

St Mary's RC Primary

Newsletter 13

June 2019



Congratulations to our P4 pupils who received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion last Sunday. The "Holy Spirit of Fire" for Pentecost was made a bit more real with the attendance of two fire engines at the Church Hall immediately prior to Mass – all ok though – just a burnt out light fitting!!!

Thank you to everyone for making Sports Day such a lovely morning for the children. And wasn't it good timing with the weather!!! Next year we will be enjoying our first sports day in our new school with our own field!!! We will find out who our winners are at **Prize Giving on Friday 21st June at 11am**. Parents and carers are very welcome to join us.

It has been lovely to have our new P1 pupils visiting for transition over the past few weeks and we are looking forward to them starting with us in August. Our P7 pupils have also enjoyed their transition visits to High School – look out for Primary Sevenitis as they become too cool for Primary School!!!

Please check out the arrangements for the last couple of weeks of term and we look forward to welcoming you for a range of events. On behalf of all of the school staff I would like to thank you for your support of the school in many different ways this year. As we start planning our move to the new school next session we will be looking for a working party of volunteers to help with the sorting and packing. Look out for info on Throwout Tuesdays and Thursdays next session.

Mrs Liz Laird - Headteacher

STAFFING NEWS

It is with mixed feelings that I have to let you know that Mrs Ann Gibson – Learning Assistant – has decided to retire at the end of this session. Mrs Gibson has been part of the St Mary's family for over 15 years and will be greatly missed by staff and pupils. Although we are sorry to lose her, I am sure you will join me in wishing her a long and healthy retirement. There will be an envelope at the School Office if you would like to make a donation for a retirement gift for Ann.

Next Session we welcome a new teacher to the school. Miss Heather Kydd will be joining us from St Andrew's Primary. She will be visiting next week and will meet her new class on Monday 24th June. School reports are coming home on 24th June and will include details of class organisation and your child's teacher for next session.

Miss Pilcher will be staying with us as a Learning Assistant next session.

Miss Gordon and Ms Askew who have provided specialist teaching in RE and Music will be leaving us at the end of June and we thank them for their hard work in the school this year and last.

FINAL PAYMENTS

Final payment for school Milk is Thursday 20th June – cheques made payable to **Midlothian Council** or via **Parent Pay**. Please pay £6.63 for Term 1 or £32.30 for the year.

P6 Camp deposit of £50 is due on **Thursday 21st June** – spaces will be tight next session so please pay the deposit to secure your child's place.

Please note School meals will be **£2.10** next session.

There will be a grab a bag packed lunch for school meals on Thursday 27th June to allow for a deep clean of the dining room before the end of term. Please return the slip so that we know how many packed lunches to order to avoid waste.

The last date for ordering school uniform online for delivery before August is **Friday 21st June**.

REPORTING PUPIL ABSENCE

Please use the school phone number and answering service to report pupil absence and **NOT** school e mail please as it is often past 10am before Office Staff have time to check e-mails.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 17 th June	Nursery Trip
Tuesday 18 th June	P4 Swimming P7 End of Year Show and Graduation 7pm
Friday 21 st June	** CHANGE OF TIME** Prize Giving Assembly 11am – all welcome Nursery /P1 Taster Lunch 11.15am
Monday 24 th June	Good to Be Green Party Reports home
Wednesday 26 th June	Gold Award Treat Day
Thursday 27 th June	Nursery Garden Party - afternoon
Friday 28 th June	Final Assembly 11am – all welcome School Closes at 12 noon for End of Term

School summer holidays
Monday 1st July – Friday 16th August
15th and 16th August In Service days
School is Closed to parents and pupils on
In Service Days
All Resume on Monday 19th August

