



St Mary's Primary School



October/ November 2018

School Bulletin

Newsletter

Welcome back to Term 2! Hopefully everyone had a lovely break. We have a number of events this term leading up to our Christmas break and as we all know, Christmas will be here before we know it!

Parent's Evening

Thank you to all those parents who managed to come along and for the very positive responses to our parental feedback. The results of which are as follows:

- 64 people responded to the questionnaire.
- 5 People said they did not feel they were given guidance about how to support their child's learning.
- 3 people did not feel that the school responded well to concerns
- 2 people did not feel that pupils with additional support needs were well supported in school.

Everyone else agreed or strongly agreed with the statements, which is tremendous. It is very difficult to please everyone however if you have any ideas about how we can improve please let us know.

Some of the additional comments included:

'My child loves school and I feel his confidence has come on leaps and bounds with the support of the staff.'

'Happy with both my children's education'

I am very happy with my child's progress. There is a fantastic level of communication between staff and parents.

There were several other positive comments which are always wonderful for us to hear. Thank you.

School Bank/Shop

House points can now be banked and exchanged for items in the shop. We are hoping that this will encourage and reward good behaviour, but that it will also help children understand the concept of saving for more expensive items. We will of course evaluate the effectiveness of this initiative at the end of term.

We have collected house points from last term and WATT house will receive a non-uniform day on the 2nd November.



Dates for your Diary

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Mon 29/10	P4/5 Class Mass
Tues 30/10	P1 + P2 – Fluoride Varnish
Thurs 1/11	Halloween Disco
Fri 2/11	WATT Non Uniform Day
Mon 5/11	Netball Afterschool club Starts
Fri 9/11	Whole School Cinema Trip
Thurs 15/11	Football Afterschool – LAST ONE
Mon 19/11	IN SERVICE DAY
Tues 20/11	Book Fair in school all week
Weds 28/11	Whole School Panto Trip
Weds 5/12	Christmas Lunch – Letter to Follow
Tues 11/12	Xmas Show Dress Rehearsal
Weds 12/12	Afternoon Xmas Show
Thurs 13/12	Evening Xmas Show
Fri 14/12	Flu Immunisation Day
Fri 14/12	Christmas Jumper Day - £1
	Donation to Save The Children
Mon 17/12	P4/5, P6 P7 – Xmas Party
Weds 19/12	P1/2, P2/3, P3/4 – Xmas Party
Fri 21/12	Cfe Awards Assembly – TBC
Fri 21/12	School Closes at 2.30pm

Homework

Thanks to all those who completed our questionnaire. We have amalgamated the results of both parents and staff responses and we will be sending our updated Homework policy home next week. In essence home learning activities will be available via our school web site, log in details will be provided for some internet sites and apps, and a list of other useful sites will also be available on the web page. Reading will be sent home and it is expected that children will read with or to an adult at home. Homework, if completed will NOT be returned to school as staff are aware of pupil's progress. Focus for Learning documents, on the school web page will inform parents about the learning which will take place at each stage for each term to allow learning conversations to take place

Cinema Trip – 9th Nov 2018

The children are taking part in this year's School Films Festival. Children will be encouraged to use the strategies used in their reading to help understand and discuss underlying themes in the movie – 'A Wrinkle in Time'. Most pupils will then take part in a Media block in school prior to Christmas. Please pay the amount due on line as soon as possible. Text messages will go out to those who are outstanding. Thanks

Panto – 28th Nov 2018

This year we will be visiting The MacRobert Centre, Stirling for our annual Panto – 'Sleeping Cutie'. Please pay this online as soon as possible as we have to confirm numbers and payment well in advance. If you are struggling financially please get in touch as we are always willing to help. Text messages will go out to those who are outstanding. Thanks

Halloween Disco – 1st Nov 2018

This will take place next Thursday evening. P1-3 will be on from 6.15pm – 7.15pm, and P4-7 from 7.30pm – 8.45pm. The cost for the disco is £2.50. This includes Entry, Juice, Goody Bag, Glow Stick. If you are able to help out in anyway please get in touch with a member of the parent council or drop off a note to the office and we will pass it on. Thanks

SSPCA – 29th Nov 2018

The Scottish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals will be visiting all classes to encourage respect for all living creatures. This links with our focus on becoming a Rights Respecting School and feedback from previous visits tells us that the children always enjoy these visits.

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

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**. We can also send attachments which you can then check straight from your phone. 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').



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.