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ROAD RESTRICTIONS

The Police have requested that we send a reminder out regarding the driving restrictions on Chesters View which is the road at the front of the school Office entrance.

This road is a pedestrian and cycle only zone (except Blue badge holders and permits) Mon- Thurs 8.15- 9.00am and 2.45 - 3.55pm and on a Friday 8.15am -9.00am and 11.45-12.55pm

On Friday 20th September, the Police were present at the road stopping vehicles and issuing warnings, but next time they will be issuing fines so please be mindful of the restrictions.

SCHOOL CAR PARK

This feels more and more like Whacky Races rather than a school car park some days!

- Please significantly lower your speed when driving in the carpark – look out for children
- Please use the footpath with your child to return to your car and be aware of moving vehicles
- Please don't park behind the EV and Disabled spaces as it is very difficult to get cars in and out
- Please show consideration for blue badge holders who may be pupils, parents, staff and carers who need these more accessible spaces – remember not all disabilities are visible

OCTOBER HOLIDAY

Remember that school closes at normal time on Friday 11th October for the October break.

School re-opens for all pupils on Tuesday 22nd October. Monday 21st is an In Service Day for staff. Have a lovely break everyone.

Mrs Liz Laird - Headteacher

PARENT COUNCIL MEMBERS

Thank you to the parents who have volunteered their time to serve on the Parent Council this session. Membership is as follows:

ROLE	NAME	PROPOSED BY	SECONDED BY
CHAIRPERSON	CLARE GRATTAN	KELLY STEWART	SUZANNE WHYTE
VICE CHAIRPERSON	LEIGH KANE	MAGDA ELPHINSTONE	KELLY STEWART
SECRETARY	KELLY STEWART	EDDIE CAIRNIE	CLARE GRATTAN
TREASURER	SAMANTA MARIANA	HANNAH WISEMAN	SAMEH LASSOUED
CLASS REPRESENTATIVES			
NURSERY REP	LAURA SUTHERLAND		
P1 REP	VACANCY		
P2 REP	SAMEH LASSOUED		
P3 REP	OLUYINI JOHN AKINSOLA		
P4 REP	EDDIE CAIRNIE		
P5 REP	HANNAH WISEMAN (CHURCH REP)		MAGDA ELPHINSTONE
P6 REP	VERONICA RUSH		
P7 REP	ULA MIKRUT	JODY GILMOUR	
DATES OF MEETINGS		EVENTS	
WEDNESDAY 13 TH NOVEMBER 7PM		CHRISTMAS FAIR - THURS 5 TH DECEMBER 6:30 – 8PM	
WEDNESDAY 15 TH JANUARY 2025 7PM		SCHOOL CEILIDH – THURS 23 RD JANUARY 2025 – 6-7:30PM	
WEDNESDAY 19 TH FEBRUARY 2025 7PM			
WEDNESDAY 2 ND APRIL 2025 7PM		EASTER ASSEMBLY AND DAFFODIL TEA - FRIDAY 4 TH APRIL	
WEDNESDAY 28 TH MAY 2025 7PM		FAMILY PICNIC AFTER SPORTS DAY FRIDAY 6 TH JUNE	

PARENT COUNCIL FUNDS

Do you shop at ASDA? If so then you could be making a small donation to our Parent Council every time you shop by signing up to the

ASDA REWARDS APP AND OPT IN TO CASHPOT FOR SCHOOLS

Be sure to sign up for the correct St Mary's RCPS in Bonnyrigg!!! 0.5% of your purchase total will be paid directly to the Parent Council Funds.



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HEAD LICE – we have a number of children in almost every class with head lice - please be vigilant and check and treat hair promptly. Remember to check for eggs and to re-treat where necessary. All long hair should be tied back in school.

PARENTS EVENING

Parents Evening will take place on the 5th and 6th November 2024.

Appointments will be available to book from 8am on 10th October 2024 until 8pm on 23rd October 2024.

To make your appointments please login at <https://parents-booking.co.uk/stmarysbonnyrigg>

To login you will need to enter your name and your child's name. The login details you enter must match those we have on record for you.

SCHOOL/HOME COMMUNICATION

We are excited to announce that the St Mary's School App is now live. It is called School App for Parents and can be found in your app store and downloaded for free. You can also scan the QR code below to download.

To keep the app secure we have set up a username and password which will be sent to you by email today along with a help guide for downloading the app.

All school updates and information will be provided here so we hope you can support us going digital by downloading and engaging with the app. Be patient with us as we gradually add more content to this.



SECURITY/GATES

Please check that you have secured the latch at the top of the playground gates if entering the playground via the Burnbrae side and at the Nursery.

NUTS IN SCHOOL

We have a number of children in the school with a severe nut allergy. We are still seeing snacks containing nuts, sandwiches with Nutella and whole nuts being given to children in their lunch boxes. Please help us to keep everyone safe and provide an alternative to nuts for your child's snack and lunch.

As the weather is rapidly changing and becoming wetter and colder, parents who have collected from Nursery at 3pm are welcome to come into the school dining room to wait to collect siblings at 3:30pm. Please supervise children at the table and don't allow them to climb on the stairs or run around the dining room. We will make a box of books and drawing materials available at this time. Please come in via the school office and sign in for the purposes of a fire register.

If you are waiting in the playground please supervise your children and keep them in the top part of the playground away from the classrooms and library. Mrs MacKerron and Mrs Brolly are still teaching at this time and have reported daily that younger siblings are running up to the classroom door and window, banging on it and distracting the children inside. The library is also in use at this time.



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KEY DATES - TERM 2	
MONDAY 14TH OCTOBER – MONDAY 21 ST OCTOBER	School closed – October Holiday AND IN SERVICE DAY
SUNDAY 27 TH OCTOBER	ENROLMENT MASS FOR P3 PUPILS RECEIVING SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION – letters have been sent home
TUESDAY 29 TH OCTOBER	PARENTS MEETING FOR RECONCILIATION – OUR LADY CHURCH HALL BONNYRIGG 7PM
WEDNESDAY 30 TH OCTOBER	P5 SKIING BEGINS FOR 6 WEEKS – more info to follow
FRIDAY 1 ST NOVEMBER	ALL SAINTS DAY MASS – OUR LADY CHURCH, BONNYRIGG 11:15AM
TUESDAY 5 TH NOVEMBER	PARENTAL CONSULTATIONS 3:45-5:45PM
WEDNESDAY 6 TH NOVEMBER	PARENTAL CONSULTATIONS 5:30-8:30PM
WEDNESDAY 13 TH NOVEMBER	PARENT COUNCIL MEETING 7PM
TUESDAY 26 TH NOVEMBER	P4 SWIMMING STARTS FOR 12 WEEKS – more info to follow
THURSDAY 12 TH DECEMBER	P1 & P2 NATIVITY 7PM
SUNDAY 15 TH DECEMBER	FIRST CONFESSIONS AND PARISH RECONCILIATION SERVICE 5PM ST MATTHEW'S CHURCH ROSEWELL
WEDNESDAY 18 TH DECEMBER	NURSERY CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS 2PM
THURSDAY 19 TH DECEMBER	CHRISTMAS PANTOMIME IN SCHOOL
FRIDAY 20 TH DECEMBER	SCHOOL CLOSING AT 12.15PM FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
TUESDAY 7 TH JANUARY 2025	SCHOOL CLOSED 23 RD DECEMBER – 6 TH JANUARY 2025

