

St Mary's RC Primary

Newsletter 5

November 2016



THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to everyone who returned their questionnaires and gave up their time to meet with the Inspectors during our week long inspection. We have not yet received our summary letter of strengths and next steps but I will share this with you as soon as we do have it. We received lots of positive feedback over the course of the week and your children did you and the school proud – Inspectors commented on how well behaved, polite and articulate they were. The lead Inspector was particularly impressed by the group of P3 pupils she met with during the week.

But it was back to reality with a bump last week as we went straight into enrolment week – if your child is due to begin P1 in August 2017, now is the time to get them enrolled – forms are always available from the school office.

Plans for the Christmas Fair are now in full swing – if you can help in any way please liaise with your Class Rep or with Kerry Ann Baker and Joanna Shields. Even if you can't help on the night there are lots of jobs to be done in the lead up to the actual evening.

Liz Laird - Headteacher

THURSDAY 24TH NOVEMBER

BIG BEDTIME READ – READ WRITE COUNT – FIRST MINISTER'S READING CHALLENGE

This week is Scottish Book Week and we will be launching the Nursery Big Bedtime Read alongside P1-P3 Read Write Count, and the First Minister's Reading Challenge with a whole day of book related activities in school. The point of all three initiatives is for children and parents to read together more and to learn together.

To make it a day of fun for the children, on Thursday this week, they are invited to bring along their slippers and pyjamas to join in a whole school bedtime read. The children will have a day of reading and book related activities in school. Nursery parents are invited to join in the Big Bedtime Read in their pyjamas too – look out for information on the Nursery Boards.

FLU VACCINATIONS will take place in school on Thursday 24th November.

BONNYRIGG LIGHTS

The Christmas lights will be switched on, on Saturday 3rd December. St Mary's is the first choir singing at 2pm. We will be gathering at the school from 1.30pm to leave at 1.50pm. If you can help accompany the children please let the Office staff know.

CHARITY APPEALS

Thank you to everyone who donated to Poppy Scotland this month – over £50 was raised from staff, children, parents and carers in the school.

We will be marking **St Andrew's Day, Wednesday 30th November**, by supporting Kilts for Kids by selling tartan love heart badges. This charity supports Children 1st who regularly work in the school and all money raised goes to this local charity. Look out for children from the Charities Committee selling the badges in the playground. Our Wednesday Walk will be replaced with Ceilidh dancing on St Andrew's Day.

GENTLE REMINDERS If you are waiting to collect an older child from 3pm, please supervise your child in the playground from within the playground. We have had a few accidents recently. Please don't allow your child to walk across the wall as some of the coping stones are becoming loose. There had been an improvement in the parking situation outside the school but we have a number of cars parking on the zig zags again – please keep this space clear for the safety of the children. Please do not bring hard leather footballs into the playground before school starts – the playground is too busy and children and parents are getting hit with the ball.

P7 School Camp – please remember to send in the instalments – some payments are overdue.

Parents of boys and girls in P4 who are preparing to receive the Sacraments are invited to a meeting about Reconciliation, on Tuesday 22nd November at 7.30pm in Our Lady Church Hall.

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 22 nd November	P4 Parents Meeting for Reconciliation 7.30pm Our Lady Church Hall
Thursday 24 th November	Big Bedtime Read – bring your pyjamas and slippers to school!
Thursday 24 th November	FLU VACCINATIONS
Wednesday 30 th November	St Andrew's Day
Saturday 3 rd December	Bonnyrigg Lights
Thursday 8 th December	Christmas Fair
Wednesday 14 th December	School Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 14 th December	P6 & P7 Christmas Party - afternoon
Thursday 15 th December	Whole School Trip to Lyceum – Alice in Wonderland Soup and sandwich lunch on return
Thursday 15 th December	P4 & P5 Christmas Party afternoon
Tuesday 20 th December	Nursery Christmas Party morning
Tuesday 20 th December	P1, P2, & P3 party afternoon
Wednesday 21 st December	Whole School Nativity 1.30pm and 7pm
Friday 23 rd December	Christmas Carol Concert 11am School closes for end of term at normal finishing times

**Please send in donations for the
Christmas Fair
Tombola, raffle prizes
Home baking on the day of the
Fair**

