

St Mary's Primary School

January 2018

Bulletin

Happy New Year

Happy New Year and welcome back! I hope you all had a wonderful holiday and that you escaped the many bugs that were doing the rounds.



Dates for your Diary



Mon 29th Jan - P1 + P1/2 Tooth brushing
Mon 5th Feb- P5 Site visit to Robertson Construction
Tues 6th Feb – P3/4 Site Visit
Fri 9th Feb – P6 and P7 Site Visit
Mon 12th Feb – School Holiday
Tues 13th Feb – School Holiday
Weds 14th Feb – In-service Day

Christmas Fundraising

Huge thanks to you all we managed to raise £633 from our Christmas shows which will go towards our outdoor learning activities and resources. In addition we made £187 from our Christmas fun day, this helped to pay for the juice and snacks at the Christmas parties. Our P6's and P7's did a tremendous job singing at the town centre and collectively raised £419 for charity. Most of this money will go to St Nicholas's Care Fund who support local children who live in poverty in the West of Scotland. The children will be consulted about what we do with the remainder. We also raised £124 for Save The Children from our Christmas jumper day. I'm sure you will agree that this is a tremendous achievement and we are very grateful for all of your support.

Working Party

We were able to hold a short life working party with staff, pupils and two parents. We discussed target setting and class blogs and made a few recommendations which will now be discussed with staff. Further information will be provided to parents in due course.

Bad Weather

Hopefully the weather will not affect school attendance however if this is the case please be advised that there are suggested activities on our school website which will ensure your children are still learning. We will of course do our best at all times to make sure the school stays open but this may mean access is restricted to main door and GP room door.



Afterschool / Lunchtime Clubs

Our handball club will start again on Tuesday 16th January and football will be starting shortly. Make, move, munch is a new club which is starting this month, it combines healthy eating with fitness and is aimed at families rather than children. We are very excited and hope that there is a lot of interest in this new initiative. Following a meeting with our After School Coach we are hoping to run a Fitness class, a netball club and Miss Blair will be holding a Badminton after school club. Mrs Craig is running a lunchtime digital learning club with some of our senior pupils. Letters will be issued once all details have been clarified. Please note that we would prefer you to pay in advance for clubs as this saves some administration time and children are less likely to lose money, however we understand that this is not always possible. We take a register at the start of the clubs, if your child is not attending on any of the days or has given the club up please contact the school office ASAP. We also do not want children to miss out if money is tight. Please contact the school if this is the case. We are always happy to help if we can.

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 are 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.

Uniform

There is a growing number of children who are coming to school in hoodies and sweatshirts. This is **not** part of our uniform and the children are asked to remove these items while in school. We understand that clothes can be lost, damaged or simply become too small. Please contact Cumbernauld and Kilsyth Care who are trying to recycle uniform items. Telephone Number We have a number of unclaimed items of lost property in school which you are welcome to look through, and we would remind you to write children's names on all items. Please also remember that ties

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.

P1 Enrolments

Monday 15th Jan	2.00pm – 3.30pm	Please remember Birth Certificate/Baptismal Certificate Council Tax Bill.
Tuesday 16th Jan	9.15am – 10.30am	
Wednesday 17th Jan	1.30pm – 2.30pm	Catchments are Seafar, Ravenswood, Greenfaulds.
Friday 19th Jan	9.30am – 10.30am	