

St Mary's RC Primary

Newsletter 4

November 2021



IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT SCHOOL MEALS

I am pleased to update you about the provision of school meals being served in our dining room from Monday 15th November. There will be two hot meal options available each day: 1 as detailed on the menu sheets, plus a hot baked potato with a choice of fillings. There will also be soup and sandwich options as well as fruit, yogurts and drinks.

We will be introducing this to all classes on a phased basis over the next few weeks. Please read the information below to guide you. As your child's class is able to move to selecting lunches in the dining room there will no longer be the requirement to pre-order meals **EXCEPT THOSE WITH ALLERGIES AND DIETARY REQUIREMENTS** – these meals will be made and served separately and on a named tray for individual pupils. I will also be in the dining room to supervise the serving of meals.

w/b 15 th November	P1 & P2 Will select a meal from dining room	Children with dietary requirements and allergies will still need to send in an order	P3 & P4 should still send in an order and will eat this in class. P5,P6,P7 require a packed lunch
w/b 22 nd November	P1, P2, P3 and P4 Will select a meal from dining room	Children with dietary requirements and allergies will still need to send in an order	P5,P6,P7 require a packed lunch
w/b 29 th November	All classes will be able to select a meal from dining room	Children with dietary requirements and allergies will still need to send in an order	P5, P6, P7 pupils will need to pay for their lunch via Parent Pay unless in receipt of Free School Meals.

The children will be served in the dining room on a rotation basis and we will adjust our Covid risk assessment to ensure that tables are cleared and cleaned before a new class uses them, there is adequate ventilation in the room and individual classes sit together to avoid mixing. There is likely to be a bit of trial and error as we open up the dining room again and systems will be modified until we find a workable model for the whole school. If you have any issues with your Parent Pay account, **PLEASE EMAIL THE SCHOOL ADDRESS**, and we can send you your log in information again. Thank you for your patience and continued support with this.

Mrs Liz Laird – Head Teacher

STAFFING UPDATE This week we say a fond farewell to our Learning Assistant Mrs Huxley, who will be leaving to take up a new job with the NHS. We will also be saying a fond farewell to Mrs Jenny Halliday as she takes up a new post as a Youth Worker. Her last day with us will be Friday 3rd December. Jenny has worked at St Mary's for 2 years.

A reminder too that Mrs Gillian McFarlane's last day in our Nursery is next Thursday 18th November. We are also sad to say goodbye to Ms Donna Allan our Modern Apprentice in the Nursery. She will be leaving to continue her training at Gorebridge Primary School. We will welcome Ms Ashley Boyd in her place.

Mrs Macaulay, DHT, will return to work on Wednesday 10th November.

P1 ENROLMENT WEEK – 22ND NOVEMBER 2021

There will be a short presentation in the school gym hall for parents who are enrolling at St Mary's on Monday 22nd November from 5-6pm. This will include a quick tour of the school. Mrs Hogg – Admin assistant will be there too to help with any forms.

CHRISTMAS UPDATES

PARENT COUNCIL CHRISTMAS RAFFLE – Thanks to a generous donation, we are able to offer cash prizes as well as luxury hampers for our Christmas Raffle. Our classes have decided on their choice of hampers and we ask that you donate something on that theme for your child's class hamper. Raffle tickets will be issued home to families to sell very soon. Extra housepoints for donations for the hampers!!

P1	Chocolate Hamper	P5	Movie Night Hamper
P2	Cuddles and Comfort Hamper	P6	Baking Hamper
P3	Book/reading hamper – think books, magazines, puppets etc	P7	Kids Craft hamper
P4	Family pamper hamper – adults and children		

PARENT COUNCIL VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS FAIR – The PC have organised a Virtual Fair this year that will be available on facebook. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/403854721200219> Share with your friends and family!



DOGS - I have had a number of requests from parents, asking if parents and carers with dogs could stand away from the school gate as some children are quite frightened. I have also seen dogs barking and jumping on people as they are walking by. More worrying is the number of parents and pupils having to step out on to the road to walk around them. 160 pupils leave at the end of the day and it can be quite distressing for your dog to be surrounded by so many people.

We will mark Remembrance Day with a minute's silence at 11am across the school. We will give every child in school a poppy to wear. If you wish to do so please send in your donations for the Poppy Appeal.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

THURSDAY 18TH NOVEMBER	FLU VACCINATIONS
SUNDAY 28TH NOVEMBER	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
SUNDAY 12TH DECEMBER	FIRST CONFESSIONS – PARISH RECONCILIATION SERVICE 5PM ST MATTHEW'S CHURCH ROSEWELL – TO BE CONFIRMED
WEDNESDAY 15TH DECEMBER	ALL SOLD UNSOLD RAFFLE TICKETS RETURNED TO SCHOOL
MONDAY 20TH DECEMBER	PARENT COUNCIL CHRISTMAS RAFFLE DRAW
WEDNESDAY 22ND DECEMBER	CHRISTMAS CAROLS OUTDOORS – WEATHER PERMITTING END OF TERM 2
THURSDAY 23RD DECEMBER- MONDAY 10TH JANUARY	SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY AND IN SERVICE DAY
TUESDAY 11TH JANUARY	ALL RESUME FOR TERM 3