

St Mary's Primary School

August / Sept 2018

Bulletin

Welcome Back

Welcome back to our first term of session 2018/19.

This is a very special year for us as we celebrate our Fiftieth birthday and our Nurseries 21st.

To mark the occasion we have a number of events planned for throughout the year.

It coincides with Our Lady's High School's fiftieth birthday and our P7's have been invited to a special Mass in the high school on the 7th September.



Newsletter/Bulletin

We are sending home this first newsletter/bulletin by pupil post. ALL future bulletins will be emailed to you and placed on the school website. Please ensure we have an up to date email address for you.

Feast Day/Fun Day

We have arranged a visit from All Star Fitness. They will provide an inflatable obstacle course, Archery and Scooters and the children will experience a couple of activities throughout the day. The rest of the day they will have fun activities in the classroom related to Our Lady and birthdays. There is no charge to parents.

Uniform

Thank you for sending children in dressed so smartly. Please remember to able all items of clothing and remember that a shirt and tie should be worn at all times. If hoodies etc. are worn to school, children will be asked to remove them when inside the school building. All children should have a PE kit to enable them to take part safely in PE activities. If your child does not have a kit we will send a letter home.

P5 Swimming - Tryst

P5 swimming will start on Thursday 30th August. Please remember the £1 for the locker which the class teacher will keep for each week. Please return your child's parental consent form if you have not done so.

Due to NLC withdrawing the funding for the swimming and transport there will also be a charge of £1 per week to help cover the cost of the transport, the school will cover the cost of the swimming lessons. You can pay in full for the 11 weeks or each week. Please send into the school in an envelope clearly marked SWIMMING. Thanks

Dates for your Diary



Mon 3 rd Sept	Whole School Picture Day
Tues 4 th Sept	P7 Kilbowie – Parent Meeting 7pm
Fri 7 th Sept	OLHS Feast Day Mass
Tues 18 th Sept	P6 Visit to OLHS
Fri 21 st Sept	SCHOOL HOLIDAY
Mon 24 th Sept	SCHOOL HOLIDAY
Fri 28 th Sept	MacMillan Coffee Morning

Meet The Teacher

Our first Parental event is on Wednesday between 3.30pm and 4.45pm. This will give you an opportunity to meet the teacher, see the classroom and have a look round the school if you have not already done so. Tea and Coffee will be available.

St Mary's 50th Birthday

This is a very special year for us as we celebrate 50 years of St Mary's. It is also Our Lady's High School's 50th. For this reason our P7's will be joining them on the 7th Sept for a Mass and we will have our special Mass on the 7th December. We have a number of events planned for throughout the year and will be working closely with our Parent Council to organise. We will also be looking for any ex pupils to get in touch and tell us what they remember about St Mary's and/or what they are doing now.

P7 Kilbowie Meeting

This will take place on Tuesday 4th September at 7pm. All parents are asked to attend, information will be given out on the night which will need completed and returned ASAP.

Online Payment System

As you are aware we are having problems with the online payment system at the moment. This is due to the company who maintain this. Can we ask that you only put money onto your child's card through the payment machine in school for the moment. We will notify you in due course as and when the online payment has been sorted. If you have paid any money online and it is not showing on your child's account please do not worry as this will be sorted.

All future school trips are set up with the online payment system in place, along with other activities we may require payment for. P1 children will receive a letter with the information you need to set up your child's account, please look out for this in their school bags. A number of parents from last year still have not set up their online payment account, you will also receive a letter with the details to help with this.

Annual Data Checks / Parental Consent forms

You will have received a large brown envelope containing information for you to complete. If you have not done so already please return to school ASAP. We require up to date information for your child and in case we need to contact you in an emergency. 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.

Xpressions App

We send out text messages for absences/trips/events and general reminders. At the moment the school has to cover the cost of these messages. If all parents downloaded the **Xpression App** from the app store we can send these out for **FREE**. The school require an up to date email address for you to download this, we will pick this up from the Annual Data Check form which you will have received.

To receive these messages, download the Groupcall Xpressions app from the Apple, Google or Windows stores (Search 'Groupcall Xpressions').



Head Lice

We have had an outbreak of headlice. Please check your child's head on a regular basis and treat if necessary followed by another treatment a week later. Than

Dogs

We have had a couple of issues with parents/carer's bringing their dogs into the school grounds. North Lanarkshire Council do not allow any dogs in their school grounds.

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