



St John Bosco RC Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Families

Remembrance Day



We will have a **2 minute silence** at **11am on Friday 11 November** to mark Remembrance Day. All pupils in P1-7 have participated in our Remembrance Day assemblies this week – more info at www.poppyscotland.org. Poppies will continue to be on sale next week in school. Pupils can buy a poppy for a donation of 50p.

Anti Bullying and Cyberbullying

We will have a whole-school focus on 'Anti Bullying' w/c 14 Nov 2016 – national anti bullying week. For more information, see <http://www.antibullyingweek.co.uk/> We will have a specific focus on 'Cyberbullying' using the acclaimed "ThinkUKnow" online materials. <http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/> Please talk to your child about the anti bullying messages, especially during this focussed week where all children will learn about this through age-appropriate drama, games and online activities.



Unofficial School Facebook Site/s

'This is a group for parents of pupils where questions can be asked, information shared and volunteers coerced to help out at events...' Following on from last week's negativity on the unofficial school Facebook site, I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that this site is to help to promote our school; to further improve communication and understanding of school life and events and to support each other as members of a school community. If anyone has a difficulty with decisions being taken at school level, please contact me directly at school – my direct email address is karen.mackechnie@renfrewshire.gcsx.gov.uk; please also feel free to drop into school (I have an Open Door Policy) or phone me with any concerns. If anyone has a difficulty with a decision being made at Parent Council level, please attend any of the monthly Parent Council meetings (the next meeting is on 17.11.16, 7pm) or speak to a member of the Parent Council who will be only too happy to help. *K MacKechnie*

Diary Dates for November and December

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| Friday 18 November 2016 | Crazy Hair Day for P1-7 (bring-a-bottle) |
| Friday 25 November 2016 | Non-Uniform Day for P1-7 (bring-a-bottle) |
| Sunday 27 November 2016, 1-4pm | Christmas Fair! |
| Wednesday 30 November 2016 | St Andrew's Day (holiday) |
| Monday 12 December 2016, 1-3pm | Christmas Show for P1-7 |
| Tuesday 13 December 2016, 1-3pm | Christmas Show for P1-7 |
| Wednesday 14 December 2016, 1-3pm | Christmas Show for P1-7 |
| Thursday 15 December 2016 | Christmas Parties for P1-7 |
| Friday 16 December 2016, 9.30am | End of Term Mass, St John Bosco's Church |
| Tuesday 20 December 2016 | Bag Packing at Morrisons', Erskine |

Crazy Hair Day and Non-Uniform Day

We always have a 'bring-a-bottle' day on the run up to the Christmas Fair for the Bottle Tombola and Raffle. If you would like to support this, we are asking pupils to bring any bottle to school on Friday 18 and Friday 25 November 2016 (sauce, wine, shampoo, lemonade, spirits etc). In return, the pupils will have a **CRAZY HAIR DAY** on Friday 18 November and a **NON-UNIFORM DAY** on Friday 25 November. Thank you - we really appreciate your support with this!

Christmas Shows: Friday 11, Monday 14, Tuesday 15 Dec 2015

*****Additional Date***** Due to our increasing school roll, and for the safety and comfort of all children and families, we have added an extra date for our Christmas Shows again this year. The 3 dates are now as follows: **Monday 12 Dec, Tuesday 13 Dec and Wednesday 14 Dec – all shows are held in our school hall and will begin at 1.15pm with a scheduled finish time of just before 3pm.** This year, our show is entitled **“Strictly the Nativity!”** Parents, grandparents, family members can attend **any performance** – but please only attend one so that we have plenty of space for everyone! Refreshments will be served after each performance (thank you to members of the Parent Council). **As always, there is no charge for our shows, and the front rows will be reserved for our Primary 1 families.** 😊

Safety Message

Thankfully, our new fence and gates have been installed at the front of the school this week. We have had to take this safety measure to stop people driving their cars and walking their dogs through our school playground. Once the staff car park has been reinstated, the staff cars will be rezoned to the car parking area and the children will have full use of their playground once again. A reminder not to stand directly outside pupil entrances with a dog – please stand behind the fenced areas. Thank you.

Family Hallowe'en Disco – thank you and ideas please!

Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make the Family Hallowe'en Disco such a success last Friday night. The feedback regarding the event itself has been very positive. As always, this event will be reviewed at the next Parent Council meeting to which everyone is invited to attend on Thursday 17 November 2016, 7pm.

Parents' Night – thank you

Thank you to everyone for a great turnout at Parents' Night last night (approx 97% attendance). A particular thank you to Mrs Cairney, Miss Hamilton and Miss Wilson from our nursery class for running the crèche all night and to the Parent Council for funding the crèche. Finally, thank you to our hard-working staff team for their commitment to our pupils and school. We are in the process of collating all of your feedback and will use this to further improve our service.

What's on w/c 07 November 2016? School Meals Week 4

| DAY | TIME | WHAT'S ON? | WHO'S IN / OUT? |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|---|-----------------|
| Monday 07 Nov 2016 | 9am All day | Mr Stone – brass teacher for P7 Miss Louise Strickland (student) in P1 for 5 weeks | |
| Tuesday 08 Nov 2016 | 10.45am 11.15am 1.15pm | NYCoS music lesson for P3 NYCoS music lesson for P4 Fr David to visit P5 | |
| Wednesday 09 Nov 2016 | 11.30am | P1-2 Assembly with Mrs MacKechnie | |
| Thursday 10 Nov 2016 | 9-10.30am 10.45am | Mr McFarlane (recorder teacher) for P5-7 P5 – visit to Erskine Library | |
| Friday 11 Nov 2016 | 11.00am 11.15am | 2 min silence P3-7 Assembly with Mrs MacKechnie | |

Best wishes for the weekend, *K MacKechnie* Head Teacher

