

St Mary's RC Primary

Newsletter 6

December 2019



Tonight is our annual Christmas Fair from 6.30pm – 8pm. Thank you to everyone for your very generous donations for Tombola and your offers of help – we could use a few more helpers for tonight. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the Fair.

Thank you to everyone who has paid the £2 contribution for the Pantomime on Friday 20th December. Just waiting on a couple more. Thank you to the Parent Council for funding this for every pupil in the school.

Our school **Christmas Lunch is on Wednesday 11th December** followed by a Christmas film. **Friday 13th December is Christmas Jumper Day.** Pupils are welcome to wear their Christmas jumpers on both of these dates but please do not buy one especially – there is not a specific collection for Save the Children but any donations will be passed on to the charity. For our Pantomime visit on Friday 20th December, please wear school jumpers, as the theatre will be very busy and this helps us to identify our pupils quickly.

On Friday 13th December, our pupils receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation, will go to the Church in Rosewell for a rehearsal of their special mime. Mrs Macaulay will collect them by minibus from the school and they will return before the end of the school day at 12.15pm. The Reconciliation Service is on **Sunday 15th December at 5pm in St Matthew's Church in Rosewell** for the whole Parish.

Please check out the calendar of dates for the remainder of this term.

Mrs Liz Laird – Head Teacher

POLITE REMINDERS

Please do not send in birthday cake, sweets or party bags to be shared in class. We have a number of food allergies and dietary requirements in school and this cannot be accommodated.

The Christmas Post Box is now available for children wishing to post cards to their classmates. Please make sure cards have child's first name and class clearly written on them or they cannot be delivered to the correct classroom. However to save the trees could we suggest that one card sent to the whole class would suffice rather than individual cards.

The last payment for **MILK MONEY is FRIDAY 13TH DECEMBER.** This is £10.03 for January to Easter or £18.19 for the remainder of the year. Please pay using **PARENT PAY.**

Please pay any dinner money arrears by Friday 13th December so that all finances can be reconciled before the end of term. If you have not yet activated your **PARENT PAY** account then please do so. Mrs Phillips or Mrs Hogg will issue a replacement letter and code if you require this.

We are now well into our Advent preparations. A huge well done to the children who sang at the Bonnyrigg Lights Choir on Saturday – they did you and the school proud. Thanks also to the many parent helpers who escorted the children on the day.

The Parish has again produced Advent videos to help you prepare with your child at home – look for the link on our twitter feed. Each week there is a craft item to make to hang on the tree in the Church during Sunday Mass.



CHRISTMAS NATIVITY – TUESDAY 17TH DECEMBER 2PM AND 7PM

As this is our final Show in our current school we have made this performance a whole school event. Please note that children are expected to attend the performance in the evening. We have been let down in recent years with only half the class attending in the evening. Costuming information has been sent home already – please check book bags. Thank you for your support with this. There is no charge for tickets but please bring a donation for the Midlothian food bank.

DIARY DATES

THURSDAY 5 TH DECEMBER	CHRISTMAS FAIR – 6.30-8PM
TUESDAY 10 TH DECEMBER	P4/5 & P5 DRUMMING WORKSHOPS
TUESDAY 13 TH DECEMBER	RECONCILIATION REHEARSAL – ST MATTHEW’S CHURCH ROSEWELL – 10.30AM
SUNDAY 15 TH DECEMBER	RECONCILIATION SERVICE 5PM ST MATTHEW’S CHURCH FIRST CONFESSIONS
TUESDAY 17 TH DECEMBER	CHRISTMAS CONCERT 2PM AND 7PM
WEDNESDAY 18 TH DECEMBER	P1, P2, P3 PARTY – AM
THURSDAY 19 TH DECEMBER	P4/5 & P5 PARTY - AM P6 & P7 PARTY - AM CHRISTINGLE CAROL SERVICE 2.15PM – ALL WELCOME
FRIDAY 20 TH DECEMBER	PANTOMIME BRUNTON THEATRE – BUSES RETURNING approx 12.30PM END OF TERM
23 RD DECEMBER – 3 RD JANUARY	SCHOOL HOLIDAY
MONDAY 6 TH JANUARY 2020	IN SERVICE DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
TUESDAY 7 TH JANUARY	ALL RESUME

**Merry Christmas
and best wishes for 2020
from all the staff at St Mary's**

