

St Mary's Primary School

February/March 2019

School Bulletin

Newsletter

I hope you all had a lovely half term break – good to know spring is just around the corner! We have lots to do before Easter so this will be a busy term.



Clyde in the Classroom



P6 are working with Clyde River Foundation scientist Willie and are growing brown trout in the classroom. The children have been very conscientious ensuring the temperature is just right for the fish to survive. Once they have matured and are ready the children will be releasing them into the wild.

Playground

We have spent a considerable amount of money restocking our resources for children to play with at break times. We know that when children are happy and engaged there are fewer behaviour issues. So far the response has been very positive. We are still awaiting a sand pit for our younger pupils and some scooters for our older pupils.

Sacramental Preparation

Thank you to those parents who managed along to our evening information meeting. Enrolment Mass for P3 pupils will take place in St Joseph's on Sunday the 24th February at 11 am and Sacred Heart primary on Sunday the 3rd March at 10am.

Reconciliation in St Joseph's will be at 7pm on Tuesday the 12th March and in Sacred Heart on Thursday the 21st March at 7pm.

Confirmation will be celebrated by the Archbishop in St Joseph's on Thursday the 28th March for all P7 pupils who are making the Sacrament of both St Mary's and St Margaret of Scotland primaries.

Hug from a Mug campaign

Last chance for donations for our campaign before we send them off. We are looking for Teabags, coffee, hot choc, biscuits. Many thanks to those who have donated already.



Daffodil Tea

Our annual coffee morning and daffodil tea will take place on Friday the 29th March at 10am – 11.15am. We would love to see as many of you as possible.

Dates for your Diary



Weds 20 th Feb	P1 + P7 NHS Dental Inspections
Thurs 21 st Feb	P1 NHS Health Checks
Sun 24 th Feb	P3 Mass of Enrolment St Joseph's Parish – 11am
Tues 26 th Feb	P7 Schoenstatt Visit
Fri 1 st March	Open Afternoon – 1.50pm
Sun 3 rd March	P3 Mass of Enrolment Sacred Heart – 10am
Mon 4 th March	SSPCA Visit
Weds 6 th March	Ash Weds - Mass – 11am
Thurs 7 th March	World Book Day – Look out for text
Tues 12 th March	P3 Reconciliation – St Joseph's – 7pm
Weds 13 th March	Nursery Picture Day
Thurs 21 st March	P3 Reconciliation – Sacred Heart – 7pm
Fri 22 nd March	Cfe Awards Assembly – 2.15pm – Letter to follow
Tues 26 th March	P7 Confirmation – St Joseph's Parish – 7pm
Weds 27 th March	Parent Appointments – Booking online, look out for email
Fri 29 th March	Daffodil Tea – 10am – 11.15am
Fri 29 th March	School Closes at 2.30pm

Lent

Father McKay will celebrate Mass and give out ashes on Wednesday 6th March. We will then celebrate Mass weekly and we will have a number of events to raise money for charity. Mrs McPhilemy will work with some of our pupils to decide which charities will be supported and what events will take place. Further information will be sent out.

School Improvement/Open Afternoon

Staff have been developing their skills in teaching science from nursery to Primary 7. In order to share this development with parents there will be a workshop on Friday the 1st March at 1:50pm followed by an opportunity to visit your child's class/es to see a science investigation with the children. It will not be possible for you to see this in its entirety in every class if you have more than one child but you will be able to visit and discuss with your child and/or see a little bit of their investigation. There may be an opportunity to view jotters but it is not the time to speak to staff about pupil progress.

Parent's Evening

This will take place on Wednesday the 27th March for everyone except P1/2. There will be an online booking system – details of which will be sent out. Miss Blair will be working with the P1/2 class and will hold parent interviews early in May once she has had the opportunity to get to know the pupils.

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 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.

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