

St Mary's RC Primary

Newsletter 8

January 2018



Welcome back and on behalf of the staff a very Happy New Year. I hope you all enjoyed Christmas and had the chance to relax and have a break. On behalf of the staff I would like to thank you for the many cards and gifts you gave us at Christmas. This is of course not necessary but is very much appreciated. Thank you also for your support of the Nativity and Carol Concert – we sent the food donations off to the foodbank. We also raised another £350 on the Nativity Raffle taking the Christmas Fair total profit over the £2000 mark. Thanks again to all those involved in organising the Fair.

It is with mixed feelings that I have to inform you that Miss Arkley will not be returning to teach at St Mary's. She has been on secondment with the Digital Learning Team but has now decided to move to Australia to teach at the beginning of February. I am sure you will all join me in wishing her well for the future.

Please check your child's book bags regularly for information coming home about events in school. Uniform orders will be coming home next week with a return date of 5th February. Other key dates are listed on the Newsletter.

Liz Laird - Headteacher

PUPIL ABSENCE – please remember to give the reason for absence when leaving a message on the answer machine. I have to monitor the instances of sickness and diarrhoea and alert the Public Health Protection Team if numbers reach a certain percentage. **Please also remember to keep your child off for 24 hours after last bout of sickness or diarrhoea – 48 hours in Nursery.** We have had a number of children return who are clearly still unwell.

The children have been enjoying the snow over the past couple of days – please remind your child to observe the school rule of not throwing snowballs. As the ice becomes compacted it is more like a rock being thrown. This particularly applies before and after school when the playground is even busier.

ACTIVE SCHOOLS LUNCH CLUBS are becoming increasingly popular. Please return forms and payment promptly to ensure your child gets a space. Forms have been sent home this week.

PLEASE NOTE TONIGHT'S PARENT COUNCIL MEETING HAS BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL WEDNESDAY 24TH JANUARY due to the forecast for further snow today and this evening.

REMINDER We have a number of children with food allergies in school including nuts. Please do not send in packed lunches or snacks containing nut products – common culprits are Nutella chocolate spread and Kinder Bueno Bars!! A small, healthy snack for playtime please.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 17 th January	P7 Athletics competition
	Parent Council Meeting POSTPONED
Monday 22 nd January	IEP Meetings
Tuesday 23 rd January	IEP Meetings
Wednesday 24 th January	Parent Council Meeting – 7.15pm
Thursday 25 th January	Tempest Photographer in School P1 & P7 Group Photo P7 STEM day at Edinburgh College
Wednesday 31 st January	Meeting for parents P5/6/7 – Sex and Relationships Education – Keeping Myself Safe 7.00pm
Tuesday 13 th February	Shrove Tuesday
Wednesday 14 th February	Ash Wednesday Mass 10.30am – Church of Our Lady of Consolation - Bonnyrigg
Thursday 15 th February	IN-SERVICE DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO ALL PUPILS
Friday 16 th February	School holiday – SCHOOL CLOSED TO ALL PUPILS
Wednesday 14 th March	P7 Basketball Festival
Tuesday 20 th March	P7 Hockey Festival
Wednesday 21 st March	Meeting for parents re: P7 School Camp 7pm
Monday 26 th March	Holy Week begins
	Book Fair Arrives
Tuesday 27 th March	Parents' Evening 5.30-8.30pm
Wednesday 28 th March	Parents' Evening 3.45-5.45pm
Thursday 29 th March	Easter Assembly 2.15pm – All Welcome
EASTER HOLIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED FRIDAY 30TH MARCH – MONDAY 16TH APRIL ALL PUPILS RESUME ON TUESDAY 17TH APRIL	

