



St Mary's RC Primary

Newsletter 8

March 2023



Thank you to everyone for your good wishes following my recent accident resulting in broken ribs. I am very much on the mend and will return to school full time from next week.

Thanks to everyone for your attendance and support of the school at our Opening Mass on Friday 24th February. The children sang beautifully and our invited guests were very complimentary about the manners and respect evident on their tours of the school. Thank you to P7 for leading the Mass and our House Captains and Vice Captains for conducting the tours so well. They were a credit to you and the school.

Mrs Liz Laird – Headteacher

STAFFING UPDATE

We are delighted to let you know that Mrs Stewart will soon be going on Maternity Leave. She will be returning after Easter and is due to start her leave on 2nd May. I am sure you will join us in wishing her well. Miss Kai Lothian will be covering her post for the period of her Leave.

We welcomed Miss Skye McGuire to our team of Learning Assistants a few weeks ago and I am delighted to let you know that she will be with us for the remainder of this session.

Mrs Kirsty MacArthur will be returning to the School Office from maternity leave in May. Ms Graham will continue in her post as Learning Assistant with increased hours.

Mrs Stephanie Davies will be resigning from her post as EYP in the Nursery, to spend more time with her growing family. She is expecting her second child very soon. Her last day with us is Friday 31st March, and we wish her all the best as she becomes a full time Mum.

Sadly Mrs Macaulay has decided to retire from teaching at the end of this session in June. She has enjoyed a career in teaching since 1988, and will be greatly missed here at St Mary's where she has been Principal Teacher, DHT and Acting HT over the years. Her talents and expertise are too long to list but we will be sure to mark this with her as a whole school celebration in June.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC HOLIDAY FOR KING CHARLES' CORONATION - MONDAY 8TH MAY

Midlothian Council has now confirmed this date as an additional public holiday and so school will be closed to all pupils on 8th May.

SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Please note the change of date for this Sacrament to avoid a clash with the additional public holiday for the Kings' Coronation. This will now be at all three Masses on **13/14th May**.

MILK MONEY for next term is now due with a final payment required by 29TH March 2023. The cost for P1-P6 is £8.67 and for P7 £7.82 and should be paid via Parent Pay.

RED NOSE DAY is this Friday 17th March which is also St Patrick's Day. The children are invited to come to school wearing something red (or green) and if you can, we will collect donations for the Red Nose Day Fund.



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KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
Tuesday 21 st March	Fluoride varnishing Nursery- P2 P7 visit to Risk Factory 9am – 3pm CLLE Nursery session with parents 2pm – 4.15pm
Wednesday 22 nd March	Fluoride varnishing P3 & P4
Friday 24 th March	P4 begin swimming block for 12 weeks 11am – 12pm
Tuesday 28 th March	CLLE Nursery session with parents 2pm – 4.15pm
Friday 31 st March	Easter Assembly 9.15am – parents are welcome to join us. End of Term – School closes at normal time for Easter Holiday P4 Swimming
Monday 3 rd April – Friday 14 th April	Easter Holiday – School closed to all pupils
Monday 17 th April	All resume
Friday 21 st April	P4 Swimming
Monday 24 th – Fri 28 th April	P7 School Camp
Friday 28 th April	P4 Swimming
Monday 1 st May	MAY DAY HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO ALL PUPILS
Tuesday 2 nd May	Meeting for Parents re P7 confirmation – Our Lady Church Hall 7pm
Wednesday 3 rd May	Confession in school for P4 prior to First Holy Communion
Friday 5 th May	P4 Swimming
Monday 8 th May	PUBLIC HOLIDAY FOR KING'S CORONATION – SCHOOL CLOSED TO ALL PUPILS
Thursday 11 th May	7pm Meeting for new P1 parents 23/24
Friday 12 th May	P4 Swimming
Sat 13 th /Sun14 th May	First Holy Communion at all Masses in Parish
Thurs 18 th May	Ascension Thursday Mass – Our Lady Church Bonnyrigg 10am. Mass will be led by P4 who are invited to come dressed in First Communion outfits if they wish.
Thurs 25 th May	Nursery – P1 transition visit 9.30-10.30am
Fri 26 th May	P4 Swimming
Thurs 1 st June	Nursery – P1 Transition visit 9.30-10.30am P7 confirmation Mass 7pm
Friday 2 nd June	Sports Day followed by Family Picnic and Summer Fair P4 Swimming
Thursday 8 th June	Nursery – P1 transition visit 9.30-10.30am
Friday 9 th June	Alternative Sports Day P4 Swimming
Friday 16 th June	P4 Swimming Nursery – P1 Transition Lunch
Mon 19 th June	Reports Home
Tuesday 20 th June	P7 End of Year Show 7pm
Thursday 22 nd June	Gold Award Treat Day
Friday 23 rd June	Prize Giving Assembly 9.15am P4 Swimming
Tuesday 27 th June	Nursery Garden Party 2pm
Wednesday 28 th June	Final Assembly 2.15pm End of term at 3.30pm