



## FORTHCOMING FIXTURES/EVENTS

### Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October

FP Meeting 5:15pm

### Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October

Form 3 to Abbotsford

Lecture Finals - 3:00pm

Middle School Rehearsal 4:00-5:30pm

**\*\* LATE PICK UP FORMS 3, 4 & 5 – 5:00pm\*\***

### Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November

Orchestra 8:00am

WOSPS v Dandylions Rugby Craigclowan  
2:30pm

2<sup>nd</sup> Rugby v Longridge (A) 2pm

U11A, U11B Rugby v Merchiston (H) 2:30pm

U9 Rugby Festival (A) Fettes 2:00pm

U8 Touch Rugby v Longridge (A) 2pm tbc

1<sup>st</sup> Hockey Tournament (A) Fettes 1pm

### Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November

2<sup>nd</sup> Hockey v Fettes (H) Tweedbank 2pm

U11 Hockey v Fettes (H) Tweedbank 2pm

U10A, U10B Hockey v Fettes (H) T'bank 2:45pm

U9A, U9B, **U9C** Hockey v Fettes (A) **2:30pm** (in  
Fettes Sports Hall)

### Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

Kindergarten Coffee Morning

### Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November

Junior Choir 12:40pm

Senior pupils Cross Country

Form 7 Cake Sale in aid of Alzheimers 3pm

### Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November

**U11 7s Rugby Tournament – Cargilfield 1pm**

### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November

U13 Ardvreck 7s Rugby Tournament 12pm

## NOTE FROM THE HEADMASTER

We welcomed four new starters to St. Mary's after half term, and all four have settled in quickly and efficiently. Staff have been impressed with how pupils have returned well-rested and eager to get on with the second half of term, and as I write the much-anticipated lecture heats are due to take place. Judging by the various props and the finishing touches pupils have been adding, I am optimistic that the very high standard of lectures we have witnessed over the last few years will be maintained.

I am also delighted to announce that former much-loved games teacher, Mr Ian Millar, will be returning to oversee the games coaching of the U9 and U8 rugby. Mr Millar will also be teaching pre-prep games and assisting in lessons in the Middle School. He starts on Monday. We have also welcomed to the catering team Caitlin Dunbar as Assistant Chef, and Sarah Logan as Kitchen Assistant. Chef, Angie, and Emma, with assistance from various helpers, coped superbly well with absence from the team in the final two weeks before half term.

That is all I have to report on this week. I look forward to resuming a full week of normal services on Monday. Enjoy your weekend.

## Additional Fixture

U11 Rugby 7s tournament at Cargilfield, Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November. 1.00pm start, competition ends at 4.30pm so return time here approx. 6pm.

## **PARENTS EVENINGS**

*A reminder of the dates:*

**Pre-Prep (Forms 1 and 2)**

*(NO prep for these classes; Late Room as usual)*

**Pre-Prep (Forms 1, 2 and Reception)**

*(NO prep for these classes; Late Room as usual)*

**Forms 3, 4 and 5**

**Form 6**

**Forms 3, 4 and 5**

**Form 7**

**Form 8**

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 4:15pm**

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 4:15pm**

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 4:15pm**

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 5:15pm**

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 4:15pm**

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November 5:15pm**

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December 5:15pm**

## **KINDERGARTEN NEWS**

Diwali

Prishaa's mummy came into Kindergarten on the Friday morning before half term, to talk to the children about Diwali celebrations. The children helped Mrs Patel to create a beautiful and colourful Rangoli pattern using sand, dried lentils, rice and seeds. The staff and children would like to thank Mrs Patel and Prishaa for coming in, it was a fabulous morning.



On Thursday morning, Mrs Barker (Magnus and Harriet's mummy) came to Kindergarten very organised, to make animal masks with the children. With glue, feathers, pipe cleaners, sequins and glitter the children



enjoyed creating their own mask. The children and staff in Kindergarten would like to thank Mrs Barker for taking the time to come in.





Our mud kitchen has finally arrived! Many thanks to all the Kindergarten children and parents who have helped to raise funds to purchase such a fabulous addition to our outdoor area. Mud kitchens for the early years benefit the children through sensory play, role play, imaginative play, maths and hands on exploration! We cannot wait to get muddy!  
Mrs L Berni

## MUSIC AND DRAMA

### *Middle School Rehearsals*

These will begin on Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> November from 4.15 – 5.30pm. A rehearsal schedule was circulated at half term (attached). Your child will only be needed as directed on this sheet. Full cast rehearsals are for all pupils in Forms 3, 4 and 5.

