



# St Mary's RC Primary

## Newsletter 7

### Feb/March 2024



Thank you to those parents in P6 and P7 who could join us for a meeting all about P7 School Camp. Letters for our current P6 pupils will be coming home with a suggested payment plan starting in March of this year.

For our current P7 class if you have not yet returned your consent form then please do this asap please.

We will be celebrating World Book Day next Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March with book related events throughout the week and special ones on World Book Day itself. We have already secured a World Book Day Book for every child and we have a special book themed lunch menu on Thursday. It will also be a non-uniform day – comfortable and cosy clothes. Children can also bring along their favourite book to share with the class.

On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March we will be hosting a ST MARY'S HAS GOT TALENT" Show in the school hall from 2:00 pm. Parents and carers are welcome to join us for the event for Red Nose Day. We will be collecting donations for this as our fundraiser for the charity. Please send what you can in with your child on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>. The children can dress in red on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March for Red Nose Day too.

Mrs Liz Laird - Headteacher

#### STAFFING UPDATE

This half term we have welcomed Mr Rowan Snow as Class Teacher for P2 for the remainder of the school session. Thank you to those parents who could make it to his Meet the Teacher session on Tuesday of this week.

#### PLEASE! PLEASE! PLEASE!

Could I please urge parents to drop their child/ren into the school playground on time and be lined up for 9am. We have a significant number of pupils arriving either just after the school bell or later in the morning. As the doors are fobbed into the infant atrium this requires someone from the school office to take them through each time. There are times in the week when there is only one member of staff in the school office which makes this difficult to manage. First thing in the morning is when the office is at its busiest – picture the scene! Phone ringing, door buzzing, registers arriving, lunch orders to be placed, sick pupils needing attention – all in addition to upwards of 15 children arriving late and having to be let through into the school, then registers and lunches have to be updated! Please do your bit to help the school run smoothly and have your children in the playground before the bell. The school Office should not be used as a shortcut from walking around to the playground entrance. Please check in the playground first before using the Office entrance as staff are often still there for latecomers.

**REPORTING PUPIL ABSENCE – 0131 271 4690 – leave a message on the answering machine.**

It is your responsibility to contact the school to report pupil absence. Please state clearly the name of your child, class and reason for absence. Please don't just say "unwell" – we need to know why they are unwell so that we can inform children and staff who may be affected more by infectious diseases and for monitoring purposes. Please also try to book medical/dental/hairdressing etc appointments after school to avoid further disruption to their school day. We know that hospital appointments during the school day are unavoidable.

#### DIGITAL DEVICES

We have increasing numbers of pupils arriving to school without their digital device or without it being charged. Please help us to deliver this important part of the curriculum, by checking at home if it needs charging, providing a bag big enough to carry it in, and ensure the charging cable comes into school too. You decide how much screen time you want your child to have, but please charge the device each night.



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#### PARENT PAY

Please ensure you have enough funds on your Parent Pay account to pay for a school dinner in advance. We must have any outstanding debt on Parent Pay cleared before the financial year end in March.

Parents of Nursery children are welcome to use the dining room when the weather is very cold or wet, while waiting to collect older siblings from 3pm. Please supervise all younger siblings whilst in the dining room and don't allow them to run around or climb on the staircase.

KEY DATES	
TUESDAY 5 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH	PARENTS MEETING FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 7PM – OUR LADY OF CONSOLATION CHURCH HALL
WEDNESDAY 6 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH	P7 BASKETBALL FESTIVAL PARENT COUNCIL MEETING 7PM
THURSDAY 7 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH	WORLD BOOK DAY
THURSDAY 14 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH	ST MARY'S HAS GOT TALENT SHOW – 2PM PARENTS AND CARERS WELCOME – SEND IN DONATIONS FOR RED NOSE DAY IF YOU CAN
FRIDAY 15 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH	RED NOSE DAY – DRESS IN SOMETHING RED
WEDNESDAY 20 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH	PARENTAL CONSULTATIONS 3:45-5:45PM
THURSDAY 21 <sup>ST</sup> MARCH	PARENTAL CONSULTATIONS 5:30-8:30PM
MONDAY 25 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH	P2 & P3 DRUMMING WORKSHOPS START OF HOLY WEEK
THURSDAY 28 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH	EASTER ASSEMBLY 2.30PM – PARENTS WELCOME SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR EASTER BREAK 3:30PM
FRIDAY 29 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH – MONDAY 15 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL	SCHOOL CLOSED TO ALL PUPILS – EASTER BREAK
TUESDAY 16 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL	SCHOOL RE-OPENS TO ALL PUPILS
TUESDAY 23 <sup>RD</sup> APRIL	P5 CLUBGOLF
WEDNESDAY 24 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL	GLEE CLUB HEATS – EVENING EVENT IN EDINBURGH - MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW
SUNDAY 28 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL	FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS 11.30AM OUR LADY OF CONSOLATION CHURCH BONNYRIGG
MONDAY 29 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL – FRI 3 <sup>RD</sup> MAY	P7 SCHOOL CAMP
MONDAY 6 <sup>TH</sup> MAY	MAY DAY HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO ALL PUPILS

