

St Mary's RC Primary

Newsletter 7

January 2020



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 – I took a boot full of food to the Foodbank in Gorebridge and your donations were gratefully received.

Thank you also for your support of the Christmas Fair which was a huge success raising £1600 profit. Thank you once again to the parents who helped set it all up over the course of a few weeks and to everyone who helped on the day/night. There is a Parent council Meeting on Thursday 16th January at 7.15pm where we will discuss how this money will be spent along with all things new school.

I was delighted to be able to take the House captains and Pupil council from P6 and P7 up to visit the new school last week – we are nearly there!! All classes will have the opportunity to visit the school ahead of our move at Easter.

Please check your child's book bags regularly for information coming home about events in school. We are always looking for parent helpers for trips and sports events – if you can help in any way please let us know via the school office.

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

Mrs Liz Laird – Headteacher

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. Whilst we normally praise our children for sharing we advise them not to share snacks for the same reason.

PARENT PAY

Please check that your account is in credit before ordering any more school meals – we have a number of accounts with arrears. Please send in a packed lunch until you can settle your account. Please contact the school office if you think you may be eligible for Free School Meals and staff are more than willing to help with completing the application. 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.

STAFFING UPDATE

We now have a full complement of Learning Assistants to support in all classes in the school. This term we welcome Mrs MacArthur and Mrs Fraser to support in P1. We now also have Mrs Huxley, Ms Pilcher, Mrs Grigg and Mrs Halliday. Mrs Holloway has been covering P7 this term on a supply basis while Mrs Brolly is absent.

This term all classes will be working on a Science/Maths/Technology/Engineering – STEM – project which will include an educational visit which will be paid for by the school PEF Fund. Look out for more information coming home.

PUPIL ABSENCE Please remember to phone the school to inform us if your child is going to be absent. If leaving a message on the answering service please state clearly child's name, class and reason for absence. We are currently monitoring numbers with flu symptoms, sickness and diarrhoea and communicable diseases such as chickenpox. We have a number of children and staff with compromised immune symptoms who we need to inform. Please be aware that we have had several cases of slap cheek in the school since returning from the Christmas holiday and a number of instances of headlice – please tie long hair back in school.

DIARY DATES

THURSDAY 16TH JANUARY	PARENT COUNCIL MEETING 7.15PM
TUESDAY 21 ST JANUARY	IEP MEETINGS
THURSDAY 23 RD JANUARY	P1 AND P7 CLASS PHOTO
TUESDAY 28 TH JANUARY	EDUCATION SCOTLAND LEARNING DIRECTORATE VISIT
THURSDAY 30 TH JANUARY	P5, P6, P7 MEETING FOR PARENTS RE: SEX AND RELATIONSHIPS EDUCATION/PERSONAL SAFETY STMARY'S RC PS 7PM – NB ONE MEETING FOR BOTH SCHOOLS
TUESDAY 4TH FEBRUARY	PARENTAL CONSULTATIONS 3.45- 5.45PM
WEDNESDAY 5 TH FEBRUARY	PARENTAL CONSULTATIONS 5.30- 8.30PM
10 TH – 14 TH FEBRUARY	SCHOOL CLOSED TO ALL PUPILS – FEBRUARY HOLIDAY
WEDNESDAY 19 TH FEBRUARY	P6 ACTIVE SCHOOLS NETBALL EVENT – AM NEWBATTLE
THURSDAY 20TH FEBRUARY	PARENT COUNCIL MEETING 7.15PM
WEDNESDAY 26 TH FEBRUARY	ASH WEDNESDAY MASS 10.30AM OUR LADY CHURCH, BONNYRIGG
THURSDAY 5 TH MARCH	P6 – AM LANGUAGE EVENT ST DAVID'S HIGH SCHOOL
FRIDAY 6 TH MARCH	P7 – AM VISIT TO THE RISK FACTORY
WEDNESDAY 11 TH MARCH	P7 – AM ACTIVE SCHOOLS BASKETBALL EVENT GOREBRIDGE LEISURE CENTRE
THURSDAY 19 TH MARCH	P7 AM – LITERACY EVENT ST DAVID'S HIGH SCHOOL
TUESDAY 31 ST MARCH	P7 AM - ACTIVE SCHOOLS HOCKEY EVENT LASSWADE CENTRE
FRIDAY 3 RD APRIL	END OF TERM – SCHOOL CLOSES FOR EASTER BREAK 12.15PM
6 TH – 17 TH APRIL	SCHOOL CLOSED TO ALL PUPILS – EASTER HOLIDAY
MONDAY 20 TH APRIL	ALL RESUME



Happy New Year