

St Mary's RC Primary

Newsletter 12

May 2016



Well done to our orienteering teams from P5, P6 and P7 who took part in the Festival at Vogrie yesterday – some quick times achieved. Good luck to our P7 pupils who participate in the Lothian Final next week representing Midlothian alongside Paradykes Primary. Unfortunately we have had to withdraw from the Basketball Final as it has been scheduled on the same day as our P7 classes visit their High Schools for transition.

Could I please appeal to parents to volunteer where possible to help out with sports events and trips. This week we had no parent helpers for three events and I had to send Learning Assistants who should have been working alongside pupils supporting learning in class. We only had two parent helpers to help walk the children to the Church for Mass. We really do appreciate your offers of help and we can't go on outings and attend sports events without your support.

Liz Laird – Head Teacher

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 have been issued via pupil book bags. Last date for returning these is **Thursday 12th May** to ensure delivery in June. **We are always willing to accept uniform in good condition from school leavers for our uniform exchange.**

Please also note that school uniform should be worn EVERY day – a number of pupils are dressed very casually on a Friday! Jeans are not school uniform. Make up and jewellery should not be worn to school either!

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.

LATE ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL

The number of children arriving late to school is increasing and is a real cause for concern. Please try to get your children to school on time as arriving even 10 minutes late causes disruption to the teacher and to the rest of the class and embarrassment for your child. Where children are arriving late on a regular basis a referral will be made to the Children and Families Team.

MOBILE PHONES should not be used by pupils in the school during the day and **MUST** be handed in to the School Office. The school will not accept liability for lost or damaged phones. A number of pupils have been keeping them in their bags, in class or in pockets.

Good Luck to our P4 pupils who will be Confirmed by Archbishop Leo Cushley on 19th May and then receive their First Holy Communion on Sunday 29th May.

P7 CAMP 2017 – Deposits of £50 are now due for all pupils participating in P7 Cluster Camp next year. We have again booked Lockerbie Manor. Letters have been issued via bookbags to current P6 pupils.

SPORTS DAY will take place on Friday 3rd June at Poltonhall Astro Pitches. We have an alternative date in case the weather is bad of Friday 10th June.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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
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 –Poltonhall Astro Pitches
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 – 7pm
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

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IN-SERVICE DAY**