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Newsletter 1

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a pleasure to get to know the children, parents and staff at Sacred Heart Primary School. I am absolutely delighted to have started in post and consider it a privilege to have been appointed. The children have really welcomed me to the school and they are eager to tell me about themselves and their learning. Over the coming months I am looking forward to learning more about Sacred Heart from the children, the dedicated staff team and the parents/carers. I am particularly looking forward to building on the school's partnership with parents/carers as we work together on many aspects of future school development.

As always the school operates an open door policy, please come and speak to us if you have any concerns or queries.

Attached to this newsletter are, all the dates for the year ahead, so far. We will be adding to these dates over the year and will provide you with an updated copy with every newsletter. Once again, please do not hesitate to contact the school office or myself if you have any queries.

Kind regards,
Anna Chidgey
Acting Head Teacher

Uniform

All our children look very smart in their school uniforms and are very proud to be ambassadors for our school.

Monday-Thursday

Maroon school colours must be worn with black/grey trousers or skirts/pinafores and black school shoes. No trainers should be worn.

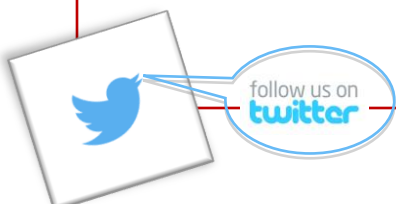
Friday

Parent partnership school hoodies can be worn instead of the maroon sweatshirt. School shirt and black/grey trouser/skirt must still be worn with black school shoes. No trainers should be worn.

P.E

Children can wear the parent partnership school t-shirt and hoodie for P.E with suitable shorts/jogging bottoms and trainers.

Please speak to the school office if you require a uniform order form.



P.E Kit

Please ensure that your child has an appropriate P.E kit that is kept at school. This should consist of shorts/jogging bottoms, t-shirt and trainers. Parent partnership house hoodies and t-shirts may be worn.

Break Time Snack

We try to encourage the eating of healthy snacks at break time to fuel our children to learn. By helping them start healthy habits early in life, we can help reduce our childrens' health risks and increase their chances for longer, more productive lives. There is a tuck shop open at break time with a cost of up to 40p.

Water

We encourage every child to bring a bottle of water to school every day. This can be brought into class to keep them hydrated. Please note that diluting juice, fruit juice and fizzy drinks are not allowed.

Read Write Inc

Learning to read is the most important thing your child will learn at our school. Everything else depends on it, so we put as much energy as we possibly can into making sure that every single child learns to read as quickly as possible.

We want your child to love reading – and to want to read for themselves. This is why we put our efforts into making sure they develop a love of books as well as simply learning to read.

We are currently in the process of transition to the Read Write Inc approach to reading in P1-3. Read Write Inc has had a positive impact on ensuring all children can read in many schools across Midlothian, Scotland and the UK. We have bought in the resources and we are busy assessing and grouping the children and planning for their next steps. You can find out more about Read Write Inc on the following website. <http://www.ruthmiskin.com/> - click the parents tab. We will be holding a parents information workshop on the 20th February 2018 at 6pm. In the meantime, please look out for a reading book in your child's bag.

Pick up and drop off

When you are picking up and dropping off your child please be aware of your surroundings and the speed limit. There have been numerous occasions this term of cars seen to be speeding in the Penicuik Leisure car park, which is putting the lives of our children at risk.

Our Junior Road Safety Officers will be in touch with Midlothian Council to raise awareness of this issue to parents and the wider community.



Absence and Lateness

It is crucial that your child is in school and on time **every** day. Please only keep your child off school if they are very unwell and wouldn't manage a day at school. When a child is absent they miss **a lot** of learning. On their return they are behind and can find it challenging to catch up. This puts your child at a disadvantage. We will always get in touch with you if your child is unwell during the school day. Please ensure school is informed of any changes to phone/mobile no's.



Dates for your Diary

- Feb-7** Wild about Scotland Workshops
Feb-8 Rag Bag returns
Feb-8 P7 Rotary Quiz at Penicuik HS (6.30pm prompt)
Feb-14 Ash Wednesday – Whole school to Mass at Sacred Heart Church (9.30am)
Feb-14 School closes for pupils - February Holiday (3.15pm)
Feb-15 **In-Service Day (school closed to pupils)**
Feb-16 **February Holiday (School Closed)**
Feb-19 P4 & P5 Rugby Training sessions begin (Festival 16 March)
Feb-20 P6/7 visit to Holyrood Palace
Feb-20 P1-3 Read Write Inc Workshop 6pm
Feb-23 P6 to St David's HS 1+2 Language Workshop
- Mar-1** World Book Day
Mar-4 P4 Mass Liturgical Rite of the Presentation of the Our Father Sacred Heart Church (11am)
Mar-6 P5/6 to Orienteering at Penicuik Park
Mar-7 P5 Ski-ing block commences
Mar-12 P5 & P6 Kitchen Cupboard Art Workshop
Mar-13 P3 – Celebration of First Reconciliation in Sacred Heart Church (7pm)
Mar-16 P4&P5 Rugby Festival at Penicuik Park
Mar-19 Book Fair in school this week
Mar-21 Parent Consultations (4-7.30pm)
Mar-22 P6 to Health & Wellbeing Workshop at Penicuik HS
Mar-22 Parent Consultations (4-7.30pm)
Mar-27 Easter Play (P3 & P4) *tbc*
Mar-28 P6 Bikeability 'Dr Bike' Checks
Mar-29 **School Closes for Easter Holiday (3.15pm)**
- Apr-17** School reopens 8.50am (Breakfast Club 8.10am)

All dates and times are correct at time of print but may be subject to change.