

St Mary's RC Primary

Newsletter 1

August 2018



Welcome back everyone and a special welcome to our new P1 pupils and to new pupils in classes across the school. I hope everyone had a good summer break and is ready for a busy term. On behalf of the staff can I thank you for the many gifts, cakes and cards you handed in at the end of term – your kind words and generosity is greatly appreciated.

A wee reminder that long hair should be tied back for school – there is always a lot of head lice on returning from a school break – and that jewellery should not be worn to school. Please make sure that all uniform is labelled, and please provide a change of clothes for PE – tee shirt, shorts or joggers and gym shoes. If not spare kit will be issued!! Mobile phones MUST be handed in to the School Office each day.

We welcome Ms Askew from Lasswade High School on a Tuesday each week to teach music and we welcome back Miss Gordon on a Wednesday teaching RE.

It is with mixed feelings that I have to tell you that Mrs Lesley Black, our Office Admin, will be leaving St Mary's to take up a new admin post with Edinburgh University. Mrs Black has been with us for five years and will be greatly missed in our school office. I am sure you will join us in wishing her well in her new post. Her last day with us is Friday 7th September.

I hope to have a full calendar of dates for you as soon as possible, so look out for it coming home in book bags soon.

Mrs Liz Laird – Head Teacher

*** IMPORTANT DATE FOR DIARY ***

Wednesday 12th September at 7.15pm
PARENT COUNCIL CHEESE AND WINE
NEW SCHOOL UPDATE

Come along to our first Parent Council event of the year and get an update on the exciting development of our new school. We really need to hear your ideas about how we can make the new building our very own St Mary's and how to prioritise our fund raising for the move. More than ever your input is important for the future of the school so please come along and share your ideas.

PLEASE NOTE Any money to be handed in to school should be given to your child to be recorded against the class cash sheet at registration time. All money should be in an envelope with your child's name, class and reason for payment clearly labelled. Please avoid handing money into the School Office. Only school meals and milk can be paid using Parent Pay. **SCHOOL MEALS are now £2.00** Please use Parent Pay to pay for school meals.

ALL MEDICATION MUST be handed in to the school office and the appropriate medical form completed. Please do not ever give your child medication to bring to school in their bag. Pupils requiring inhalers need to have two in school – one in class and one at the school office.

On a very wet morning I will open the door to the gym hall for children to gather from 8.50am.

*****CHILDREN WHO ARE ABSENT FROM SCHOOL*****

0131 271 4690

If your child is absent from school – including Nursery - for whatever reason it is your responsibility to inform the school. The school answering service is available for early morning calls, and if possible please phone the school before 9am to report a pupil absence. Please state clearly the name of the child, which class, and the reason for absence. Please also collect your children promptly and telephone the school if you are running late.

If your child is not at school and we have not had a phone call our Child Protection Procedures are followed to ensure your child is safe. Please ensure that the school has up to date contact details especially if your mobile phone is the main mode of contact. The SMS Text service will be used in the first instance to make contact with you. Where parents cannot be contacted and fail to return calls I will inform the Children and Families Team of repeated absences.

Please remember that we only make a call like this because you have not phoned the school in the first instance, and to ensure that your child is safe. Please be courteous to staff when this happens as we are only doing our jobs and acting in the best interests of your child.

Please also try to ensure that your child is on time for school at 9am. Your child misses important information at the start of the day and it is disruptive to the class and embarrassing for them.

KEY DATES FOR THE DIARY

TUES 11 TH SEPT	P4 AND P5 CROSS COUNTRY
WED 12 TH SEPT	PARENT COUNCIL CHEESE AND WINE 7.15 PM
WED 19 TH SEPT	TEMPEST PHOTOGRAPHER
FRIDAY 28 TH SEPT	OPEN MORNING IN SCHOOL – BRING OUR ADULTS TO SCHOOL DAY (BOATS) CHANCE TO MEET THE TEACHER AND SEE LEARNING IN ACTION IN CLASS
MONDAY 1 ST OCT	IEP MEETINGS
TUESDAY 2 ND OCT	IEP MEETINGS
TUES 2 ND OCT	P6 AND P7 CROSS COUNTRY
MONDAY 8 TH OCT	BOOK FAIR IN SCHOOL ALL WEEK
TUESDAY 9 TH OCT	PARENTS' EVENING 3.45-5.45pm
WED 10 TH OCT	PARENTS' EVENING 5.30-8.30pm
FRIDAY 12 TH OCT	SCHOOL FINISHES 12-15pm

OCTOBER HOLIDAY
MONDAY 15TH OCT – MON 22ND OCTOBER
PUPILS RESUME ON TUESDAY 23RD OCTOBER

