

St Mary's Primary School

March / April 2018

Bulletin

Weather

Many thanks for your understanding during our recent winter weather – hopefully we have seen the last of the snow. Please remember that we have suggestions for activities on our school website for use if school is closed.

Fruits of the Holy Spirit

Congratulations to our pupils who were chosen by teachers for best demonstrating 'Goodness' in class and in school for the month of February.



Robertson's Construction

Huge thanks to Robertson's Construction who have been working with our pupils over this term. Our children have been investigating constructions and structures, using Lego to build towers, cones and bands for the tetrahedron challenge. These activities encouraged the children to problem solve and work creatively in a team. Many pupils have also had the app. To visit the site and explore some of the career opportunities in the construction industry. As always we received very positive feedback regarding children's behaviour when working with others.

Easter

Thanks to Fr. McKay for saying weekly Mass during Lent. Behaviour has been great and the children have been singing beautifully. We are in the middle of our Lenten fund raising. Money raised will be sent to SCIAF and LEPRALINKING with our work on Global Citizenship. For Leprosy we raised £582 and will announce SCIAF money after Easter.

Daffodil Tea – We raised £214 from the tea/coffee/cake stall and £162 from selling plants. We had a fantastic turn out, thank you so much. The money raised will be used to support our summer trips.

Dates for your Diary



Thurs 29/03 –	School Closes at 2.30pm
Mon 02/04 –	Easter Break
15/04	
Mon 16/04 –	Multi-Sport Afterschool Club
Mon 16/04 –	Parent council Meeting – ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND
Mon 23/04 –	Multi-Sport Afterschool Club – LAST ONE
Mon 23/04 –	P1 + P2 – Fluoride Varnish
Thurs 26/04 –	P7 Girls Handball A/Sch at OLHS
Fri 27/04 –	Parent Council RACE Night
Sun 29/04 –	Sacred Heart Communion
Tues 01/05 –	P7 Confirmation @ St Joseph's Parish
Mon 07/05 –	May Day Holiday
Tues 08/05 –	Inservice Day

Health & Wellbeing Data

You may remember that in 2017 the Scottish Government asked all children in P5-7 to fill in a health survey. Our current P6 and P7 were involved. The results broadly match those across NLC. We are very pleased that most pupils are happy and feel supported at school. We have some work to do around healthy eating particularly with eating veg. All classes will be growing vegetables which will be used in cooking which will hopefully encourage pupils to eat more veg.

Easter Finish

School Closes at 2.30pm on Thursday 29th March. Please arrange pick up for your children at this time.

We wish you all a Happy and Holy Easter Holiday.

Validated Self Evaluation

We have recently had an authority inspection. The team consisted of 2 Continuous Improvement Officers, an Additional Support Manager and a visiting Head Teacher. Over two days the team visited all our classes in both the school and nursery, chatted with pupils about their learning and support they receive, met with a group of parents to discuss their views of the school and met with all staff. The inspection findings were very positive and highlighted 6 areas of strength.

- The polite, well-mannered, enthusiastic children who demonstrate a positive attitude to their work and school.
- Children enjoy school and feel well supported by their teachers and know how to access support if needed.
- The supportive leadership of the head teacher and her commitment to supporting all staff and pupils.
- Staff's empathy and understanding of pupils' needs which is leading to a more nurturing and inclusive environment.
- The collegiate working and mutual support among staff which lead to progress through school improvement priorities.
- The effective approaches to engaging parents in their children's learning in the nursery.
- The positive partnership links which enhance children's learning and wider achievement.

The positive start made to tracking and monitoring pupils' progress

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.

Dogs

We have received calls from parents mentioning parents/carers bringing Dogs into the school yards to pick up and drop off their children. Can we remind you that Dogs of any size are not permitted on any school property. Thanks

REMINDERS

Absence - Please remember if your child is absent from school to call the office on the first day. Please do not email any member of staff as this may be missed if out of the building.

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.

Mobile Numbers/ Email

If you are not receiving any of our messages either by text or Xpression App please call the school office. We also send out the monthly Newsletters by email, if you are no longer using the one we have on file please contact the office. You can also check the school website for information too. Thanks