St Mary's Primary School

Newsletter

Nov / Dec 2016

It’s that time of year again. Please ensure children are appropriately dressed for the weather – it is getting very cold and the children need hats, scarves, gloves, warm jackets and boots or heavy shoes. The Breakfast club is open from 8.15 and only costs 20p so if you are dropping your child at school early this is a great way to keep them warm and entertained. If it is very cold and/or wet the school will be opened at 8.50am. We are unable to let children, other than those at breakfast club, in any earlier due to staff supervision and Health and Safety requirements.

We are very much looking forward to seeing you all during our first Parent’s Evening of the year on Thursday 24th November. Our Book Fair will be available on the night but will close at half past 8. If you have a later appointment please come in a bit earlier to purchase a book, alternatively the book fair will remain open until 10.30am on the Friday. Remember the school gets commission on all books purchased and this allows us to provide award winners with prizes and also supplements our reading books. Thanks in advance to all those who purchase books.

We are holding a ‘Tartan’ Coffee Morning on Wednesday 30th November in aid of charity. Our children from every class and our nursery will be performing songs and there will be an opportunity to purchase raffle tickets for our World Famous Hampers! Please come along and support our event and if you are able to help please contact the office.

Our trip to the Pantomime is not far away. Can I remind all parents that children should bring a drink and a small snack. As we are returning later than our usual lunchtime, all children who receive a free school meal will be given a packed lunch and we would ask that all other children also bring a packed lunch. This will allow us to feed all children quickly and easily on our return.

Practices are well underway for our annual Christmas show, an event eagerly anticipated by pupils, parents and staff. This event is always popular and well attended, letter to follow for ticket allocation. We shall be inviting members of the community and the elderly to our Dress Rehearsal.

This has been a particularly busy term. Our children have participated in Bug Walks, a trip to the Cinema, Tae Kwon Do Taster Sessions, and Farm to Fork Tesco visits, PDSA workshops, Sky Skills Academy and taking part in lessons in all curricular areas. We are fortunate that we have been able to offer a great range of activities to our pupils and I would like to thank the staff and all those external providers who make great learning possible.

CAN WE REMIND PARENTS THAT THE STAFF CARPARK IS FOR STAFF ONLY!!!

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Kind regards

P Brazill

Head Teacher

**School Newsletter –** Can we remind all parents to read through the newsletter and keep it at hand for future reference for up and coming events.

Please also check your child’s school bag each day for any letters given out.

**Groupcall Xpressions App** – We have received just about all the email addresses for the school parents, if you have not already done so please send in your email address asap. We are now looking for parents to download the Xpression App on your phone. This will allow us to send you notifications and alerts quickly to your phone and doesn’t cost the school any money. If you are having difficulty in this please call the school office.

The children from Primary 2/3 will be visiting Tesco as part of their **Farm To Fork** project. Please ensure your child is wearing appropriate clothing to walk to and from the school on Friday 25th November 2016. The children will be back in time for lunch.

As detailed on the front of the newsletter we will be hosting a **St Andrews Day Coffee/Tea** morning on Wednesday 30th November from 10.00am – 11.00am. Children to come along to school wearing Tartan or Something Blue.

Please come along and enjoy the entertainment.

The whole school will be going to the **Panto** on Friday 2nd December 2016. If you have not already done so please send in your payment or pay online ASAP. Can we also ask that all children who are **not** in receipt of a free meal bring in a packed lunch. No hot service from the kitchen on this day due to school returning late back.

**Christmas Lunch** will be on Wednesday 7th December. Letters have been sent home. Please ensure you have completed the slip at the bottom of the letter and send in as soon as possible and **no later than Friday 25th November 2016**.

**Christmas Show** will be as follows – Tuesday 13th Dec – Dress Rehearsal, Weds 14th Dec – afternoon performance and Thursday 15th Dec – Evening performance. Letter to follow. Tickets will be allocated 2 per family in the first instance.

**Christmas Jumper Day** – We are looking for all the children and staff to participate in our Christmas Jumper Day on **Friday 16th December**. £1 donation towards our charities.

We will be sending home a letter for the events in December – Movie Day, Christmas Fun Day and Parties ect……

**School will close at 2.30pm on Friday 23rd December 2016**



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**Sacramental Information**

**St Joseph’s Parish**

P3 Reconciliation Meeting at St. Mary’s PS – Tuesday 31st January at 7.00pm

P3 Mass of Enrolment – Sunday 19th February at 11.00am

P3 Reconciliation – Tuesday 7th March at 7.00pm

P4 First Communion Meeting at St Marg. of Scotland – Tuesday 14th March at 7.00pm

P4 First Communion – Sunday 14th May at 11.00am

**Sacred Heart Parish**

P3 Reconciliation Meeting at St. Mary’s PS – Tuesday 31st January at 7.00pm

P3 Mass of Enrolment – Sunday 19th February at 10.00am

P3 Reconciliation – Tuesday 21st March at 7.00pm

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We will require the name of the parish your child will be attending. Please inform us in writing as soon as possible for the school to get organised. Thanks



**Glance Ahead – January 2017**

**Children return on Monday 9th January 2017**

**New P1 Enrolments** – Monday 16th Jan – 2.00pm -3.30pm

 Tuesday 17th Jan – 9.15am – 10.30am

 Wednesday 18th Jan – 1.00pm – 2.00pm

 Friday 20th Jan – 9.30am – 10.30am

**P7 Parents Kilbowie Meeting** – Tuesday 17th January at 7.00pm





Taylor Adams Charlie Bailey Ruby Baillie

Anthony Cairns Charlotte Doherty Sean Doherty

Ciaran Fernand Liam Gillott Sherin Shelton

Jamie McAloon Samuel McEwan Louie Moran

Rozen Moran Patrick Owen James McGonnell

Jan Klonowski Olivia Gajewska Gabrielle Anderson

Lucas Fernand Lena Gajewska Matthew Haining

Rosie Kerr Monica Martin Dominik Stasiak

Amelia-Grace O’Neil Mya Veldon

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**PLEASE REMEMBER THAT WE**

 **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 \*\*\***

Parent Council Corner

The Parent Council will meet in school on **Monday 16th February** at 6.00pm. If you are interested in joining or helping out at any future events please come along and join us.