

# St Mary's Primary School

February 2018

Bulletin

## Lent

Ash Wednesday falls on Feb 14<sup>th</sup> which is an inset day. We would encourage you to take your child to the services in either St Josephs or Sacred Heart. We will celebrate Mass weekly during Lent and will hold some fundraising events for our Lenten charities. More information will be sent out nearer the time.



## Sacraments

There will be an information evening on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm for all parents in P3, P4 and P7 whose children are receiving the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation.

Enrolment Masses will take place in Sacred Heart on the 4<sup>th</sup> February – 10am and St Joseph's on the 18<sup>th</sup> February – 11am for all P3 children.

## World Book Day

Following the success last year of Drop Everything and Read, we will be repeating it again this year. We are holding a parent's consultation on whether children should dress up or not. Mrs Fenton will send out the consultation information. Please take this opportunity to tell us what you think. Look out for a text message coming soon.

## Dates for your Diary

- Sun 4<sup>th</sup> Feb – P3 Mass of Enrolment at Sacred Heart Parish – 10am
- Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Feb- Sacramental Meeting for P3,P4,P7 Parents – 7.00pm
- Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Feb – School Holiday
- Tues 13<sup>th</sup> Feb – School Holiday
- Weds 14<sup>th</sup> Feb – In-service Day
- Sun 18<sup>th</sup> Feb – P3 Mass of Enrolment at St Joseph's Parish – 11am
- Weds 21<sup>st</sup> Feb – Parents Information Evening – 7.00pm

## Information Evening

We are holding an information evening on **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February at 7pm**. Parents are invited to come along and find out about new initiatives within our school. There will be sessions on Numeracy, Relax Kids, Rights Respecting Schools, Thinking Big/STEM and Barnardos will deliver a session on 5 to Thrive and positive behaviour management. Following an introduction in the hall, parents will sign up for workshops and spend 10/15 minutes at each for a presentation by staff. We are looking forward to seeing many of you there.

## Afterschool Clubs

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.

## Robertson Construction

### Constructions Site Visits.

Robertson's is working in Seafar on building sustainable, affordable social housing and have invited us to work with them on developing children's understanding, skills and knowledge. We will be walking to the site and back on the following dates, please ensure your child is dressed appropriately. Thank you

**P5 – Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Feb – pm**

**P3/4 – Tues 6<sup>th</sup> Feb – pm**

**P6 - Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Feb – am**

**P7 – Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Feb - pm**

## Uniform

There are a growing number of children who are wearing hoodies in school and not wearing a tie. Our uniform is important to us, it tells everyone that we are a valued member of St Mary's School and we expect ALL pupils to follow school policy.

We understand that clothes can be lost, damaged or simply become too small. Please contact Cumbernauld and Kilsyth Care who are helping the local community with clothing and other items, you can pop in and visit them at Unit F, Lennox House, Lennox Road, Seafar.

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. This way we can return them.

## 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.

### 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.