



St Mary's RC Primary

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September /October 2022



Thank you to everyone who supported our Sponsored Sportathon during Heath fortnight. You helped raise £1143 for our School Funds which will go towards supporting other fun and sporting events in school.

Over the past couple of weeks we have been finding out more about the diverse make up of Our St Mary's – we have 18 different languages spoken in the school, and have children and families from all over the world. Check out our display linked to the World map when you join us for Parents' Evenings on 12th and 13th October.

We are currently focussing on a mini – theme linked to learning for and about sustainability. We would like to develop a “Green Zone” in school with plants and seating on our underused staircase. Do you have any extra houseplants or cuttings we could have to make this an attractive and calm area in the school? Send them in if you do and we will make good use of them.

On Friday 7th October, P6 will be leading an Assembly and parents are warmly invited to join us at 9.15am.

POLITE REMINDERS

- Please don't send in party bags, cakes and invitations to be distributed by school staff. We are happy to provide a class list of first names for invitations if all are being included in a birthday event.
- Dogs are not permitted in the school grounds – this includes the car park and the plaza area at the front of the school. This is Midlothian Council Policy.
- Please don't include any foods containing nuts as a snack or in packed lunches – we have a number of children with severe allergies.
- School starts at 9am – please bring your child to school on time to line up with the class. Children arriving late and coming in via the school office all need to be escorted through the school due to the security system and takes staff away from their office duties.

Mrs Liz Laird - Headteacher

St Mary's RC PS Parent Council

There will be a meeting for Parent Council members tonight Wednesday 28th September in school at 7pm. Could all members please try to attend so that we can agree plans and key dates for the year ahead.

P5 SKIING

Could all consent forms be returned as soon as possible now please as we need accurate numbers for the coach provider. Final payment is due by **21/10/22** and this can be paid in instalments via Parent Pay.

MILK PAYMENTS

Payment for milk for the period from October to December are due by **12/10/22** and should be made via Parent Pay. The total for this block is **£6.97**.

PARENTAL CONSULTATIONS

Letters with a booking slip have gone home via the children's book bags for Consultations on 12th and 13th October. Please return these as soon as possible – appointments will be issued on a first come first served basis.

LOST PROPERTY

We have a huge number of jumpers and coats without names in our lost property. This will be made available on Parents' Evenings for you to reclaim if you can. Otherwise it will be included in our Uniform Exchange where parents can get used but in good condition uniform for a small donation.



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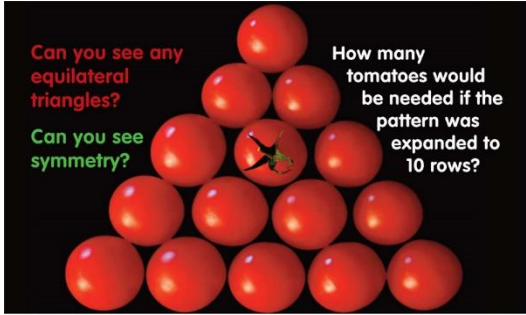


*****URGENT REQUEST*****

We are still waiting for 17 annual updates to come back in to school. We need this vital emergency contact information as soon as possible now. Please note that your child will not be permitted to go on any school trips if we do not hold up to date medical and contact information.

MATHS WEEK SCOTLAND
 This week marks the launch of Maths Week Scotland and P2 and P3 will be bringing home their special bag of activities. Check out this link for fun activities to do with your child.

<https://www.mathsweek.scot/activities>



KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
20 SEPTEMBER – 7 TH OCTOBER	LAUDATO SI – ECO THEME
FRIDAY 7 TH OCTOBER	P6 LEADING ASSEMBLY 9.15AM – PARENTS WELCOME TO JOIN US
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.

