



# St Mary's RC Primary

## Newsletter 5

### December 2023



Thank you for the many contributions coming in for our Christmas Fair which is this **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 6:30pm**. Please return all sold and unsold raffle tickets to the school office this week so that they are available for the draw on Thursday night. We still need some items for the Fair:

- **BOTTLES** – please send in bottles for the Bottle Tombola – this is always a popular stall
- **TOMBOLA** - any unwanted gifts and used items eg toiletries, gift sets, etc
- **HOME BAKING** – please send this in to the school on Thursday morning

On the night of the Fair, please use the rear entrance into the school – it starts at 6:30pm and Santa will be there to get the Fair started. **Please bring small notes and change to the Fair if possible as we struggle to change large notes at the start of the night. CASH ONLY ON THE NIGHT!!!**



Mrs Liz Laird - Headteacher

#### ADVENT PREPARATIONS

During the Season of Advent our **Charities Group** have asked for donations of food for the Food Bank. Please send in cupboard goods such as breakfast cereal, tins, pasta, rice etc. Donations could also include toiletries. Please think of those in need during this time of preparation and Reconciliation.

Thank you to everyone who supported Children in Need earlier in November - £117 was raised for the charity.

Pupils are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December at the Parish Reconciliation Service at St Matthew's Church at 5pm**. All Catholics are urged to receive this important Sacrament during Advent as part of their preparations for Christmas. Please join us in the Church to show our support for our children and help them to see this as a regular part of their faith journey.

#### 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.

If you are a few minutes late for school please still use the rear playground entrance as the classes will still be coming into the school and the gates are not locked. The office staff have a lot to do first thing in the morning and they are constantly interrupted to answer the door to latecomers.

#### NATIVITY

This year P1 & P2 will lead us in our Nativity production “**The Twinkly Nativity**” on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> 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/ ticket information has been sent home and tickets will be allocated this week.

**CAROL CONCERT** We will finish the school term for the Christmas Holidays with our traditional whole school Carol Concert at 11am on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December. Parents are welcome to join us in the school hall.



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KEY DATES	
TUESDAY 5 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER	P4 SHOWCASE OF LEARNING – P4 PARENTS INVITED TO JOIN AT 2PM
THURSDAY 7 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER	Parent Council Christmas Fair 6.30pm
TUESDAY 12 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER	GLEE CLUB SINGING AT THE DOME – Edinburgh
WEDNESDAY 13 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER	P5 Skiing
WEDNESDAY 13 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER	P6 SHOWCASE OF LEARNING – P6 PARENTS INVITED TO JOIN AT 2PM
THURSDAY 14 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER	School Christmas Lunch – wear your Christmas Jumpers or hats
	GLEE CLUB SINGING AT NAZARETH HOUSE
	P1, P2 & P3 PARTY AFTERNOON
SUNDAY 17 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER	First Confessions – St Matthew's Church Rosewell 5pm – Parish Reconciliation Service
MONDAY 18 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER	P4 & P5 PARTY AFTERNOON
TUESDAY 19 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER	P1 & P2 NATIVITY – performances at 2pm and 6.30pm
WEDNESDAY 20 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER	NURSERY CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION
	P6 & P7 PARTY AFTERNOON
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
MONDAY 25 <sup>th</sup> Dec – MONDAY 8 <sup>TH</sup> JANUARY	School closed to all pupils – CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
TUESDAY 9 <sup>TH</sup> JANUARY	SCHOOL RE-OPENS FOR ALL PUPILS



From all the staff at St Mary's, we wish you a Happy Christmas and best wishes for a happy and healthy 2024!