Rehearsals finish at 5:30pm and pick up is from the Sanderson Building.

### *Makerstoun Church Concert*

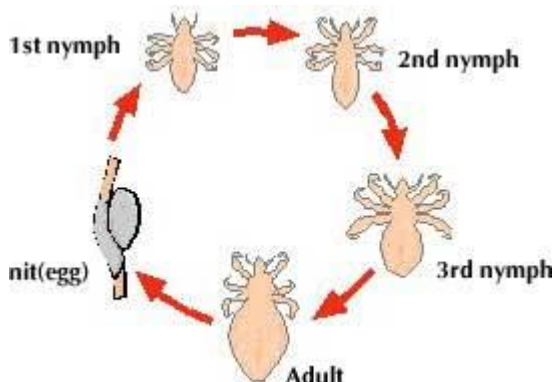
Form 6 will be performing at a concert at Makerstoun Church on Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. They will be joined by the Mosaic Choir. Tickets are available at the school office priced at £10 each or £15 for two (this includes a glass of wine and canapes).

Miss McRae

## **LOST KIT**

Oliver C – Brand new school jumper – it is named

## **HEAD LICE**



We have a number of cases in the Middle School AND the Senior School.

Please *please* could all parents check their children's hair for head lice. Head lice are a perennial problem in schools and regular combing through with a "nitty gritty" comb and shampooing is the only way to deal with them.

Thank you, School Management Team

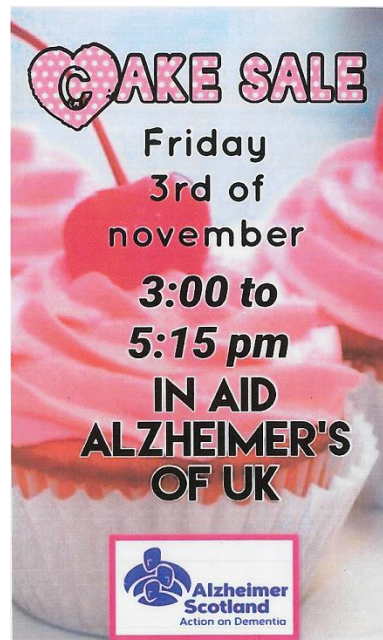


## CAKE SALE

A group of girls in Form7 have personal experience of relatives who have suffered or are suffering from Alzheimers. They decided that they wanted to hold a cake sale to provide a donation to this very worthwhile charity. They would be grateful for any donations of home baking, garden produce, eggs, jams etc that you could supply for their cake sale on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. A Halloween/Guy Fawkes theme is permitted!!!

Many thanks in advance.

Mrs Hardie



## BOARDING NEWS

Lecture practising, football, beading and pumpkin carving for next week's Halloween Games!..

[https://www.stmarysmelrose.org.uk/Articles/508831/St\\_Marys\\_School/Boarding/St\\_Marys\\_Boards/Week\\_ending\\_27th.aspx](https://www.stmarysmelrose.org.uk/Articles/508831/St_Marys_School/Boarding/St_Marys_Boards/Week_ending_27th.aspx)

TUESDAY 31<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER HALLOWEEN GAMES - Please come in fancy dress for some spooky and ghoulish moonlight activities!..



*Please phone St. Mary's School Office for tickets 01896 822517*

## MAKERSTOUN CHURCH

*Invite you to an evening with*

**Mosaic Choir**

*Led by Grace Payne*

and

**St. Mary's School Choir**

*Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2017*

Makerstoun Church, at 7.00

pm

Tickets £10.00 each or £15.00

for 2

Incl. glass wine and canapés

## FOUND

Glasses found in the English Room after Squad Singing



## **FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S**

We are in the planning stages of a number of things, details which will be released in due course so.....keep an eye out on the noticeboard.

### Winter Wonderland, Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> December

Please start putting aside any new, undamaged, unwanted presents for our Tombola stall. Also we will be having a produce stall so donations any jams, marmalades, chutneys etc you are busy creating would be much appreciated. Details of when and where to leave them will be given out shortly.

The next meeting is at 8.30am on Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> November in the dining room.