

# St Mary's Primary School

Autumn 2019

Bulletin

## Halloween Disco

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2019

P1-3 6.15pm – 7.15pm

P4-7 7.30pm – 8.45pm



Children to arrive a GP Room door to be marked in and will be required to be marked as leaving at the end of the night

## Charity

We have a strong tradition in St Mary's of helping others. Over this term our Charity committee have decided to help the following charities; The clothing and uniform bank, The local Food Bank, Save the Children and St Nicholas's Care Fund.

The planned events are as follows –

### 1. November – Wrap up for Winter

- There will be a collection box for new or used (good condition) Hats, Gloves and Scarves.
- Children will design Hats for a completion 10p per entry – Prize TBC
- Children will come to school wearing a hat of their choice Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November £1.00

*All money raised and items collected will go the Cumbernauld and Kilsyth Uniform and Clothing Bank.*

### 2. December – Festive Fayre

- There will be a collection box for non-perishable food items in each class.
- Children will design a poster advertising the work of the Food Bank 10p per entry – Prize of selection Box
- There will be a festive tuck shop every Friday in December

*All money raised and items collected will be donated to the House of Bread Food Bank*

3. Christmas Clothing Day on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December £1. *All money will go to Save the Children*
4. Carol singing at the Town Centre. Dates TBC  
*All money will go to the St Nicholas Care Fund who help provide toys etc for families living in poverty.*

We appreciate Christmas can be a difficult time financially but we would appreciate your support in helping us help others and demonstrate to our young people the value of kindness and of giving to others.

## Dates for your Diary



28 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Whole School Flu Vaccination
30 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Halloween Disco
14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	P7 Confirmation – St Joseph's
18 <sup>th</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup> Nov	In Service Days
18 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Book Fayre In School
29 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Family Race Night
5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Panto – Rapunzel
11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Show Dress Rehearsal
12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Show, Afternoon & Evening
13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Jumper / Clothing Day
19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Cfe Awards Assembly
School Closes at 2.30pm – Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2019	

## Rights Respecting Schools

We are aiming for a Silver award and all classes are involved in working on a Right of the month. In addition we have focused assemblies which allow us to think about children's rights and ensure they are at the heart of our school ethos. Promoting Children's Rights sits well with our Catholic ethos and our focus on promoting Gospel Values. Please ask your children what they have been learning when they come home.

## Fundraising



### • Christmas Fun Day

We are in urgent need of new resources for our playgrounds. The money raised from our Christmas Fun Day will help support this and it will take place on Monday the 16<sup>th</sup> December. Further details will be sent nearer the time.

### • Christmas Shows

Rehearsals will be starting soon for our annual Christmas shows. The money raised will boost our school funds and allow us to purchase much needed reading books, subsidise school trips and buy resources for the playground. The shows are always very popular so get your tickets as soon as you can. Letter to follow with further details.

## Partnership with Care Homes

Our P7 pupils are visiting Biold sheltered housing for some Halloween fun. We will also be entertaining them with some Christmas songs and carols later in the term.

## Whole School Panto

We will be heading to the MacRobert Centre in Stirling for this year's Panto – Rapunzel on Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> December. Letter already sent home with details.

## Confirmation

Our P7 pupils will be celebrating their Sacrament of Confirmation at 7pm on Thursday the 14<sup>th</sup> of November. Full uniform to be worn. Confirmation information slips have been sent home, please complete and return as soon as possible.

## Parent's Evening

Thank you for your excellent turn out and your responses to our questionnaire. The results were overwhelmingly positive and a copy of the feedback is available on the website. A couple of parents asked that they be given a hard copy of the homework grid. Please contact the class teacher if this is something you require. We very much appreciate the support you give your children and our school. Please remember if there is anything you would like to speak to us about please just call or pop in.

## 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 from the classes and all our Bulletins too. Thanks

## Race Night

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November - Letters home regarding our family fun race night, BYOB. We are hoping to see as many friends and family come along to support the parent council with this great event. Further details will follow.

## 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**. We can also send attachments which would allow you to 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.