



St Mary's Catholic Primary School

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## CURRICULUM NEWS

Year 6

*Y6 Secondary Transfer*

The closing date for applications to secondary school is October 31<sup>st</sup>. If you need help with your application, please contact the main office as we are happy to assist. Supplementary Forms for St Thomas More Comprehensive must be completed and signed by your priest. These forms have to be returned to St Thomas More by 31<sup>st</sup> October.



*Liturgical Dance*

Y2 parents are invited to see their children in a liturgical dance display on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October. The performance will last approx. 15 minutes and will start straight after morning registration. Please make your way to the gym hall after you drop your child off in the morning.



*Class I Mass*

Miss Donnelly and the children in class I will celebrate their class Mass on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October at 10am. Parents are invited so please use McAuley Close to enter the Convent.



*RE News*

The **Wednesday Word** this week is "Happiness". Anyone who experiences happiness in their lives knows what a wonderful feeling it is, one which we would like to bottle. Having God and being thankful for the little things in our lives can be the source of great happiness and contentment.

## GENERAL NEWS



### *Walking Bus*

Miss Hogan and Mrs Whitewood are organising the Walking Bus to school next Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October. This is open to all children. The teachers will be at the mini-roundabout on the corner of Westmount Road and Glenlea Road at 8.25am (Bus Stop 1) and on the corner of Westmount Road and Glenshiel Road at 8.35am (Bus Stop 2). All children taking part must have completed and returned a permission slip.



### *Key Dates*

Please refer to the Key Dates on the website for an overall view of the year ahead. More dates will be added when they are confirmed. Please note the following dates for this half term:

Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Class I Mass
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Y4 Educational trip
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	School breaks up for half term
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Inset Day

### **HALF TERM HOLIDAY MONDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> –FRIDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**

Monday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Children return to school wearing their winter uniform
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Class H Mass

### **NOVEMBER**

Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Whole school Mass for All Saints
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Individual and family photographs
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Class G Mass Y6 visit to the Alms Houses
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Remembrance Sunday
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Y3 Stone Age Day Class K Mass
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Class N Mass
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Class M Mass



### *Shoebox Appeal*

Although it seems a little early, we would like to inform all parents that we will be participating in Operation Christmas Child (Shoebox Appeal) again this year. You may like to start gathering some items for your shoebox from now on as it gets very busy as Christmas approaches. We will give you more information as soon as we have received the leaflets from Samaritan's Purse.



## Christchurch Children's Choir

Christchurch children's choir are looking for new members. The choir meets in the Priory every Sunday morning at 9.10am to practise for the 9.30am Mass. Singing is fun and it has been proven that being a member of a choir has many health benefits. Children love it and they gain confidence and make new friends.

If you would like your child to join please come along to the Priory at 9.10am on Sunday morning.

## Parents Association

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**

Fireworks Evening

Tickets went on sale today. PA members were selling them in the parents' waiting area this morning and will be back this afternoon. Tickets are limited this year for health and safety reasons so be quick if you would like to purchase some. It is a ticket only event. The PA will not reserve tickets so please bring the correct money with you if you wish to purchase.

Doors will open at 6 pm and the display will take place at approx 7:15pm. Tickets will be £5.00 per adult and £2.50 per child. Under 1's are free.

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November**

Wreath Making Event. Keep this date free to kick off your Christmas.

Details will follow.

**We would like to remind you that Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October is a Staff Training Day. Children will not attend school on that day. Children will finish school at 3.15pm on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October and return on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October at 8.55am in full winter uniform.**

With kind regards

Miss C Phipps and Mr J Sims  
Headteachers



