

St Mary's RC Primary

Newsletter 12

April 2016



Welcome back to what is already becoming a busy Summer Term in school. I know I will jinx it by saying how much we have been enjoying the sunny days this week – **COULD YOU PLEASE WRITE YOUR CHILD'S NAME INSIDE THEIR CARDIGANS, JUMPERS AND COATS** – as the children are peeling of layers to enjoy the nice weather and we have had a mountain of un-named uniform to sort out already. However, please still send in a light jacket for showers as the weather is still very changeable.

This week we celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday and classes have been taking part in a local Art competition to mark the occasion. It is the 400th Anniversary of Shakespeare's death at the weekend and P6 have been leading the way with rhyming couplets and witches brews! All classes will again participate in the Tesco Art Competition in conjunction with the National Art Gallery. We eagerly await the results of the Fringe Art Competition, as we have had winners in it for the past two years.

We wish our P7's good luck in the upcoming Basketball and Hockey Competitions where they will represent Midlothian.

P5 will begin skiing next week – thank you to all the parents who offered to help.

Mrs Laird - Headteacher

MILK MONEY for next session will be due later in the term. It will be £6.08 for the period from 22nd Aug – 14th October or £30.40 for the whole year. Last date for payment will be 17th June. Cheques payable to "**Midlothian Council**".

SCHOOL UNIFORM order forms will be issued via pupil book bags. Look out for these coming home to order uniform for next session.

GYM KIT Please make sure your child has a change of tee shirt, shorts/joggers and suitable shoes for PE in school every week. Every child at St Mary's has 2 hours of PE every week.

Well done P5 who came in second place at the Clubgolf Festival this week at Hawthornden. Look out for the information on the school website for Broomieknowe Golf Club if you are interested in learning more!

Well done to our P7 class who enjoyed their week at Lockerbie Manor for ASG Camp. They received a lot of praise for their excellent behaviour and care and concern for each other – they were a credit to you and we are very proud of them. Thank you to the Parent Council for their lovely Hoodies which they received for going to Camp.

LATENESS is already on the increase this term and the number of pupils regularly arriving late is becoming really disruptive in classes and children are missing out on core lessons. It is your responsibility to ensure your child arrives at school to be in the line when the bell rings at 9am.

**PLEASE NOTE MONDAY 2ND MAY IS THE MAY DAY HOLIDAY
SCHOOL IS CLOSED TO ALL PUPILS**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 26 th April	P4 Swimming
Tuesday 26 th April	Parent Council Meeting – 7.15pm
Wednesday 27 th April	P5 Skiing
Monday 2 nd May	MAY DAY HOLIDAY SCHOOL CLOSED
Tuesday 3 rd May	P4 Swimming
Wednesday 4 th May	P5 Skiing
Wednesday 4 th May	Orienteering Festival P5/6/7
Thursday 6 th May	Ascension Thursday Mass – 10.30am – Our Lady, Bonnyrigg
Tuesday 10 th May	P4 Swimming
Tuesday 10 th May	P6 Maths Challenge – St David’s High School
Wednesday 11 th May	P5 Skiing
Thursday 12 th May	P6 Science Day – St David’s High School P7 Hockey Competition
Thursday 12 th May	Transition Meeting for new P1 Parents – pupils starting in August 2016 – 7pm
Monday 16 th May	IEP Meetings – check letters for appointment times
Tuesday 17 th May	IEP Meetings – check letters for appointment times
Thursday 19 th May	P4 Confirmation Mass 7pm Our Lady, Bonnyrigg with +Leo Archbishop Cushley
Friday 20 th May	P7 Basketball – Lothian Finals
Monday 23 rd May	IN SERVICE DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO ALL PUPILS
Tuesday 24 th May	P4 Swimming
Wednesday 25 th May	P5 Skiing
Thursday 26 th May	Nursery /P1 Transition
Sunday 29 th May	P4 First Holy Communion Mass – 11.30am Our Lady, Bonnyrigg
Tuesday 31 st May	P4 Swimming
Wednesday 1 st June	P5 Skiing
Wednesday 1 st June	Parent Council Meeting – 7.15pm
Thursday 2 nd June	Nursery /P1 Transition
Friday 3 rd June	Sports Day
Sunday 5 th June	Poltonhall Gala Day
Tuesday 7 th June	P4 Swimming
Wednesday 8 th June	P7 High School transition
Thursday 9 th June	P7 High School transition Nursery /P1 Transition
Friday 10 th June	Alternative Sports Day
Tuesday 14 th June	P4 Swimming
Friday 17 th June	Nursery Transition Lunch
Tuesday 21 st June	P4 Swimming
Wednesday 22 nd June	P7 Show and Graduation
Friday 24 th June	Prize Giving Assembly
Wednesday 29 th June	Gold Award Treat Day
Friday 1st July	Final Assembly – School finishes for all pupils at 12 noon