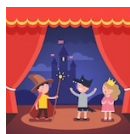




Dear Parent/Guardian, Please see information below which I hope you find useful.

Pupil's Performances

We are going to adapt how the children perform to parents this session. At Christmas the children from P1-3 will perform a nativity themed show with children from P4-7 supporting the singing and performing their own songs.



There will also be a show around Easter time led by the P6-7 pupils, supported by P5. This has taken place before and it was felt that it allowed the children the time and space to prepare more thoroughly for each show.

Furthermore, this year rather than the children perform at Halloween they will perform on Friday the 7th December following our patronal feast day Mass. More details will follow.

The children will still be invited to wear their costumes if they wish on the afternoon of the 31st October and participate in fun activities on Halloween.

We trust you will enjoy these performances just as much as you have in previous years.

Dates for your Diary

Parents' Evenings:

22nd, 23rd & 24th October

Halloween Disco: 30th October

Flu Immunisation: 31st October

Childsmile (Nursery, P1&P2): 12th November

Christmas Fayre 16th November



Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Francis McIntyre

Headteacher

Pupil Council

The children have selected their representatives for the Pupil Council. There will be 2 representatives from each stage who will meet regularly with me to try and make St. Mary's an even better school.

Parent Council

We helped subsidise the cost of the new trim trail with the £2500 we made from the race night and a further £1000 from funds. We have used some Tesco grant money to buy the den building posts and bark required for the garden area. We have subsidised the trip to the panto in December by paying £400 for the buses. We also received £200 from the ASDA green tokens appeal.

Next meeting will be on 4th November at 7pm within Ravenscliff.

Communication

Since arriving in the school I have tried to make it a priority that there is good communication between the school and home. As highlighted in the last newsletter we now have an App called Xpressions. As we move forward this will be the main way we will communicate with the school community. As such can I strongly encourage you to download the App as soon as possible. The feedback from parents who are currently using the App is that it was easy to download and install and they like how the App notifies them there is information in one place from the school. A step by step guide to loading the App is available at https://support.groupcall.com/xpressions/login#how_parents_get_started and highlighted in last months Newsletter.



Please also follow our Twitter account to keep updated with events going on in the school.

@stmarypsmo

Holy day of Obligation

The annual Holy day of obligation for the Solemnity of All Saints will take place in the church on Friday the 1st November at 10 am.



We would like to extend an invitation to anyone who can attend to join us in this celebration.

Attendance

As last year, I will be keeping you updated on your child's attendance. On a monthly basis if your child's attendance is below 90% you will receive a letter of notification.

I understand the majority of absences are due to illness and require the child not to attend school. However these letters will keep you informed more regularly of your child's absence rate.

Notice Board

You may have seen the notice board outside the main door. This will be used as another method of communication to share information with you. Can I ask however that if you are coming forward to look at the notices you do so when the children are in the school. For the safety of all we cannot have adults in the yard when the children are in it.