

St Mary's RC Primary

Newsletter 3

October 2015



Congratulations to the pupils selected to represent their classes on the Pupil Voice Groups. Well done to our new House Captains and Vice Captains who had terrific speeches for us in Assembly.

ST ANDREW'S

Emma Hamilton and Finn Hollins Kirk
Toni Nelson and Declan Holmes

ST MARGARET'S

Max Hercus and Niamh Crow
Samuel Nicolson and Emily Kerr

PUPIL COUNCIL	ECO SQUAD	MISSIO	PRESS SQUAD	JRSO
Jeremy P3 Isabella P3 Keir P4 Hannah P4 Josh P5 Shannon P5 Macaulay P6 Bethany P6 Rohan P7 Aidan P7	Keely P3 Leo P3 Jack W P4 Amy P4 Marcus P5 India P5 Broghan P6 Robbie P6 Elle P7 Floyd P7	Mark P3 Toni P3 Luke P4 Erin P4 Lee P5 Manuela P5 Bailey P6 Hannah P6 Katie P7	Max P3 Hannah P3 Lucas P4 Jessica P4 Maisie P5 Arkash P5 Charlotte P6 Stanley P6 Kaiden P7 Sophie P7	Amelie P3 John P3 Harvey P4 Cadence P4 Cameron P5 Charlotte P5 Jamie P6 Stella P6 Jenna P7 Taylor P7

REMEMBER

FRIDAY 9TH OCTOBER – SCHOOL CLOSED - IN SERVICE DAY
HOLIDAY 12TH – 16TH OCTOBER
ALL RETURN MONDAY 19TH OCTOBER

Mrs Liz Laird – Head Teacher

PARENTAL CONSULTATIONS Thanks to everyone who has returned appointment slips – times will be issued after the school holidays. Where no slip has been returned an appointment will be issued in available slots.

BOOK FAIR The Book Fair will be arriving in school week beginning **26th October for two weeks**. All classes will have times to visit and choose books and it will be open during Parents Evenings. This is a different company and options for payment are different – look out for the fliers coming home!

Well done to the boys and girls in P4 and P5 who represented us at the **Cross Country Event** at Beeslack HS last week – super fast! Unfortunately the P6 and P7 event has been cancelled but may be re- scheduled for March. Well done to our P7 boys who took part in the **football festival** at Poltonhall.

P6 and P7 enjoyed a morning of **Modern Languages at St David's RC HS** this week – they represented the school really well and impressed staff with their use of conversational French.

We have eight pupils in P4 who will be enrolled to receive **the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Holy Communion** this year. Please note that the enrolment forms must be completed to pass onto Father Allan if you wish your child to be presented this year.

School starts at 9am for P1-P7 Thank you to everyone who gets their child to school on time **BUT** we are still having a number of children arriving late every day!

THIS TERM WE HAVE HAD 118 LATE ENTRIES RECORDED ON REGISTERS.

Pupils must sign in if they are late and note down the time. Midlothian Council and Scottish Government are taking a closer look at these statistics! Please get your child to school on time!

Parents need to ensure that a lunch has been ordered if required. Children arriving late are missing registration, lunch orders, money collection and their first tasks in class. It can be embarrassing for your child to arrive late to class every day. Please also let the office staff know if you are running late to pick up. Your child will be taken to the school office to wait for you.

THE PARENT COUNCIL will meet on Tuesday 20th October at 7.15pm.

PARENT COUNCIL OFFICE BEARERS

Chairperson: Paul Baker (P3, P5)

Vice Chair: Matthew Dunn (P1)

Secretary: Joanna Shields (Nursery)

Treasurer: Chris Shields (P5)

STAFF

Alison MacKerron

Lauren Arkley

PARENT COUNCIL CLASS REPRESENTATIVES

Nursery: Lynsey Eaton and Joanna Shields

P1 - Gavin Conington and Lauren Fenty

P2 - Mary Sutherland

P3 - Dawn Kerr

P4 - Kerry Ann Baker

P5 - Chris Shields

P6 - Wendy Bell

P7 - Ally Hollins Kirk

PLEASE NOTE Any money to be handed in to school should be given to your child to be recorded against the class cash sheet at registration time. All money should be in an envelope with your child's name, class and reason for payment clearly labelled.

ALL MEDICATION MUST be handed in to the school office and the appropriate medical form completed. Please do not ever give your child medication to bring to school in their bag. Pupils requiring inhalers need to have two in school – one in class and one at the school office. Please check expiry dates on medication such as epi pens and inhalers.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 20 th October	Parent Council Meeting 7.15pm
Sat/Sun 24 th /25 th October	Enrolment Mass for Sacramental Preparation P4
Thursday 29 th October	Hallowe'en Disco
Tuesday 3 rd November	Parents' Evening 5.30-8.30pm
Wednesday 4 th November	Parents' Evening 3.45-5.45pm
Thursday 5 th November	P7 girls football festival
Tuesday 10 th November	Unlocking your Child's Potential – 7pm St David's HS
Wednesday 18 th November	Parent Council Meeting – 7.15pm
Tuesday 24 th November	Parents Meeting to prepare for Reconciliation – Our Lady Church Hall 7.30pm
Saturday 28 th November	Bonnyrigg Lights – St Mary's switching on!
Thursday 3 rd December	Christmas Fair
Thursday 10 th December	School Christmas Lunch
Sunday 12 th December	Parish Reconciliation Service – First Confessions
Tuesday 15 th December	Christmas Panto
Thursday 17 th December	Christmas Concerts
Friday 18 th December	Last day of term