



St Mary's RC Primary

Newsletter 3

OCTOBER 2023



What a week of wet weather after some glorious Autumn days! Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately with a waterproof jacket!! We will bring the children into the dining room to line up in the morning if the weather is really bad. **PLEASE REMEMBER TO NAME ALL SCHOOL CLOTHING!!!**

Parents and carers collecting from Nursery and waiting for the school pick up are welcome to come in and wait in the dining room between 3-3.30pm. Please use the main entrance to the school and sign in for the purposes of a fire register. Please supervise younger siblings at this time and don't allow them to play on the staircase as this has some sharp metal corners.

We had a terrific turnout of families for Parents' Evenings. 98% of families attend the consultations and we have really appreciated your positive feedback on the night and in emails since. Thank you. Thanks to our Learning Assistants for running the Activity Room for the children – we had 111 children in their care over the two nights. I hope you have found that helpful in being able to attend the Consultations.

Mrs Liz Laird - Headteacher

HOUSE CAPTAINS UPDATE

Tomorrow is St Margaret's Day and the children are invited to wear something red to reflect the House colour. On 30th November they are invited to wear something blue for St Andrew's Day.

CHARITIES GROUP UPDATE

This Friday 17th November is Children in Need Day and the children are invited to come in to school in fancy dress – Dress up Day. If you can, please send in a donation for the charity. Remember P4 swimming!

We are also still collecting weekly for Missio – small change that you can spare goes a long way with Missio. Send it in with your child each week.



PARENT COUNCIL

St Mary's Parent Council need **YOU!**
Our 2023 Christmas Fair is fast approaching.

Thursday 7th December

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

CAN YOU HELP IN ANY WAY? RUN A STALL? HOME BAKING? SETTING UP?

Contact the school with offers of help!

Look out for raffle tickets coming home to sell to family and friends!

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. We have had an increase in cases of vomiting and we need to monitor this for the Health Protection Team.

SCHOOL CAR PARK – TO WHOM IT CONCERNS ON A REGULAR BASIS!

If there are no spaces in the car park you need to find somewhere else to park. Don't double park behind parked cars or behind the disabled spaces as this prevents cars from being able to turn in or get out. The drop off zone is often empty of cars but we still have some parents persistently double parking.

In the morning please "DROP OFF AND POP OFF". Some parents are sitting in the car park after they have dropped their children off preventing other people, including staff from accessing a space. Please be mindful of where you park in the community and avoid blocking residents driveways. I have received complaints.



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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

A few parents did not attend the meeting in the Church Hall last night – please contact Father Michael to let him know that you are committed to preparing your child to receive this important Sacrament. Please complete the activities at home on time and return the books to school.

Father Michael has already established a lovely relationship with the children and will be in school in December. He has asked me to remind our Catholic Families about their obligation to attend Mass with the children every Sunday. He acknowledges busy lives – rugby run, gymnastics run, swimming run, shopping run etc. Can you include the Church run over the weekend too?

NATIVITY

This year P1 & P2 will lead us in our Nativity production “**The Twinkly Star**” on Tuesday 19th December. There will be two performances one at 2pm (limited tickets available) with the whole school, and another at 6.30pm. The children are expected to be at both performances returning to school in the evening. Letters and ticket information will be coming home soon.

KEY DATES	
THURSDAY 16 TH NOVEMBER	St Margaret’s Day – wear something red to school
FRIDAY 17 TH NOVEMBER	P4 Swimming CHILDREN IN NEED – DRESS UP DAY – PLEASE SEND IN A DONATION.
WEEK BEGINNING 20 TH NOVEMBER	P1 ENROLMENT WEEK – Meetings for new P1 parents 9am and 2.30pm in Expressive Arts Room on Monday 20 th November
MONDAY 20 TH NOVEMBER	Nursery Eye Screening
WEDNESDAY 22 ND NOVEMBER	P5 Skiing
SUNDAY 26 TH NOVEMBER	BONNYRIGG LIGHTS – P4-P7 SINGING AT 3.40PM SWITCH ON LIGHTS AT 4.30PM
WEDNESDAY 29 TH NOVEMBER	P5 Skiing
THURSDAY 30 TH NOVEMBER	St Andrew’s Day – wear something blue to school
FRIDAY 1 ST DECEMBER	P4 Swimming
THURSDAY 7 TH DECEMBER	Parent Council Christmas Fair 6.30pm
TUESDAY 12 TH DECEMBER	GLEE CLUB SINGING AT THE DOME - Edinburgh
WEDNESDAY 13 TH DECEMBER	P5 Skiing
THURSDAY 14 TH DECEMBER	School Christmas Lunch – wear your Christmas Jumpers or hats GLEE CLUB SINGING AT NAZARETH HOUSE
SUNDAY 17 TH DECEMBER	First Confessions – St Matthew’s Church Rosewell 5pm – Parish Reconciliation Service
TUESDAY 19 TH DECEMBER	P1 & P2 NATIVITY – performances at 2pm and 6.30pm
WEDNESDAY 20 TH DECEMBER	NURSERY CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION
FRIDAY 22 ND DECEMBER	11AM CAROL SERVICE – families welcome
FRIDAY 22 ND DECEMBER	SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 12.15PM FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

