

# St Mary's RC Primary Newsletter March 2019



**We hope you all had a good February break. It seems like a long time ago now and we have been very busy since returning.**

Our Pupil Council and Mrs Macaulay had a meeting with landscape architect, Greg Meikle, to discuss what the children would like to have in their outdoor spaces at our new school. One idea which was very popular with all ages was a quiet seated area for reading/chatting/thinking. Each class had prepared a mood board with plenty other ideas and these were presented to Mr Meikle who is going to work on their suggestions and design a proposal for us to review.

Primary 4-7 enjoyed an interactive and fun visit from "Powering Up", a show about renewable energy presented by a representative of the National Museums of Scotland.

Primary 7 visited St David's RC High School on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> for the "Francophone" morning organised by the French Department. Our children put on an excellent display of French research they had been preparing in class and they all enjoyed a pain au chocolat for snack. Très bien!!

## Parent Council Race Night

A reminder St Mary's Parent Council is hosting a Race night this Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> March, at Bonnyrigg Rose Club from 7pm – midnight. Tickets are £5 each which includes a buffet and a 9pm disco. Come along and have fun, bet on the races, socialise and raise funds for the school. Over 18s only.

Tickets still available.

**SNACKS** We have a number of children with food allergies in school, including nut allergies. Please do not send in packed lunches or snacks containing nut products – common culprits are Nutella chocolate spread and Kinder Bueno Bars. For the same reason please do not send in birthday cakes and party bags to be shared with the class. A small, healthy snack for playtime please: family-sized bags of sweets or crisps are not encouraged.

### HEAD LICE

As you know this is a recurring problem in schools. Please check your child's hair on a regular basis. Prevention is better than cure, so please tie back long hair for school. If your child does have head lice the whole family need to complete a course of treatment – this includes follow up treatment a week later to ensure that all eggs have been killed and any new lice are killed too. We have a number of recurring cases in school – your support and cooperation is essential to prevent head lice spreading throughout the class.

## WORLD BOOK DAY THURSDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

This Thursday is World Book Day. Please log on to [www.worldbookday.com](http://www.worldbookday.com) for lots of ideas.

Children will be bringing home a £1 token which they can use to buy one of 12 books for £1, or to get £1 off any full price book instead. Children are invited to come to school dressed as an author or as character from a novel on that day.

## RED NOSE DAY FRIDAY 15TH MARCH

On Red Nose Day, the children will be having a fun talent show at assembly time.

On this day, we ask that your child comes to school dressed in something red- they can go the whole way and come completely in red or just wear a red nose or red socks/t shirt- it's up to you.

Any donations brought in that day will be passed on to Comic Relief.

**PARENTPAY REMINDER**

Please keep an eye on your Parentpay balance and remember to top it up.

An increasing number of children are riding bikes and scooters in the playground before and after school which is potentially dangerous. The children have been reminded that the minute they enter the playground they must dismount their cycles/scooters and push them to the racks.  
If your child travels to school on a bike, please ensure that he or she is wearing a helmet- free spare ones are available in school.

**KEY DATES THIS TERM**

WED 6 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH	ASH WEDNESDAY 10.30 MASS IN CHURCH
THURS 7 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH	P5 CLUB GOLF WORLD BOOK DAY – DRESS UP AS A CHARACTER FROM A BOOK
FRIDAY 8 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH	PARENT COUNCIL RACE NIGHT
TUESDAY 12 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH	BOYS P7 FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT PARENT COUNCIL MEETING 7.15
FRIDAY 15 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH	RED NOSE DAY
MONDAY 18 MARCH	P1 AND P7 DENTAL INSPECTIONS
TUES 19 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH	P4 SWIMMING STARTS P6/7 GIRLS FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT
THURS 21 <sup>ST</sup> MARCH	PARENT AND CARER MEETING FOR P7 SCHOOL CAMP 7PM <b>VENUE ST ANDREWS PRIMARY SCHOOL</b>
TUESDAY 26 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH	P7 HOCKEY TOURNAMENT 9.30-12 LADYWOOD LEISURE CENTRE P4 SWIMMING DR BIKE VISIT- P6 CHILDREN BRING BIKES TO SCHOOL FOR MECHANICAL CHECK/SMALL REPAIRS
THURS 28 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH	P7 LITERACY TRANSITION VISIT ST DAVID'S RC HIGH SCHOOL 9.30-12
SATURDAY 30 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH	BONNYRIGG COMMUNITY EVENT LASSWADE HIGH SCHOOL 12-4
FRID 29 MAR –FRID 4 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL	BOOK FAIR IN SCHOOL
TUESDAY 2 <sup>ND</sup> APRIL	P5 CLUB GOLF POLTONHALL P4 SWIMMING PARENTAL CONSULTATIONS 5.30 – 8.30
WED 3 <sup>RD</sup> APRIL	PARENTAL CONSULTATIONS 3.45-5.45
FRIDAY 5 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL	9.15 EASTER ASSEMBLY- ALL PARENTS AND CARERS WELCOME.
<b><u>SCHOOL FINISHES AT 12.15 ON 5<sup>TH</sup> APRIL FOR EASTER HOLIDAYS</u></b>	
<b><u>SCHOOL REOPENS ON TUESDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> APRIL 2019</u></b>	

