



St Mary's RC Primary

Newsletter 10

June 2023



Thank you to everyone who came along last week to support our Sports Day and Summer Fair. It was a great day in school and the Parent Council raised £1100 from the summer Fair.

Congratulations to our P7 pupils who were Confirmed in their faith by Archbishop Leo Cushley. The service was lovely and the children were a credit to themselves, you and the school.

As we rapidly approach the end of term, please note the dates and times of the final arrangements for the end of term which finishes on **Wednesday 28th June at 3.30pm.**

Mrs Liz Laird – Headteacher

SUMMER WEATHER

While it is great to see the summer weather, could you please help your child to be comfortable in school:

- Dress in light clothing – school summer dress or culottes, shorts and poloshirt – no football strips please – school teshirt or polo shirt in light blue are also ok.
- Apply sunscreen before school.
- Wear a sunhat/sunglasses.
- Footwear should be safe for running around in at playtime and lunchtime – sliders and flipflops are **NOT** suitable for school. Sandals are ok if they provide some support and protection to the foot.
- Bring a water bottle – children are actively encouraged to drink water throughout the day and have regular brain breaks in class. Classes have a water station or table for this purpose. We are only allowed to have water or milk in class so please don't fill bottles with sugary juice. Fizzy drinks are not permitted.
- If providing a snack please make this a healthy one – family sized bags of crisps are not appropriate!

Keep an eye on the weather forecast – due to rain by Friday I think!!!

MILK ORDER AND PAYMENTS If you would like your child to have milk when we return in August, this needs to be ordered and paid for in advance. The cost for the period from **August to October** is **£6.97** and must be paid using **Parent Pay**. If you are in receipt of certain benefits and think you are entitled to **Free School Meals**, this also entitles you to free school milk. It is a gateway benefit that can also help with costs for trips and school camp, clothing etc. If you need support in applying for this, please do let office staff know – they are happy to help.

SCHOOL UNIFORM Over the past few years we have relaxed our school uniform policy to really only expect the children to wear a burgundy jumper or cardigan either with or without the school badge. Joggers and leggings are acceptable to wear in school and I know many parents like to have pinafores and summer school dresses – ours would be either pale blue or burgundy.

We have a uniform exchange if anyone has uniform in good condition that can be passed on to other families – just ask at the school office. Please hand in any uniform you have that is still in good condition – please wash it first – as stocks are beginning to run low. If you do take something from the exchange please write your child's name in it as soon as you can.

Please note, the last date to order uniform from Border Embroidery is 4th July to guarantee delivery for August. <https://www.border-embroideries.co.uk>



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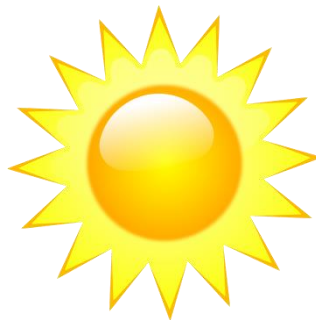
LATE ARRIVAL TO SCHOOL

Please note that the school day begins at 9am. We have increasing numbers of children arriving late to the front door, sometimes while the lines are still being brought in from the playground. This is very disruptive to the school office staff. Please arrive on time for school, and if you can still see children in the playground, open the gate and let your child through to join their class rather than coming to the main door. Bikes and scooters should be put in to the playground first if your child is late, before coming to the office door for entry.

We are having ongoing problems with the buzzer entry system at the main reception door. This door is now unlocked during the school day and parents can enter through to the inner security door where Mrs Hogg or Mrs MacArthur can assist you.

KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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Wednesday 14 th June	P7 Transition Visits to High School
Thursday 15 th June	P7 Transition Visits to High School
Friday 16 th June	P7 transition visit to High School – Lasswade only
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 – parents are welcome to join us for the Assembly. P4 Swimming
Tuesday 27 th June	Nursery Garden Party 2pm
Wednesday 28 th June	Final Assembly 2.15pm – this will be the final Assembly for Mrs Macaulay and our P7 class. Parents and carers are welcome to join us but space will be tight. We will end the term with our traditional whole school guard of honour in the playground for our departing pupils and staff. End of term at 3.30pm
Monday 14 th August	IN-SERVICE DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO ALL PUPILS
Tuesday 15 th August	IN-SERVICE DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO ALL PUPILS
Wednesday 16 th August	Pupils resume



Have a wonderful holiday everyone.

Thank you for your continued support in 2022-2023.