

## St David's November 2022 Newsletter

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### Dates for your diary

<b>Week beg. 14<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December</b>	<b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December</b>
Catholic Education Fortnight  Anti-Bullying Week	NHS Flu Vaccinations P1 – P7	Whole school, Individual and Family photographer	 Choir singing at North Care Suites care home 10.30am	Classroom Christmas decoration day
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December</b>
P1, P2 and P2/1 Christmas party 1.30pm	P3A and P3B Christmas party 1.30pm	Choir sing at Ferry Road Morrisons 10.00am  P4A and P4B Christmas party 1.30pm	P5A and P5B Christmas party 1.30pm	
<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December</b>
Choir sings at Ocean Terminal TBC  P6A and P6B Christmas party 1.30pm	Pantomime in school (TBC)  P7A and P7B Christmas party 1.30pm (TBC)	P1 Nativity school performance am	P1 Nativity performance for parents	Nursery Christmas party – 9.30-10.30am  School Christmas Fair 1pm  <b>SATURDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> 3PM CHOIR SINGING AT SPARTANS MATCH</b>
<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December</b>	<b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December</b>	<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December</b>
School Christmas Lunch	Last day of term			

- Christmas party dates subject to change

## Indoor PE



As we are now in the middle of the winter weather could you please make sure your child has a pair of **shoes to wear indoors** at school. Your child can keep these shoes in the classroom and change at the beginning and end of the day. Please do not feel you need to buy a new pair of shoes.

## Christmas Holiday Support

**Discover** is a holiday programme for families that provide meals and activities for primary school aged children and their families. Please ask/email school office for more information or to request a recommendation. Please title your message **Discover Christmas**.



## Parent Consultations



Thank you for coming to **Parent Consultations**. It was lovely to welcome so many families and friends into school – if you have any further questions about your child’s learning, please contact the school office to arrange a call.

## Free Bus Travel

Every child in Scotland is entitled to **free bus travel**. If you need support to complete the application form – please email the school office using the title: **Free Bus Travel**.



## Head Lice



We have had several reports of head lice recently. Please check your child's hair carefully and treat if eggs or lice are found. Even after treatment, regular combing and checking is needed to prevent the return of lice and eggs. **Head lice treatments are available from your local pharmacist on the Minor Ailment Service.**

<https://www.nhsinform.scot/illnesses-and-conditions/skin-hair-and-nails/head-lice-and-nits>

## Christmas and New Year Lunch Orders

Please note: **Christmas Lunch** will take place on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December**. Details on how to order coming soon!

New Year:

Please remember to order school lunches by **28<sup>th</sup> December** for children returning to school on **5<sup>th</sup> January 2023**.



**Food Bank Support:** If you need help with food for you and your family, we would be delighted to make relevant referrals. Please speak to Mrs Burgess or email the school office using **Food Bank** as the title. *All requests treated confidentially.* [admin@st-davids.edin.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-davids.edin.sch.uk)

## Catholic Education Fortnight



Feast of St Margaret, 16<sup>th</sup> November – Feast of St Andrew, 30<sup>th</sup> November

### ***Communion, Participation, Mission***

**Communion:** We come together as Children of God



**Participation:** We serve one another

**Mission:** We witness to the love of God



Holy Spirit, we come together in your Name,

Guide us and come into our hearts;

Show us the right path and how to get there.

Sometimes we do not make loving choices;

Do not let us be confused.

Do not let anyone lead us down the wrong path.

Let us be one with you,

so that we may walk together to heaven

and always know the truth and what is right.

We ask this of you,

You are everywhere, all the time,

together with the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen

## Anti-bullying Week 14 – 18 November 2022



Anti-bullying Week 2022 will take place from Monday 14 – Friday 18 November with the theme: **Listen Up – Respect our Rights!** We know that bullying is **never** acceptable.

We are committing to the 5 Step Action Plan...



### Action 1

Register for *respectme's* **Anti-Bullying Learning Academy eLearning modules**



### Action 2

Refresh, review and update current anti-bullying policy.



### Action 3

Create a pupil forum or anti-bullying committee to inform anti-bullying policy and practice.



### Action 4

Create simple, safe pathways for reporting bullying that protect children's rights.



### Action 5

Involve children and young people with 'Listen Up! (Respect Our Rights)' activities and messages for #AntiBullyingWeek22.

## Sacraments Update

*St Margaret's, Davidsons Mains*

*Parish Priest: Fr Jamie McMorrin*



**Reconciliation (P3):** Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2023 7pm  
**First Holy Communion (P4):** Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2023 11am  
**Confirmation (P7):** Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2023 5pm

*St Margaret Mary's, Boswall Parkway*

*Parish Priest: Fr Gerrard Hand*



**Reconciliation (P3):** Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2023  
**First Holy Communion (P4):** Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2023  
**Confirmation (P7):** Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May 7pm 2023  
**Enrolment Mass for all Sacraments:** Sunday January 15<sup>th</sup> 2023

### **Parents Meetings and Rites Masses at St Margaret Mary's**

**Penance:** Monday 9th January 7pm  
**First Communion:** Monday 20th February 7pm  
**Confirmation:** Wednesday 22nd February 7pm

**Sunday 26th February** P3 Signing of the Cross 11.30am Mass  
**Sunday 5th March** P4 Our Father 11.30am Mass  
**Sunday 12th March** P7 Giving of Creed 11.30am Mass

## Safety at Drop Off and Pick Up



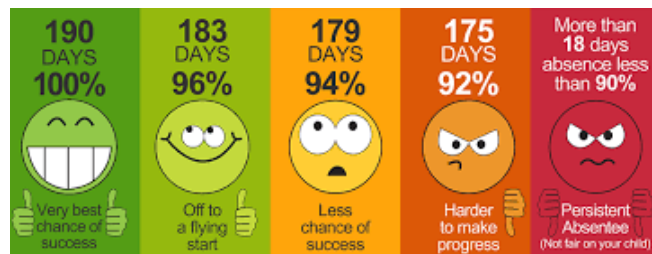
Safety first – please be **cautious** and **courteous** at drop-off and pick-up times. The street can be congested and we ask for your patience in allowing children to cross the road safely.

Please be mindful of your **speed** when driving in the street at drop-off/pick up times – it is very busy with two schools arriving/departing at the same time.

Our community **Police Officer** is aware of the challenges and will continue to monitor the situation.

Thank you.

## School Attendance



It is extremely important that your child attends school regularly. If your child is unwell at home and is going to be absent, please let us know as soon as possible by either phoning (0131 332 3500) or emailing school [admin@st-davids.edin.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-davids.edin.sch.uk). If you receive a text from the school office regarding absence, you can simply reply to the text, call or email the school office. Thank you.

### *Let us Pray together*

St. Margaret, your kind-nature and good heart, fed the hungry, and helped the poor. You are a powerful example of faith in action. Guide us to follow in your footsteps. Lord, bless us with your presence as we learn and play together. Bless all our friends and loved ones. Bless all those suffering illness, and personal struggles. Amen.