

# St Mary's RC Primary

## Newsletter 3

### October 2019



Thank you to everyone who supported our Literacy BOATS morning – we had over 60 adults in school and your feedback was very positive. **On Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October** we have another BOATS morning planned on a maths and numeracy theme, so we hope to see a good turnout for this.

We are still looking for some volunteers to join the Parent Council. Please let the school office know if you would like to be involved or come along to the PC meeting this **Thursday Evening at 7.15pm**.

Look out for your Parents' Evening appointments coming home via the school book bags – the Book Fair will be in school next week and will be open on both evenings to allow you to purchase books. The children will browse the Fair ahead of this and will bring home a slip with a title they are interested in. There is of course no obligation to buy a book, but your support is greatly appreciated.

Sadly we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Atchison this term as she has decided to retire and spend some time with her Grandson. Mrs Atchison has been a Learning Assistant at St Mary's for 18 years and she will be sorely missed. She has supported children in all classes throughout the school. If you would like to contribute to a retiral gift for Mrs Atchison, please hand this in to the school office.

Please check out the calendar of dates for this term.

Mrs Liz Laird – Head Teacher

#### \*\*\* IMPORTANT DATE FOR DIARY \*\*\*

**FRIDAY 4<sup>th</sup> October 9AM – 10.30am**  
**BOATS (Bring Our Adults to School) Day**  
**NUMERACY AND MATHS**

This is a chance for you to come along and hear about how we approach the teaching of all things Numeracy and Maths – you could even have a private lesson yourself if required!!! Come along and visit a range of classes where you will see Maths in action in the class and can ask the teacher questions about how you can help your child at home.

We are still having a lot of money and forms handed in to the school office by parents.

**PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE !! Avoid handing money into the school office first thing in the morning and at the end of the day as these are very busy times for them.** Any money to be handed in to school should be given to your child to be collected at registration time. All money should be in an envelope with your child's name, class and reason for payment clearly labelled. We have systems in place in all classes to pass information, money, letters etc. to the Office. Your cooperation would be greatly appreciated.

**MILK MONEY** is now due with final date for payment 7<sup>th</sup> October. This is £7.48 to December or £25.67 for the remainder of the year. Please use Parent Pay.

**P5 SKIING** payments can be made using Parent Pay. Payment due by 23<sup>rd</sup> October.

**P7 SCHOOL CAMP** payments should be sent in to the School Office using your payment card. If anyone is struggling to meet the payment dates and requires an alternative payment plan, please make an appointment to meet with me to discuss options for this.

**OVER 18 CONTENT** A number of children are regularly sharing that they are playing over 18 games on gaming devices and watching over 18 films. The content of some of these can be extremely violent, at times sexually violent, use abusive language and are not appropriate for Primary aged children. We are also experiencing difficulty in the playground when children attempt to re-enact the violence they see portrayed in these films or games. Please be vigilant in the choices you make for your children, especially as we approach Hallowe'en. Some children are struggling to make sense of the images they have seen.

## HEAD LICE

As you know this is a recurring problem in schools, especially after a holiday period. 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 live cases in school – your support and cooperation is essential to prevent head lice spreading throughout the class.

## DIARY DATES

FRIDAY 4 <sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER	BOATS MORNING- MATHS AND NUMERACY – ALL WELCOME P4 SWIMMING
7 <sup>TH</sup> – 11 <sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER	BOOK FAIR WEEK
TUES 8 <sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER	FLUORIDE VARNISHING PARENTAL CONSULTATIONS 5.30-8.30PM
WED 9 <sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER	FLUORIDE VARNISHING PARENTAL CONSULTATIONS 3.45-5.45PM
FRIDAY 11 <sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER	P4 SWIMMING
14 <sup>TH</sup> – 18 <sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER	SCHOOL HOLIDAY
MONDAY 21 <sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER	IN SERVICE DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
TUESDAY 22 <sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER	IN SERVICE DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
WEDNESDAY 23 <sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER	ALL RESUME
FRIDAY 25 <sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER	P4 SWIMMING
SAT/SUNDAY 26 <sup>TH</sup> AND 27 <sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER	ENROLMENT MASS FOR FIRST CONFESSION P3
TUESDAY 29 <sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER	P7 HOCKEY - LHSC
WED 30 <sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER	P5 SKIING
THURSDAY 31 <sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER	HALLOWE'EN DISCO
FRIDAY 1 <sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER	ALL SAINTS DAY MASS 10.30AM – OUR LADY CHURCH BONNYRIGG P4 SWIMMING
WED 6 <sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER	P5 SKIING
FRI 8 <sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER	P4 SWIMMING
WED 13 <sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER	P7 BASKETBALL – GOREBRIDGE LEISURE CENTRE
MONDAY 18 <sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER	NEW P1 ENROLMENT FOR 2020
TUESDAY 19 <sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER	PARENTS MEETING FOR RECONCILIATION OUR LADY CHURCH HALL 7PM
WED 20 <sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER	P5 SKIING
THURSDAY 21 <sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER	FLU VACCINATIONS
FRIDAY 22 <sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER	P4 SWIMMING
WED 27 <sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER	P5 SKIING
FRIDAY 29 <sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER	ST ANDREW'S DAY CELEBRATIONS
WED 4 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER	P5 SKIING
SUNDAY 15 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER	RECONCILIATION SERVICE 5PM ST MATTHEW'S CHURCH FIRST CONFESSIONS
TUESDAY 17 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER	CHRISTMAS CONCERT 2PM AND 7PM
FRIDAY 20 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER	CHRISTINGLE CAROL SERVICE – SCHOOL CLOSSES 12:15PM FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
23 <sup>RD</sup> – 3 <sup>RD</sup> JANUARY	SCHOOL HOLIDAY
MONDAY 6 <sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2020	IN SERVICE DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
TUESDAY 7 <sup>TH</sup> JANUARY	ALL RESUME

