

# St Mary's Primary School

November 2021



## Bulletin

We have settled into our new term and the children have been very busy. Our new phonics programme is going well and we are impressed by how quickly children have picked up new routines and are using strategies when spelling.

We have had a visiting teacher from North Lanarkshire who has been working with staff and classes on SEAL approaches to numeracy. This approach uses resources to help the children understand what they are doing. It too has been very successful.

We will be holding parent workshops on both these areas early in the new year and hope that you will join us to find out more

## Christmas

Unfortunately we are unable to have groups of parents in the building due to COVID restrictions. This means that we cannot have a Christmas show again this year. Each class will film a small performance and this will be shared with parents. In addition we are hoping to live stream a carol concert. Details will be issued nearer the time.

We are able to bring groups of children together so this means our Christmas Fun Day can go ahead. Each class will set up stalls with items to buy or activities they can participate in e.g. Hook a duck, knock down the cans etc. There will be a number of free activities as well as those which charge a nominal fee. This helps the children understand the concept of money and will help us raise money for school funds.

Last year was a very difficult Christmas for us all and we are determined to make sure this Christmas is magical for our pupils.



Dates for your Diary	
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> November	In Service Day – Pupils do not attend
Weds 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	NURSERY + P1 – Vision Screening
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> Nov	P4/5 Class Mass
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	Fluoride Varnish
	P1-4 + Nursery – Letters to follow
Weds 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Catch Up Flu Vaccinations
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	School Panto Outing
Weds 22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	School Closes 2.30pm

## Pantomime

We have booked to go to Robin Hood at Cumbernauld's new Lantern house Theatre on Friday the 10<sup>th</sup> of December. The school will be subsidising the cost however it will still work out at £10 per child. If you have more than three children at the school there will be a reduction. A letter with payment details will follow.

## COP26

Many of our classes are involved in producing a workshop presentation as part of the planned COP26 gathering in Glasgow later this year. P4/5 are looking at the impact of plastic on our environment, P5/6 will be looking at deforestation and P7 are investigating climate change and the increasing number of natural disasters. All classes will work together to produce a presentation entitled See Our World – the impact of humans on Nature. This will be shared with our wider school community when finished.



## Charity/School Funds

Following the success of last year, we are once again participating in Strathcarron Hospice Santa Dash event. The majority of funds raised will support the hospice, and some will go to supporting our pupils at Christmas.

Sponsorship forms will be sent out in due course.

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December we will be participating in Clyde 1's Cash for Kids Christmas jumper day. Children can wear any item of Christmas clothing they want, or just dress down. We are suggesting a donation of £1 per child.

We will also be collecting food items for the local food banks. Children can bring in donations of tins, biscuits, tea, coffee etc and we will hand the items in during the last week of term.

We have a very proud tradition of helping others in St Mary's and we are always amazed by your generosity. This is a value which we know our young children will carry with them throughout their lives and captures the true meaning of Christmas.



## 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

## Prayers



Your prayers are requested for the Bulpitt/Ratcliffe family who have recently lost their older sister Katy. Katy was a former pupil, much loved and we are shocked and saddened by her tragic loss of life. Together as a community of faith we will continue to support the children and others who are affected by this event.

## Confirmation

Please remember our Primary 7 pupils who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November at Sacred Heart Parish. May God bless them and keep them.



## 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.