



# St Mary's RC Primary Newsletter 3 OCTOBER 2023



What a busy first week back after the October holiday! I hope you all enjoyed the break and are ready for the Hallowe'en! Thanks to the Parent Council for providing goody bags for all of the children in school.

There are a number of new dates on the newsletter so please be sure to put these in your diary.

Congratulations to our P7 Hockey Team who represented the school so well at the Festival on Wednesday (in the pouring rain)! We drew one game and won all of the others so finished in 1<sup>st</sup> place on our pitch. Thank you to the parents who are helping by accompanying the children to a range of events including P4 Swimming, P5 Skiing (starting this week), Football, Cross Country. We are intending to participate in all of the Active Schools events throughout the year and we can't do this without your support.

Each class is now working on a History theme and we aim to have an educational trip planned to support this area of learning and bring the History alive. Parent helpers will be appreciated for these trips too.

Congratulations to our pupils in the school who were enrolled to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation at Mass on Sunday. Please pray for them as they begin this important journey of preparation.

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November is All Saints Day and we will be attending Mass as a school in Our Lady of Consolation Church in Bonnyrigg at 10.30am. Families are welcome to join us in our celebration of this Holyday of Obligation.

Mrs Liz Laird - Headteacher

Congratulations to our new P7 House Captains and Vice Captains who delivered some excellent presentations at the recent elections. They are:

**St Andrew's : Anare, Sebastian, Emily, Avril and Eliana**

**St Margaret's: Lacey G, Olivia, Victor and Michael**

They have already come up with some good ideas and have offered to help and support in the school. This includes wearing something red on St Margaret's Day on Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> November and wearing something blue on St Andrew's Day on Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> November.



### PARENT COUNCIL

St Mary's Parent Council need **YOU!**

Our 2023 Christmas Fair is fast approaching.

Our fair raises vital funds for our School and brings together our school and the local community.

Please come to our Parent Council meeting on

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November at 7pm in the Expressive Arts Room.**

Help us to organise this fantastic event.

The more help we have the bigger and better the event will be.



### 1:1 Devices – EQUIPPED FOR LEARNING – DIGITAL LEARNING PROJECT

P1 will soon be receiving their devices which can come home with them. In all classes, please charge your child's device at home each night and send into school each day. Ask your child to show you their work that is in the Google Classroom – the children use their chromebooks most days to complete tasks in school.

### PARENT PAY

Please note this is not a credit facility. To avoid building up debt, please ensure that you have sufficient funds on your account to pay for meals at the time they are being ordered.

### HEAD LICE

If your child has long hair please tie this back for school as there has been cases of head lice in almost every class this year.



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<p><b>PARENTS' EVENINGS WED 8<sup>TH</sup> AND THURS 9<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER</b></p> <p>Thank you for your patience as we trialled the online booking system for the first time. Please remember that your appointment is for 10 minutes only on the night. There will be a crèche in the Ex Arts room.</p>	<p><b>PARKING IN CHESTERS VIEW</b></p> <p>Please remember that access to and parking in Chesters View is restricted during school drop off and pick up times. A number of parents have already received fines for ignoring the signs.</p>
<p><b>WATERPROOF JACKETS</b></p> <p>Please ensure your child has a waterproof jacket with them everyday for school – they will be outside in light rain. <b>PLEASE PUT NAMES ON CLOTHES!!!!</b></p>	<p><b>SCHOOL CAR PARK</b></p> <p>Please mind your speed in the car park and avoid double parking especially behind the disabled spaces – cars can't get turned to access.</p>

KEY DATES	
WEDNESDAY 1 <sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER	P5 Skiing starts
	All Saints Day Mass – 10.30am Our Lady Church Bonnyrigg
	Parent Council Christmas Fair Planning Meeting 7pm
THURSDAY 2 <sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER	Flu Vaccinations
FRIDAY 3 <sup>RD</sup> NOVEMBER	P4 Swimming
WEDNESDAY 8 <sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER	P5 Skiing
	Parents' Evening 5.30 - 8.30pm
THURSDAY 9 <sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER	Parents' Evening 3.45-5.45pm
FRIDAY 10 <sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER	P4 Swimming
W/B 13 <sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER	Anti Bullying Week
TUESDAY 14 <sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER	Parents Meeting for Sacrament of Reconciliation – Our Lady Church Hall 7pm
WEDNESDAY 15 <sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER	P5 Skiing
THURSDAY 16 <sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER	St Margaret's Day – wear something red to school
FRIDAY 17 <sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER	P4 Swimming
WEEK BEGINNING 20 <sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER	P1 ENROLMENT WEEK – Meetings for new P1 parents 9am and 2.30pm in Expressive Arts Room on Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> November
WEDNESDAY 22 <sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER	P5 Skiing
SUNDAY 26 <sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER	BONNYRIGG LIGHTS – P4-P7 SINGING AT 3.40PM SWITCH ON LIGHTS AT 4.30PM
WEDNESDAY 29 <sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER	P5 Skiing
THURSDAY 30 <sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER	St Andrew's Day – wear something blue to school
FRIDAY 1 <sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER	P4 Swimming
THURSDAY 7 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER	Parent Council Christmas Fair 6.30pm
TUESDAY 12 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER	GLEE CLUB SINGING AT THE DOME
WEDNESDAY 13 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER	P5 Skiing
THURSDAY 14 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER	School Christmas Lunch – wear your Christmas Jumpers or hats
	GLEE CLUB SINGING AT NAZARETH HOUSE
SUNDAY 17 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER	First Confessions – St Matthew's Church Rosewell 5pm – Parish Reconciliation Service
TUESDAY 19 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER	Nativity
WEDNESDAY 20 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER	NURSERY CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION
FRIDAY 22 <sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER	11AM CAROL SERVICE – families welcome
FRIDAY 22 <sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER	SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 12.15PM FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

