



Newsletter



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Dear Parents / Carers,

Happy New Year!

On behalf of all the staff and children we would like to wish all our parents and families a very happy and healthy 2019. Our sincere thanks are conveyed for all your festive wishes and gifts that were sent for the staff at the end of last term. This was much appreciated and enjoyed by us all. We are looking forward to an exciting year ahead with lots of wonderful learning experiences already planned.

Our first learning context of the year will be "[Scots Wha Hae](#)" where all our children will be looking at our Scottish culture and heritage in range of ways. As part of this learning context individual pupils will be given the opportunity to learn a piece of Scots poetry. This will be studied in class, before being sent home to learn for recital.

The children will be asked to perform this poem in front of their class on 25th January. A winner will be selected from each year group to perform in front of an audience at Scots Sharing Event on Thursday 7th February at 2pm.

Adverse Weather

As we are heading into the winter months our attention turns to our lovely Scottish weather. Any information regarding adverse weather affecting school opening will come directly from the school by text message in the first instance, message via our school app as well as updates on the Stirling Council webpage.

Staffing

Welcome to Mrs Allan and Mrs Laing who will be working in the school this term, we also welcome back Mr McAllister who will be working within the nursery and P1/2 classroom this term.

Parking

Just a reminder that we have an agreement with India Gate restaurant, who kindly allow us to use their carpark for drop off and pick up from the school.

Head Lice

A reminder that all parents should remain vigilant throughout the year and treat their child's hair appropriately if required. Further information on the treatment of head lice can be found using the following link: www.nhs.uk/conditions/Head-lice

Nut Free School

This session, we will continue to be a **nut free school**. Children should not bring any foods, snacks or packed lunches which contain traces of nuts. This includes Nutella.

Communication

I have attached information regarding the range of communication methods that we use at St Mary's as this may be of interest to all our new families.

Dates for your Diary

January		
Monday 7 th January	School reopens	9am
Thursday 10 th	Parent focus Group	10am
Tuesday 15 th	Music Specialist	
Thursday 17 th	P.E Specialist	Nursery, P1/2, P5,6 and P7
Wednesday 23 rd	Rugby Tots	Nursery, Primary 1 and 2
Friday 25 th	Burns Day	Class poetry recitals Children can wear tartan
Monday 28 th January	Parent Council Meeting	All welcome 6:30pm in the school
Thursday 31 st	P.E Specialist	Nursery, P1/2, P5,6 and P7
February		
Thursday 7 th am	P.E Specialist	Nursery, P1/2, P5,6 and P7
Thursday 7 th	Scots Sharing Event	All welcome Church hall 2pm
Monday 11 th	In-service Day	School closed to pupils
Tuesday 12 th	In-service Day	School closed to pupils
Wed 13 - Friday 15 th	February Holiday	School closed reopening on Monday 16 th February at 9am
Thursday 21 st	P.E Specialist	Nursery, P1/2, P5,6 and P7
March		
Thursday 7 th	World Book Day	Children to dress as their favourite character from a book
Tuesday 19 th March	Whole School Parents Evening	
Thursday 21 st	Parent Focus Group Personal Support	2pm
Wednesday 27 th	Let's Investigate Showcase Event	Open afternoon in school, information to follow



Respect, Enthusiasm, Aspiration, Compassion, Honesty