



St Mary's RC Primary Newsletter 2 August /September 2022



I can't believe we are already in week three of the term, but what a great start we have had. Our P1 pupils have settled really well and Health Fortnight is well and truly underway. Thank you to those families who have already sent in Sportathon Sponsor forms as part of the Health Fortnight. We will collect these in on Thursday 8th September and hopefully we can put some money into our very depleted school funds.

PARKING

Could I remind parents and carers that the electricity charging bays in the car park are not in use during the school day. These spaces are reserved for use by parents, carers and children with limited mobility across both schools. Please show consideration when parking – Poltonhall Pitches car park has a crossing patrol and you could arrange to meet your child there for example. If the car park is full please don't double park. We have already had a few near misses.

LETTERS

Please note additional dates for events up to Christmas. Please return information and permission slips to school promptly – P3, P4 and P7 have Sacramental Preparation letters to return, P7 have Headstrong consent forms to return, annual updates are due back asap and P7 Camp deposits and payments are due too.

Mrs Liz Laird - Headteacher

St Mary's RC PS Parent Council

NOTICE OF AGM WEDNESDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER 7PM SCHOOL GYM HALL

Please come along to the AGM to find out more about the work of the Parent Council, our plans to support School Improvement and how you can become more involved in the life of the school and supporting your child's learning. This is a meeting open to all parents and we will elect new members on to the Parent Council, trying as always to get representation across all the classes if possible. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting next week.

NOTICE OF INSPECTION

We have received notice from Education Scotland that our school has been selected to participate in a Thematic Inspection in October. The theme is: **INCLUSION: PROMOTING POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR**. This is a one day visit to the school on 10th October. More information about this will follow but I would be grateful if you could complete a short survey using the link below. This will also be sent out via Groupcall. Please complete the survey by **7th September**.

<https://educationscotland.formic.com/i/BP&seed=5542324>

There will be a block of swimming lessons for P4 at Lasswade Swimming Pool on a Friday morning from Friday 24th March – Friday 23rd June. More details will be communicated nearer the time.

There will be a block of skiing lessons for P5 on a Wednesday afternoon from Wed 2nd November – Wed 7th December. Costs and details will be issued soon.



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KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
29 TH AUG – 9 SEPTEMBER	HEALTH FORTNIGHT - Sportathon letter sent home and children should come dressed for sports activities each day
WED 7 TH SEPTEMBER	PARENT COUNCIL AGM – SCHOOL GYM HALL 7PM
WED 14 TH SEPTEMBER	TEMPEST PHOTOGRAPHER – INDIVIDUAL AND FAMILY PHOTOS
12 TH SEPTEMBER – 23 RD SEPTEMBER	OUR ST MARY'S - a celebration of the diverse make up of our Learning Community – look out for more information coming home
20 SEPTEMBER – 7 TH OCTOBER	LAUDATO SI – ECO THEME look out for more information coming home
MON 26 TH SEPTEMBER	IEP MEETINGS
MON 10 TH OCTOBER	EDUCATION SCOTLAND INSPECTION VISIT
10 – 14 TH OCTOBER	ROAD SAFETY WEEK – PARKSMART
WED 12 TH OCTOBER	Parental Consultations 5.30-8.30pm
THURS 13 TH OCTOBER	Parental Consultations 3.45-5.45pm
17-21 OCTOBER	OCTOBER HOLIDAY SCHOOL CLOSED TO ALL PUPILS
MONDAY 24 TH OCTOBER	IN SERVICE DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO ALL PUPILS
TUESDAY 25 TH OCTOBER	ALL RESUME
TUESDAY 8 TH NOVEMBER	PARENTS MEETING FOR FIRST CONFESSION – OUR LADY CHURCH HALL BONNYRIGG 7PM
21 ST – 25 TH NOVEMBER	ENROLMENT WEEK FOR P1 AUGUST 2023
WED 23 RD NOVEMBER	MASS IN ST MARGARET'S CHURCH LOANHEAD TO MARK THE CLOSURE OF ST MARGARET'S RCPS
THURSDAY 1 ST DECEMBER	PARENT COUNCIL CHRISTMAS FAIR
SUNDAY 11 TH DECEMBER	FIRST CONFESSIONS – RECONCILIATION SERVICE ST MATTHEW'S CHURCH ROSEWELL 5PM
TUESDAY 13 TH DECEMBER	CHRISTMAS NATIVITY
14 TH – 19 TH DECEMBER	CHRISTMAS PARTIES
TUESDAY 20 TH DECEMBER	END OF TERM
21 ST DEC – 3 RD JAN	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO ALL PUPILS
WED 4 TH JANUARY	IN SERVICE DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO ALL PUPILS
THURS 5 TH JANUARY	ALL RESUME

I can **CARE** for myself, other people and our school.
 I show **COURTESY** and good manners.
 I show **CONCERN** by respecting people's rights and feelings.
COOPERATION is important to me when I work with others
 I use my **COMMUNICATION** skills to work things out and build friendships.

