

St Mary's RC Primary

Newsletter 10

June 2021



This week we welcomed Ms Mandy Richardson to the St Mary's Team. She will be working in all classes up to the end of term and will be one of our new class teachers next session.

Some of you may know already that Mrs Norma Phillips will be retiring (early) from her post as Office Admin Assistant at the end of term. Mrs Phillips has worked at St Mary's for 22 years and is well known to many of you. I am sure you will join me in wishing her a long, happy and healthy retirement – she will be greatly missed.

Mrs Morven Atkinson will also be leaving us at the end of this session to take up a new post nearer to home in East Lothian. Mrs Atkinson has been a teacher at St Mary's for eight and a half years, teaching a range of classes. I am sure you will join me in wishing her well for the future.

Mrs Kim Turner will be returning to Sacred Heart Primary School after the summer. She has been a fantastic help in our Nursery to cover while Mrs Henderson was absent and now while Ms Munro is shielding in the late stages of her pregnancy.

Mrs Caron Hogg was successful at interview recently and will take up the post of Office Admin Assistant in August.

You can expect to see a full update on staffing, including which teacher your child will have next session, with your child's report in the last week of term.

Mrs Liz Laird – Head Teacher

SPORTS DAY

This will take place in our own school grounds on Friday 4th June. **Unfortunately parents are not able to join us for the day.** The children are all placed into either St Margaret's or St Andrew's Houses in the school. St Andrew's colour is blue and St Margaret's colour is red. Please send your child to school on Friday dressed for Sports day with a sun hat, already with suncream on, and a water bottle. The children can dress in house colours, but please don't buy anything new - it could be red or blue socks, a tee shirt, a sun hat or you could make a rosette! Thank you to the Parent Council who will provide an ice lolly for each of the children.

COVID REMINDER

If you or anyone in the family is showing symptoms of covid then the whole family must self isolate and be tested. This should be a PCR test at a testing centre and not the lateral flow tests which are less reliable.

If we isolate a pupil in school with suspected covid symptoms, you will be contacted to collect them AND possibly siblings in the school and you should arrange for a PCR test to be taken – if it is negative siblings can return and the sick child can return when they are well. If it is positive the whole family will need to self isolate.

If you or your child has been identified as a close contact of someone who has tested positive for coronavirus they must self - isolate – the Public Health Protection Team will advise if siblings also need to isolate. Close contacts must book a PCR test not the LFD testing kit.

MILK MONEY The last day to order milk for next session is **Wednesday 9th June** via Parent Pay.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

This should be ordered via Borders Embroideries website. Please note all new P1 pupils are gifted a St Mary's bookbag from the Parent Council so there is no need to order one. The last date for orders to guarantee delivery for the start of the school term is **25th July**. If buying uniform elsewhere, please note the school jumper is burgundy, and if buying a school summer dress, (optional) this should be pale blue or burgundy. At the moment we have a relaxed uniform policy with the minimum requirements being a school coloured jumper, warm and comfortable bottoms but no jeans. A waterproof jacket and shoes are essential items. Please phone the school office if you are in receipt of free school meals and think you may be eligible for a clothing grant.

DIARY DATES

Week beginning 31 st May	P7 Activity Week
Friday 4 th June	Sports Day – class sports activities – no parents permitted to join us
Saturday 5 th June	First Holy Communion 11am Mass Our Lady, Bonnyrigg
Wednesday 9 th June	Last Day for Milk orders on Parent Pay
Friday 11 th June	Alternative Sports Day
Saturday 12 th June	Confirmation Mass 11am – Our Lady, Bonnyrigg Please wear school uniform
Wednesday 16 th June	Parent Council Meeting 7.15pm – Zoom Meeting
Thursday 17 th June	P7 Final Prize Giving Assembly
Week beginning 21 st June	Class Prize Giving Assemblies
Monday 21 st June	Good To Be Green Party – pm School reports sent home
Wednesday 23 rd June	Gold Award Treat Day
Thursday 24 th June	Nursery Garden Party
Friday 25 th June	Last day of term
School closes at 12.15pm Friday 25 th June Summer Holiday School reopens for all pupils on Wednesday 18 th August	

