



Dear Parent/Guardian,

Please see information below which I hope you find useful.

**Pantomime**



As you will be aware from the initial letter this year we will be attending the pantomime on 12th December. This year the children will again attend the afternoon session beginning at 1:15 pm. As a result of this the children will not return to school until approximately 4.30 pm. This means there will be no transport for the children who would normally travel by bus. As such can I ask that you arrange for your child to be collected from **their classes** at 4:30 pm. All children will be brought into the school when they alight from the bus and the class teacher will dismiss the pupils individually to a parent/ carer. I appreciate this may be an inconvenience but I hope you agree it is a worthwhile activity for the children to attend. Can I also ask if you have still to pay part or in full the balance of £6 you do so at your earliest convenience.

**National Gathering for parents with children in Catholic Schools.**

SCES are holding The National Parent Gathering on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September . This is the only national event for parents with children in Catholic schools and aims to support them as the first educators of their children. The day will include activities for children, so that child care is not an obstacle to attending. We hope that the programme will be of interest to all families and will help strengthen the link between Catholic homes, the parish and their schools.

The details of the event are:

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2019, 9.30-3pm, St Francis Xavier primary school – Falkirk. Separate programme for children. Lunch will be provided. Places are free but need to be booked by phoning 0141 556 4727. You can also book online at <https://sces.org.uk/national-gathering-for-parents-of-children-at-catholic-school/>**

**Bags to school**

Following the successful collection last year which resulted in the school receiving £156 we are going to collect the Bags 2 school again. You should have already received your bag. This is an opportunity to clear out any unwanted clothes. This year St Mary's Church is also supporting us so hopefully we can raise even more funds this year. The collection date is Thursday 3rd of October.



**Book Fair**

We will be hosting the book Fair between Monday the 7th October until Thursday the 10th October. This is a great opportunity for your child to buy a new and exciting book and it also helps the school raise funds to purchase resources. Last year we raised £375 to buy books for the school. Your child will receive a note closer to the time to inform you when they will visit the fair.

**Catholic Primary Teaching**

Are you or someone you know interested in becoming a teacher in a Catholic School? Please see information below:



**INTERESTED IN PRIMARY TEACHING? RECRUITMENT EVENING**

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 7pm  
St John Paul II Primary  
1 Laburnum Road  
Uddingston  
G71 5DG

Come along to find out more about the vocation to teach in a Catholic primary school  
Information and advice from the Admission Officer of Glasgow University School of Education  
Support and advice from diocesan head teachers  
All Welcome  
FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: ELAINE O'NEILL, PRIMARY RE ADVISOR, 0141 82 2123

### Xpressions App

You may recall that when I started to communicate by email through Groupcall I mentioned the plan would be to also communicate through a school App. The App is called Groupcall Xpressions and allows you to get updates from the school on your phone or tablet. Following a pilot by some parents we are now able to go live with the Xpressions App for the school. To allow the App to work properly the contact email address and telephone number we have in the school following the data returns must be the one you use for the App. To load the App following these instructions:

1. Install/Download Groupcall Xpressions App



2. Enter the email address you have given to us.
3. Enter your mobile number and then click next. This needs to be the mobile number that we have for you.
4. You will receive a 6 digit code via SMS (text message). Enter this code on screen and tap Login.
5. On the next screen, you will need to create a password.
6. Finally you will be asked to set a 4 digit passcode.

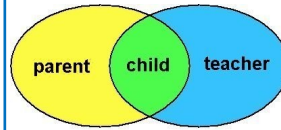
A step by step guide to loading the App is available at [https://support.groupcall.com/xpressions/login#how\\_parents\\_get\\_started](https://support.groupcall.com/xpressions/login#how_parents_get_started)

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

*Francis McIntyre*

### Parents' Evening



The Parents' evening will take place on Thursday the 10th and Thursday the 24th October. The children will bring home an invitation to either of these nights. Please return the tear off slip by Tuesday 1st of October.

### Parent Council

You should have received an information letter regarding the Parent Council including an invite for new members to attend the meetings. The Parent Council have a Facebook page if anyone wants to join it, if they search for 'St Mary's Primary Cleland Parent Council'. All up to date information from the Parent Council is on this page, including abridged version of the minutes from each meeting. The next meeting will be on 24th of September at 7PM at the Ravenscliff.

### PE Kits

Can I remind from the last Newsletter that to assist the children in being ready to participate in their Physical Education sessions that the children should bring their PE kit into school on a Monday morning and leave their kit on their pegs to take home with them on a Friday.



### Flu Immunisation

Can I remind you that the children will receive their flu immunisation on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October. NHS Staff will visit the school and administer the vaccine to the children. The NHS staff will collect the returns on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September. Even if you do not want your child to receive the immunisation please return the envelope provided.



### Uniform Recycle

Do you have any uniform which is too small for your child and is still in good condition? Would you be willing to send it into the school to be recycled? If you do please send it into the office. We will then distribute the uniforms at Parents' Evening.

### Dates for your Diary



September weekend holidays:  
Friday 27 September & Monday 30 September

October break:  
Monday 14 October 2019 to Friday 18 October

Parents' Evenings: 10th & 24th October

Halloween Disco: 30th October