

# St Mary's RC Primary

## Newsletter 8

### May 2021



Please find attached a list of diary dates for the remainder of this term. I had hoped that we would be further along with the easing of restrictions and that we could welcome parents and carers into school towards the end of the year. Our advice from Midlothian Council is to continue to be cautious and so visitors into school are still restricted.

We will still go ahead with our plans for some end of term fun with the children and also aim to have a week of activities for P7 in lieu of School Camp.

This week we have a zoom meeting for our new P1 parents on Wednesday at 7pm. Unfortunately we won't be able to have the children in school for visits, but the ELC staff will plan a programme of transition activities using the Mid Mouse project!

Once again your support is needed with sensible and safe parking in the car park and around the school. Taxis bringing children to the Complex Needs Provision in the Burnbrae side of the building require access to the turning circle in Chesters View in the morning and afternoon. Inconsiderate and dangerous parking on this road has created a dangerous situation and has prevented the Taxis from accessing the school safely. I have also had several complaints from local residents about poor parking in a range of side streets. Please lead by example to ensure all pupils and families are safe.

Mrs Liz Laird – Head Teacher

Current guidance from Scottish Government advises that no one should attend our school building without prior arrangement. Should parents and carers require to make contact with staff, we ask that they contact the school office, in the first instance, either by phone on 0131 271 4690 or by email at: [stmarys\\_ps@midlothian.gov.uk](mailto:stmarys_ps@midlothian.gov.uk)

#### **PE /OUTDOOR LEARNING**

We will begin to use the gym hall again for the remainder of the term, but will still aim to be outdoors as much as possible. Please ensure your child has appropriate warm clothing, waterproof, shoes and a waterproof jacket with them each day – if last week is anything to go by we are in for a mixed bag of weather over the next few weeks.

#### **PLAYGROUND**

We have received a sum of £5000 from the Local Councillors for developing our playground and outdoor learning. We will work with the children to plan and implement these improvements.

We will be celebrating First Holy Communion with 11 of our children in P4 alongside two children not in our school. The celebration of Mass will be on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> June at 11am in Our Lady, Bonnyrigg. Numbers are restricted in the Church and so there can only be two other family members accompanying the children.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be received by 8 of our P7 pupils on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> June at 11am Mass at Our Lady, Bonnyrigg. On this occasion there can be three other family members attending Mass alongside the candidate.

## DIARY DATES

Week beginning 31 <sup>st</sup> May	P7 Activity Week
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	First Holy Communion 11am Mass Our Lady, Bonnyrigg
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Alternative Sports Day
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Confirmation Mass 11am Our Lady, Bonnyrigg
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Parent Council Meeting 7.15pm – Zoom Meeting
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Good To Be Green Party - pm
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Gold Award Treat Day
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Nursery Garden Party
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Final Assembly
<p style="text-align: center;">School closes at 12.15pm Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Summer Holiday</p> <p style="text-align: center;">School reopens for all pupils on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> August</p>	

