



St Mary's Primary School and Nursery Newsletter May 2021



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

Coronavirus Reminders

Although the rate of infection may be decreasing it is vital we continue to play our part in reducing the rate of any possible transmission. Some reminders of how we can do this are.

- Wear Face coverings when dropping off and picking up pupils
- No toys/resources should be brought from home to school.
- Do not congregate at the gates

Late Coming

In recent weeks it has become evident that there is an increase in the number of pupils who are arriving late to school. Can I encourage you to ensure the children arrive at school between 8.45 and 9 am. As mentioned in previous newsletters if your child is late they can take longer to settle in class which can effect the learning and Teaching within their class. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

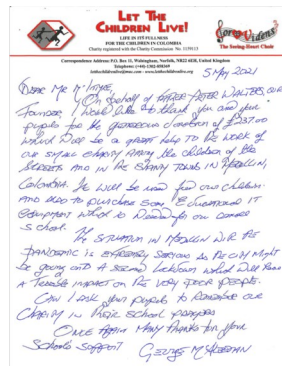
Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Francis McIntyre (Headteacher)

Fundraising Thank You!

As you know during Lent we focussed on 'giving alms' where we raised funds for 3 charities—Missio, let the children live and Marie Curie. We have received communications from these charities to say thank you to our school community. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who contributed to our fund raising events, we really appreciate all donations, especially at these difficult times.



Cost of the School Day

As part of an authority wide drive to reduce the cost of the school day for everyone we are finalising our school policy on Poverty Proofing. Can I ask that you complete the questionnaire, the link will be emailed to you, to assist in writing this policy. It is important your voice in heard and would appreciate if you could complete the survey by Friday the 4th June.

Uniform Bank

As we come to the end of a school year can I ask once again if you have any school uniform which is too small for your child and is in good condition that you hand it in to the school to allow us to have a bank of uniform which will be able to be used to support the community of St. Mary's Primary.

Dates for Diaries

28th May	Holiday
31st May	Holiday
1st June	P4 Communion Retreat
3rd June	P6 Confirmation Retreat
4th June	P7 Confirmation Retreat
5th June	First Holy Communion
7th June	Confirmation
8th June	Confirmation
24th June	School closed at 1pm





Everywhere Bear

As part of our transition programme to support nursery children coming to Primary 1 in St Mary's we are using a resource called 'Everywhere Bear'. Keep an eye out for the Everywhere Bear appearing in a variety of places around Cleland including shops and houses. If you would like to display an everywhere bear please contact the school.



End of Year Reports

The staff are currently writing your child's end of year report. These will be distributed before the end of term. When you and your child have read the report can you please complete the online feedback form, the link for which will be sent to you following the distribution of the report. This will acknowledge you have received the report and allow you to add any comments in the spaces provided.

Free School Meals

Currently all P1 to 3 pupils are entitled for a Free School Meal. The Scottish Government has recently announced their intention to roll out free school meals to all P4 to P7 pupils on a phased approach as detailed below:

August 2021 P4

January 2022 P5

August 2022 P6 & P7

This will mean that every child in St Mary's will be entitled to a Free school meal by August 2022. As we plan to roll this out can I ask that you click on the link below to let me know if you would take up the offer for a Free school meal for your child to allow me to consider any changes we may need to make to our lunch arrangements.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=oyzTzM4Wj0KVQTctawUZKcAnkOb_JKIPpHCdLtocyMFUNFZIWIOMIFaRFFLVkZLTVJRTjhVUDBWSC4u

Parent Portal

As part of our ongoing process of reducing the amount of paper we use and the ability to access information at a convenient time for parents we will begin using North Lanarkshire's online service called Parent Portal. This online service will allow you to access a number of services in one place. This includes

- Reporting an absence
- Annual Data Check
- Use Ipayment for making payments to school, eg Lunches and donations
- View Reports

parentsportal.scot

To access Parent Portal you must have a mygov.scot account. If you have logged into Ipayment you will already have a mygov.scot account. If you do not have a

mygov.scot account can I ask you create one immediately. Information will be sent via email on how to create an account. The link below will take you to a video presentation to support your log in:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/nl/itsc/parents-portal/>

Once you have created an account you need to 'link' your account to your child. Again information will be sent on how to do this as well as the link above.

St Andrew's Hospice—Wear Yellow



In the past the 'Wear Yellow walk' was a great day out for our P7 pupils and a fantastic way of raising funds to support our local Hospice. Due to Coronavirus restrictions this cannot take place at Strathclyde Park as it normally would. However the P7 class will complete a wear yellow walk around our community to support the hospice on Monday the 7th June. The children have been given a sponsor form for this event. Can I encourage you to use the IPayment app to pay in donations to the school. A separate option within IPayment has been set up to allow you to do this.