

St Mary's Primary School

December 2017

Bulletin

St Andrews Day

We had a Ceilidh on Friday afternoon to celebrate our National Feast Day. A great time was had by all and we switched the lights on our Christmas tree to mark the beginning on advent and the countdown to Christmas.

Love Food Hate Waste Workshop

Some children from P1-3 took part in this workshop looking at how we can use fruit which has gone a bit soft to make smoothies -, cakes etc. and so we can limit the amount of food we throw out. We worked with Zero Waste Scotland who linked us up with a school in Spain as part of European Food Waste Reduction Week. We are hoping to continue to work with 'Escola Lucanes' to develop our Spanish and to build some international links. Many thanks to Catherin Bozec for organising.



Pantomime

The feedback from the children has been fantastic and staff commented how well behaved they all were. A nice start to the Christmas festivities.

Christmas Clothing Day

On Friday the 18th December children will be asked to wear something Christmassy, a jumper, t-shirt, hat or even a bit of tinsel. Please do not buy anything. We will be collecting £1.00 per child which will go to 'Save the Children' charity.

Dates for your Diary

Weds 6th Dec – School Christmas Lunch
Friday 8th Dec – Whole School Mass
Mon 11th Dec – Nursery Christmas Show
Tues 12th Dec – Dress Rehearsal 1pm
Weds 13th Dec – Afternoon Performance 1pm
Thurs 14th Dec – Evening Performance 7pm
Friday 15th Dec – Fun Day
Tues 19th Dec – P4-7 Christmas Party
Weds 20th Dec – P1-3 Christmas Party
Thurs 21st Dec – Cfe Assembly – 2pm
Friday 22nd Dec – SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 2.30PM

Christmas Lunch

The children will have lunch on Wednesday 6th December. Please check your child has sufficient money on the lunch cards.

Christmas Finish

The school will close at 2.30pm on Friday 22nd December. Please arrange for your child/ren to be picked up at this time and that Taxis are booked in advance. Thanks

Christmas Fun Day

Each class will set up a stall either selling very reasonably priced items or will have an activity e.g. Hook a duck. All items will be priced at 50p or less and we would ask that the children bring in a maximum of £2.00. The event is good fun but we are also hoping to teach the children about budgeting and how we have to make choices when spending our money. In addition there will be free Christmas colouring and a free cinema with Christmas cartoons. The children usually receive a goody bag from the parent council.

Christmas Shows

Our free community dress rehearsal will be on Tuesday the 12th December at 1pm. This is for the elderly and community groups. We will be providing mince pies and tea/ coffee for a small donation. The afternoon show is on Wednesday 13th and the evening show is on Thursday 14th December. The tickets will be limited to 2 per family for each show in the first instance and will cost £2.50. There will be a waiting list for extra tickets. Letters sent home with children.

All children to attend the Evening Show, if your child is unable to please inform their class teacher ASAP. Children to arrive in school from 6.30pm – via the GP Room Entrance Door. Pupils can bring a small snack, and juice.



REMINDERS

Absence - Please remember if your child is absent from school to call the office on the first day.

Sickness/Tummy Bugs – Children should not return until 48hours clear due to passing on the infection.

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

School Ties – Available from the school office - £4 each.

New Contact Details – If you have changed any contact details – Address/home/ mobile number or email, please pass this onto the school office. It is very important that we have up to date information in case of an emergency.

Afterschool Clubs – If your child attends a club and no longer wishes to attend or is missing a session please contact the school office, a register is taken for all the clubs run in school.

Bus children – If your child is not returning home on the school bus please inform the office or teacher by sending in a letter or phone call.

Afterschool Clubs

Football club finished on Friday 1st December
Junior Jog, Dance and Athletics will all finish
w/b 4th - 8th December.

Sky Academy

Our P6 and P7 pupils have attended Sky Academy in Livingston where they have explored the skills and jobs associated with news broadcasts. A copy of both videos will be available on our school web site. The experience is one which is highly recommended and will be of use during the transition work with Our Lady's High School.

Attendance, Holidays and Late coming.

Poor attendance is proven to affect children's performance and attainment at school. Please ensure that where possible all holidays are booked out with term time. The excitement and build up to a holiday can unsettle children and the week or so following their return can also have an unsettling effect. Please take this into consideration before booking.

Persistent late coming can be very disruptive to the start of the day in class. If you need any support to get your child to school on time please contact us. We do understand that there can be exceptional circumstances.