

# St Mary's Primary School

January / February 2019

School Bulletin

## Newsletter

**Our New Term is well under way and the Christmas holidays are a distant memory. We hope you had a wonderful time with your families and that you have had a positive start to**



## Staffing

As you may know we have had a number of staff absent recently and Mrs Rose is off on a long term absence. I am delighted to say that Miss Blair, who worked with us last year, is returning and will take over the P1/2 class on a full time basis. Until Miss Martin returns we have cover in place. I would like to thank all parents who have been very supportive and patient.

## Hug from a Mug campaign

We are asking that children bring in teabags, coffee, sugar, hot chocolate or biscuits which we can hand into the local food bank so that everyone can benefit from a hot drink during the cold weather. Please donate what you can.

Thanks



## Winter Jackets

We know how quickly children can grow out of clothes and how easily clothing can be ruined. In order to keep all our children warm this winter we have a supply of winter jackets in the foyer. The plan is simple – if you need a jacket for whatever reason – take one. If you want to help – leave one that you no longer need, that is in good condition and washed. If you have any spare hats or gloves that you do not need please hand these in as they are needed in those cold weather.



## Uniform

Please remember to check your child. Hoodies and zippers are not part of the uniform and we would prefer they were not worn. Shirts and ties should be worn with a grey jumper or cardigan. If you require support providing a uniform please let us know as we are happy to help.

PE Kit should always be worn to gym. Please ensure this is a t shirt – not cropped top – and a pair of shorts or sports trousers.

## Burns Celebration

Parents are invited to a celebration of our Scottish culture on Friday the 8<sup>th</sup> February. Join us for a cup of tea and some shortbread followed by the children singing Scottish songs or reading Scottish poems. Tea/Coffee will be available from 10.30 and pupils will perform from 11am. We hope to see you there!

## Kilbowie

Primary 7 had a fabulous week away and took part in lots of activities. Our thanks to Mrs Craig and Miss Fenton for giving up their time and accompanying them.

## Dates for your Diary



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| Thurs 31 <sup>st</sup> Jan | Sacramental Meeting P3/P4/P7 @ 7pm           |
| Thurs 31 <sup>st</sup> Jan | P7 Handball Festival – Tryst 9.30am – 12noon |
| Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> Feb   | School Holiday                               |
| Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb  | School Holiday                               |
| Weds 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb  | In Service Day                               |
| Weds 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb  | P1 & P7 NHS Dental Inspection                |
| Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb | P1 NHS Health Checks                         |
| Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb   | P3 Mass of Enrolment – St Joseph's @ 11am    |
| Tues 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb  | P7 Schoenstatt Visit                         |

## Clyde in the Classroom

Primary 6 had a wonderful trip to the Science Centre and are involved in a project looking at fish. More information to follow.

## Adverse Weather

As you know the weather in Scotland – and especially in Cumbernauld, can be unpredictable. When it is icy underfoot the janitor must clear one path to the school. This will be the path from the front of the building to the main entrance. In addition a path to the GP room will also be cleared. Once this is complete the janitor will begin to grit other paths if it safe to do so.

Please bring your child through the GP room entrance, just before 9am and no earlier than 8.50am. Please remind your child that high standards of behaviour are expected while they wait in the classrooms before 9am.

Remember breakfast club starts at 8.15am until 8.50am at a daily cost of £1.(unless entitled to free school meals) this price includes, toast, cereal, milk & fruit juice.

In the event of closure due to adverse weather North Lanarkshire's website will be updated from 7am onwards. Where possible and practical we will send out a text to the first named contact to inform them of a school closure as soon as possible. We will also put out information regarding any closure on our Facebook page. Please be aware that sometimes Management staff are also stuck/walking en route to school which can cause unavoidable delays to communication.

Should there be issues with the bus companies service they will in the first instance contact the school to inform us and we will then let those affected know.

Please check the school website for a list of activities and learning opportunities the children can complete during the closure.

If you feel that it is unsafe for your child to travel to school during significant snowfalls please contact us to inform us of your decision. Top Tips -Check NLC website -Check our Twitter Feed Check our website for 'Winter weather activities'

If the guidance from Police Scotland is not to travel, don't travel.

*If there is anything you would like to discuss, or any ideas you have regarding the school, please get in touch*

## 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

## 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 download the **Xpression App** from the app store we can send these out for **FREE**. We can also send attachments, like letters and Bulletins such as this, which would 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 completed in August. If you wish to change your email address we hold for you please send in a letter to the school office.

**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.