fundraising week. I am sure all children enjoyed the activities on offer and that the P7's enjoyed organising them. They made a terrific £385.00 which will go towards a well-earned Prom, to celebrate their contribution to St Mary's in the 7 years most have had here. Particular thanks goes to Miss Martin for organising the resources and to all other staff who helped set up and/or supervise. It is with mixed feelings that we look forward to our Graduation mass and Prom. We are excited to send the children off on the next stage of their educational journey but we will miss them terribly.

We are however excited to meet our new P1's who are embarking on that same journey. We have had a wee chance to meet them and for them to meet their buddies during our induction days and our P1 lunch. Our P6 pupils are being trained to run our nursery Sports Day and I now they will be tremendous buddies. I have been so impressed with how well they already carry out their playground buddy duties with these years' younger pupils.

Father McKay celebrates his Golden Jubilee as a priest this July. There will be a letter arriving shortly with details of the special celebration mass and the opportunity to contribute to his gift. Father McKay is a huge support to St Mary's. He has a great relationship with the children and he makes a tremendous commitment to our school community. It would be fantastic if our school community could be well represented at his special mass on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> July at 10am.

We have a busy few weeks ahead. Let's hope the sun continues to shine and can I take this opportunity to wish you all a fabulous summer holiday. Finally many thanks to Miss Watson for her hard work over the last two years in the Nursery. We wish her every future success in her new post.

Kind regards  
*P Brazill*  
Head Teacher



### **Free School Meals and Clothing Grant**

Applications forms are available from your local First Shop Strop or the school office if you are entitled to the above or you can download one via :

[www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals)

### **Price Increase in School Meals**

There is a price increase in school meals. The cost is now £1.90.

### **Parent Appointments**

Your child's parent appointment are scheduled for Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

### **Go Yellow Day**

We will be supporting Strathcarron Hospice on **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June** with a Go Yellow Day. This will be non-uniform and wear something YELLOW. The charge will be £1.00. Please support this very worthwhile charity.

### **Uniform Order Deadline**

The deadline to order via the school office will be **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June** @ 9.00am. No further orders can be taken. You can order online at Logoxpres or visit their shop.

### **P7- M & Ds Class Trip**

P7 pupils will be going on their class trip on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June**. This will be a non uniform, but wear something YELLOW. Please ensure all parental consent forms are sent into the class teacher and that your child comes to school with a packed lunch on the day. Free school meal children will be provided with one if they have been ordered.

### **Jump Gymnastics – P1 – P3**

Jump Gymnastics will be visiting the school on **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June** from 9.30am – 12noon. The classes that will be participating will be required to come to school with their PE Kit.

### **P6 Class Trip to Cloybank**

P6 pupils will be going on their class trip on **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June** to Cloybank, Banknock. Children to wear outside clothing, please ensure your child's parental consent and payment has been sent into school.

### **P7 Mass of Enrolment**

Primary 7 pupils have been invited to attend the P7 Mass of Enrolment at Our Lady's High School on **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June** at 7.00pm. The children will be required to wear their school uniform.

### **P7 OLHS Visit**

The primary 7 pupils will be attending their 2 day visit to OLHS on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June. Please ensure full uniform is worn.

### **P5 Class Trip to Primary Games**

P5 pupils will be going on their class trip on **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June** to the Primary Games at Ravenscraig. Please remember packed lunch and to wear their PE Kit/joggers/trainers.

### **P6 Class Mass**

There will be a class mass held in school on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June**. Parents/guardians of P6 pupils are invited to attend.

### **Sports Days @ OLHS**

Our Sports day will again be held at OLHS on **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June** from 10.00am – 12noon. Parents and family are welcome to come along and cheer the children on. This will be non-uniform, children to wear PE kit and trainers.

### **P3 + P4 Class Trip to Cloybank**

The pupils from both P3 + P4 will be going on their class trip to Cloybank on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June**. Please remember to wear outdoor clothing, bring a packed lunch and wear sensible footwear. All parental consents have been issued please send back to school completed and signed ASAP.

### **P7 Graduation Night**

The pupils from P7 will have their graduation event on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June** from 7.30pm – 9.30pm.

### **P1 + P1/2 Class Trip to Glasgow Science Centre**

The pupils from P1 and P1/2 will be going on their class trip on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June** to the Science Centre. Please ensure all parental consent forms and payment are returned to the school as soon as possible.

### Nursery Sports Day

The children from the nursery will be hosting their Nursery Sports Day on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June**. P6 pupils will be on hand to help them along and parents/family are invited to come along and cheer them on. 9.30 – 10.30am and 1.30 – 2.30pm.

### P7 Graduation Mass

P7 pupils will be holding their Graduation Mass on **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June** at 1.30pm. Letters have been sent out.

### In Service Day

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June** will be an In Service Day and pupils do not attend. The school will also be used for voting purposes.

### Nursery Graduation

The pre-school children from the Nursery will be holding their graduation on **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June** at 10.00am

### Cfe Awards Assembly

We will be hosting our awards assembly on **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June** at 1.30pm. A letter will follow if your child is successful in receiving an award.

### Winning House – Adventure Planet

The winning house of the year will be going to Adventure Planet on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June. Information will follow as to who is the winning house at a later date.

### Whole School Mass

We will be holding a Mass in school on **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June** at 11.00am. All parents and family welcome to come along and join us.

### Early Finish – Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June @ 1.00pm

School Closes at 1.00pm on **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June**. Can we ask that you arrange for your child to be picked up at 1.00pm sharp and if your child needs a taxi that it is arranged to pick up at 1.00pm.



### **Quick Glance Ahead – August 2016**

In Service Day	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> August 2016
In Service Day	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> August 2016
Pupils Return	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> August @ 9.00am
New P1 Intake	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> August @ 9.30am
School Photographer	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> August 2016 – Individual/Family
School Photographer	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> August 2016 – Class Groups



# Happy Birthday

Max Gallacher	Michael Brogan	Matthew McGarry
Rachel Fitzpatrick	Daniel Cairns	Niall Gilmour
Lucy Scott	Adam Curran	Lucy Haining
Kaleb Litster	Emily Fraser	Imogen Cooley
Grace Cooley	Eva Meechan	Patrick Currie
Eben White	Sophie Griffen	Olivia Taylor
Lucas Sheerin	Jessica Chapman	Logan Carton

*June*



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ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL**



## REMINDERS

**Sickness** - Can we remind parents that if your child has a Sickness Bug / Tummy Bug they have to be **48hrs clear** before returning to school. This stops the infection spreading to other children.

**Belongings** - Can we remind parents/guardians to put their child's name on their belongings. Can you also check on a **daily** basis that your child is wearing their own Cardigan/Jumper/Jacket.

**No jewellery** to be worn on gym days, all earrings **must** be taped up at home or removed prior to coming to school.

**Attendance** - Please call the school office if your child is unwell or unable to attend school followed with a letter to their class teacher. If no prior notice of an absence is received a text message will be sent.

**Bus Children** must wear their seatbelts and are **NOT** allowed to **STAND** until the bus has **STOPPED**. If your child is not returning home on the school bus please send in a letter to the class teacher or call the school office.

**Cafeteria** - Please ensure your child has sufficient money if buying a lunch from the cafeteria. Any money owed must be **returned to the cafeteria**.

**PARKING AT SCHOOL** – Please be considerate of Local Residents when parking at the school. School Car Park **only** for Staff.

**\*\*\* NO PARKING ON THE ZIG ZAGS AT ANY TIME \*\*\***