

St Mary's RC Primary

Newsletter 12

June 2017



P6 parents and pupils are invited to an information evening on **Wednesday 31st May at 7pm** in the school hall to learn more about School Camp at Lockerbie Manor next year.

From August 2017, the length of the school day will be the same for all pupils in P1 – P7 **NB P1 only begin full days on 4th September**. This means that all pupils will start and finish at the same time. **I would like to re-align the school day to a 9am start and 3.30pm finish Mon – Thursday and all pupils finishing at 12.15pm on Friday**. This would allow us to timetable events and specialist teachers more effectively. Please complete and return the attached slip giving your preference for timings

The weather is very changeable just now – please ensure your child has a waterproof jacket in school each day as we will be outside at playtime even in light rain.

Our School Sports Day is planned for **Friday 9th June at Poltonhall Astro Pitches at 9.30am**. If you can, please help out by walking with the children to the pitches. I look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible – there will be a toddlers race this year - I promise!!!

Liz Laird - Headteacher

Bike to School Week is on 12th – 16th June The JRSO group will be collating the numbers of children who cycle to school each day. Feel free to decorate your bike too – if anyone is in need of a cycling helmet please ask me for one as we have spare ones in school.

Thank you for your prompt payments for school trips this term. Could I please urge you to send **ALL** money in with your child in a named envelope stating the purpose of the payment. **DO NOT HAND MONEY DIRECTLY TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE**. We have a system for collecting money in each class, matched to the trip, which is then double checked by the office staff. All money is sent down to the School Office first thing in the morning when it can be organised for banking etc.

UNIFORM EXCHANGE Please hand in any uniform that is still in good condition, to the Uniform Exchange that we run in school. Look out for the lost property table out in the playground in the coming weeks. All unclaimed items will be taken to the Barnardos Charity Shop at the end of term.

ST MARY'S SEEDLINGS – We are delighted to be able to offer a two year old playgroup for our St Mary's Seedlings on a **Thursday afternoon from 1.45pm – 2.45 pm** in our school Nursery. This is open to siblings of children in the school in the first instance with a maximum of 10 spaces at the moment. Please contact the School Office or Nursery Staff if you are interested in a space – going fast!!!!

The price of school meals will be increasing from £1.80 - £1.90 effective from August 2017. **PLEASE PLEASE, PLEASE give your child's money in a named purse or envelope as a lot of time is being spent issuing money bags and writing name slips for children who arrive with loose coins.**

SCHOOL MILK money is due to be paid by **Monday 19th June**. The cost for Aug – October is **£5.92 or £30.40 for the full year**. Please send payment in a named envelope to the class teacher labelled "MILK MONEY". Cheques should be made payable to "Midlothian Council"

P7 will be having a group photograph taken by the Midlothian advertiser on Thursday 1st June at 9am. The P7 Souvenir edition of the paper will be published on 22nd June.

Rehearsals for the P7 show are well under way and this year they are being supported by a P6 choir. The show **“An Inspector Calls”** takes a spoof view of a school inspection and seemed quite an appropriate choice for this year! The children will all see the show during the day of Wednesday 21st June at the Dress Rehearsal. Tickets have been issued to P6 and P7 for the Evening performance. Please help your child to learn their lines and song words and look out for costume requests coming home.

DIARY DATES

Wednesday 31 st May	Nursery – P1 Transition P3 visit to Vogrie 7.00 Camp Meeting for Parents and pupils in P6
Thursday 1 st June	P7 Inter School Athletics Competition P2 Visit to The Museum of Childhood
Friday 2 nd June	Pupil Consultation re New School
Tuesday 6 th June	P7 Transition visits to High School (Lasswade HS only) P4 Walk to George IV Park
Wednesday 7 th June	Nursery – P1 Transition P7 Transition visits to High School
Thursday 8 th June	P7 Transition visits to High School (Not Lasswade HS)
Friday 9 th June	Sports Day – Poltonhall Astro Pitches 9.30am
12 th June	Bike to School Week
Friday 16 th June	Alternative Sports Day Nursery Transition Lunch 11.15am
Sunday 18 th June	First Holy Communion 11.30am Mass Our Lady Church, Bonnyrigg
Tuesday 20 th June	P1, P3 & P7 Fringe Poster Competition at Dynamic Earth Parent Council Meeting 7.15pm
Wednesday 21 st June	P7 Show and Graduation 7pm – supported by P6 choir
Thursday 22 nd June	Nursery Trip to East Links Farm
Friday 23 rd June	Prize Giving Assembly – 9.15am Nursery Sports Day 10.45am –playground or gym hall
Monday 26 th June	Nursery Celebration – 11am Education Scotland Inspector to visit re: Consultation process –meeting with staff pupils and parents.
Tuesday 27 th June	NSPCC Workshops – personal safety
Wednesday 28 th June	Gold Award Treat Day
Thursday 29 th June	St Peter and St Paul Mass 10.30am Our Lady Church, Bonnyrigg
Friday 30 th June	Final Assembly – 11am

**SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 12 NOON FOR ALL PUPILS ON FRIDAY 30TH JUNE
PUPILS RETURN ON TUESDAY 22ND AUGUST 2017**

Happy Holidays!

