



Dear Parent/Guardian, Please see information below which I hope you find useful.

Christmas

As always Christmas is a very busy time of the year in St. Mary's. This year's events are as

follows. P1-3 supported by P4 will present Jesus's Christmas Party. At these performances P 5 –7 will perform Christmas carols and songs. As noted on the letter for tickets the closing date to secure



the 3 tickets per family is <u>Friday 25th November</u>. All classes will have Christmas party. The dates for their parties are:

P5/6 & 6/7 13th Dec P1&2 17th Dec

P3&4/5 16th Dec Nursery 18th Dec

This years Christmas lunch will be on 5th Dec On this day the children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper.

The children will attend the pantomime of Beauty and the Beast at Motherwell Civic Centre on 12th Please remember that we are attending the afternoon performance and the children will be later back to school. There will be no buses on that day and children need to be picked up from their classrooms at 4:30 pm.

Dates for your Diary

Childsmile (Nursery, P1&P2): 12th November Christmas Fayre 16th November In-service Days—18th & 19th November P3 Sports Showcase 29th November

Thank you for your continued support. Yours sincerely *Francis McIntyre*

Headteacher

Vision and Values

I am going to send a questionnaire to all parents asking you to give your opinion on our draft Vision and Values for our school. I will send a link to you through email/Xpressions as well as a QR code to complete Your feedback will be very useful in producing our revised Vision and Values statement for the school. Many thanks in advance.

Christmas Fayre

As you know the Christmas Fayre will take place on <u>Saturday the 16th November</u> in the school. The Parent Council have worked extremely hard on setting this event up and we would be very grateful to see as many people as possible attend this event. More information on stalls etc can be found on the Parent Council Facebook page. Search for 'St Mary's Primary Cleland Parent Council'. Congratulations to Eilidh O'Hara on winning the poster competition.



Catholic Education Week



This year we will be celebrating Catholic Education Week on week beginning Sunday 24th November. Fr O'Connor will be celebrating this at both Masses on this date. Can I extend an invitation for all children to attend mass at either 9:30 am or the evening mass which takes place at 4:30 pm on

this day. In school over this week all classes will spend time reflecting on and completing activities with a focus on "Promoting Gospel Values". Please prayer for us in a special way over this week as we strive to continue to grow as a community of Faith and Learning in St Mary's Primary School.

Patronal Feast Day

This year we will celebrate the feast of the Immaculate Conception on **Friday the 7th December.** We will



attend Mass at 10am. Following Mass I would like to invite Parent/ Carers to come to the school where each class will perform for you. Performances will include song, poems and dance. We hope as many people as possible can join us on this special day.

St Andrew's Hospice



The St Andrew's Hospice Ambassadors, supported by Mrs

Greenhorn are selling Christmas items. Most goods are priced at £2 with the antlers and packs of cards selling for £3. All money raised will go directly to support the hospice in their extraordinary work in supporting families in our area.

In-service Days

As indicated on previous Newsletters there are 2 additional in-service day this session. Therefore the school will be closed to pupils on Monday the 18th and Tuesday the 19th.