

St Mary's Primary School

April / May 2021

Bulletin

Fundraising

We raised £340 pounds for SCIAF during Lent. Fabulous amount given we had such a short time. Well done and thank you everyone.



PE Kits

Thanks to the tremendous donations we have received we have been able to purchase shorts and t shirts for next year and every child will receive a voucher to buy soft shoes. Cumbernauld Education Centre have very kindly agreed to sponsor PE bags and we are looking to see if we can either purchase or get some funding for water bottles.

Poverty Proofing Group

We have established a group to ensure we are doing the best for our families and that no child is missing out due to financial pressures. This group consists of Parents, Staff and Pupils and will meet again on Wednesday 12th May. To assist us in this work please complete the attached form so that we have everyone's thoughts.



P1 Induction

We are super excited to begin our programme welcoming our new Primary 1's to St Mary's. They have all visited the school already to collect a goody bag and we will be having virtual sessions over the next few weeks culminating in a Teddy Bears picnic which will take place in school.

P7 Transition

As we prepare for our new entrants we also have to prepare to say goodbye to our Primary 7's. Never an easy thing to do. Our Lady's High School has already had a number of meetings and virtual visits to staff and pupils and all children have been working on tasks via the P7 transition team. We are also beginning to think about and discuss our plans for our leaver's celebrations. We are optimistic that we will be able to celebrate in some shape or form and further details will be shared with P7 parents once plans have been tightened up.



Dates for your Diary



Mon 26 th April	Online Parent Council Meeting @ 6.30pm
Tues 27 th April	P3 Reconciliation - St Joseph's @ 7pm
Weds 28 th April	New P1 Online Induction
Thurs 29 th April	P3 Reconciliation - Sacred Heart @ 7pm
Mon 3 rd May	School Holiday
Thurs 6 th May	In Service Day – Pupils do not attend
Sun 9 th May	P4 Communion – St Joseph's @ 12noon
Weds 12 th May	New P1 Online Induction
Sat 16 th May	P4 Communion Sacred Heart @ 10am
Friday 28 th May	School Holiday
Mon 31 st May	School Holiday

Parent Council



We have an increased number of parents who are now meeting regularly to support the work of the school and represent parent's views. Our next meeting is on Monday 26th at 6.30pm. If anyone wishes to attend please contact the school for the link. We will be outlining the progress made by the school to date and thinking ahead to next year's priorities.

Sports Days

As we have a three day week in May we are holding our Sports Day's earlier than normal. These will take place over two days so we can maintain our Bubbles. Further information, including dress code will be sent out via Text/Xpression app, however we will be asking children to wear House colours if they can. P1-4 will have their Sport's Day on May the 5th and P4-7 will have theirs on May the 7th. Unfortunately we are not permitted to have any parents in to watch but we will share lots of pictures on social media.





Sacraments

We have a busy couple of months ahead as all Sacraments are now able to go ahead. Information will be sent to all those who are taking part but please also check Church websites for information. We are very excited to celebrate two Sacraments of Reconciliation with our P3's next week and then First Communions in Sacred Heart and Saint Joseph's over the next few weeks. Can we ask that our whole school community pray for our pupils as they undertake the next steps in their Faith journey.

Laudato Si/ Earth Day

Primary 7 led us in a prayer service to launch Laudato Si, this is a Catholic Education resource which encourages us to look after and care for our planet. We thought it was appropriate to launch this on Earth Day and we have a month long series of activities which will support our endeavours. We began today by planting some trees in and around our school grounds, and scattering some wild flower seeds. Please keep your eye out for further updates.



Mobile Numbers/ Email

If you are not receiving any of our messages either by text or the Xpression App please call the school office. We also send out the monthly Newsletters/ Bulletins 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



Reports

We are planning on having phone reports around the middle of May. You will be given an appointment time for a short call to update you on your child's progress. We are just waiting to find out about telephone lines to make this possible. You will also receive your child's final report towards the end of June. As always if there is anything you wish to discuss urgently, please give us a call.

And finally....

We have a very busy term ahead after what has been another strange year. We are very happy to have a full term where things are beginning to be a bit more normal and with good weather so we can be outside as often as possible. Since their return the children have been working hard and seem happy and settled. I have no doubt this will continue and we will be able to end the session 20/21 on a high.

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.

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.