



# SACRED HEART PRIMARY, PENICUIK

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

Welcome to Session 2017-18! We've got a busy term ahead! **Farewell** We start with some farewells from the end of term: Nicocz (P1) & Lucja (P3), Bailey (P3), Corann (P4) and our P7 leavers: Aidan, Cameron, Evan, Gemma, Iona, Isabel, Jackson, Joseph, Mack and Stella. We wish them all well in their new schools and, for some, their new homes.

**New Pupils** A big welcome to our new P1s: Alicja, Amelie, Aoife, Benjamin, Bethany, Cameron, Cole, Connor, Duncan, Finlay, Jamie, Lily, Louis, Matthew, Max C, Max M, Nadia, PJ, Philip, Sophia, Tyler, Zack and Zofia. We also look forward to welcoming new children to the nursery over the next couple of weeks. We hope you all enjoy your learning experiences here in Sacred Heart.

**New Staff** We are delighted to welcome back Mrs Claire Fergusson to Sacred Heart. It's lovely to have her back in our school community.

We would also like to welcome Mrs Deborah McNulty to our Nursery who will be acting as our CDW. Mrs Owenson is our acting Senior CDW until Mrs Clark returns from maternity leave. Mr Callum Watson will work alongside Ms Wilson in P4 on a Thursday & Friday. Miss Lilly Learmonth is our new P6/7 teacher and is also a principal teacher. She comes to us from St David's PS with many years experience across schools in Scotland and England.

**Staff News** Congratulations to Mrs Clark in nursery and her husband whose baby boy was born during the summer holidays. Baby Logan and mum are both doing well.

### Class Structure – Session 2017-18

Following local authority agreement, we now have an increased pupil roll which in turn extends our primary to 6 classes. Our current roll is now 133 pupils; this can increase to a maximum of 150.

Our new class structure and teachers for 2017-18 is:

- Nursery - Mrs Owenson & Mrs McNulty with visiting teacher support from Mrs Ros McLeish
- P1 - Mrs Claire Fergusson
- P2 - Mrs Laura Christian
- P3 - Mrs Breda Sheridan
- P4 - Ms Alison Wilson (M-W) & Mr Callum Watson (T/F)
- P5/6 - Mr Alan Smith
- P6/7 - Miss Lilly Learmonth

Support for Learning will be provided by Mrs Lloyd supported by Mrs Allan, Mrs Halliday and Mrs Shaw

**Specialists this session** All classes will receive specialist lessons from Mrs Poppy Browne - Drama/Art (Tuesdays), Mrs Sheila O'Reilly - PE (Wednesday), Mrs Marian Sargison - French (Thursdays).

P1-P3 classrooms are located in the lower unit; P4-P7 in the upper unit. The N/Q room has returned to its former location in the upper unit. Our new disabled toilet facilities are also complete in the reception area opposite the meeting room.

*Eileen Waterston*

## SCHOOL CALENDAR - AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
IN-SERVICE School closed to pupils	School commences 8:50am Breakfast Club 8:10-8:50am) P1 finish 12noon			
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b>
Parent Partnership Meeting in school 6.15pm	P1 School Lunch Intro 11.45am	P4 Swimming P1 School Lunch Intro 11.45am		
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
P1 start full day P6 & P7 Rugby training starts this week	P1 Curriculum meetings 2pm or 6.30pm	School Photographer in school P4 Swimming		
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
P6 & P7 Rugby P7 to Innerwick		P4 Swimming	P7 return from Innerwick	School Closed Sept Weekend
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
School Closed Sept Weekend	Panto payments due	P4 Swimming		
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
P6 & P7 Rugby		P4 Swimming		Macmillan Big Coffee Morning 11.00am in school

### ADDITIONAL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Aug- 26 Button Box clothing event – Lasswade HS (12.30-2.30pm)
- Oct - tbc Walk to School week
- Oct - 6 P6 & P7 to Rugby Festival- Penicuik RFC
- Oct - 11 Parent Consultations (4-7.30pm)
- Oct - 12 P6/7 Soccer 7s (Girls) – Penicuik Astro (pm)
- Oct - 12 Parent Consultations (4-7.30pm)
- Oct - 13 School closes for October Break (return Monday 23 Oct)
- Nov- 1 P7 to Risk Factory
- Nov- 1 Rag Bag's to be returned to school
- Nov- 8 P6/7 Soccer 7s (Boys) – Penicuik Astro (pm)
- Nov - 22 Flu Vaccination Programme (P1-P7)
- Nov- tbc P1 Registration for August 2018 intake
- Nov- tbc Christmas Fayre (to be confirmed)
- Dec- 13 'Cinderella' Pantomime at Kings Theatre (1-5.30pm)
- Dec- tbc School Christmas Lunch
- Dec- 19 Nativity Performance
- Dec- 22 School closes for Christmas Holidays (pupils return Tues 9 Jan)
- Jan - 8 IN-SERVICE DAY – school closed to pupils

*Additional dates and information will be provided once known.*

**from Mrs Waterston and staff**



### Increase to school hours (P1 & P2 pupils)

A reminder, following government guidelines, that all children will now receive 25 hours of education per week.

All pupils will now start at 8:50am and finish at 3:15pm Monday to Thursday and 8.50am to 12:25pm Friday. There will be a mid-morning break of 15 mins every day (10.30-10.45am) and lunch break of 45 mins Monday to Thursday (12.15-1.00pm).

P1 will commence these hours from Monday 4 September.

### New P1s

Our new pupils are settling in well and start attending school full day from **Monday 4 September**.

### Introduction to School Lunch

Parent/carers are invited to attend one of our introduction lunches with their P1 child on Tuesday 29 or Wednesday 30 August at 11.45am. Lunch is also available for the adults! Invitation letters have been issued.

### Curriculum Meeting

All P1 parent/carers are invited to attend on Tuesday **5 September** at 2pm OR 6.30pm. Mrs Fergusson will discuss and provide information on what curriculum topics your child will cover during their first year in school plus home learning support. We look forward to seeing you there!

### School Admin

**Payments** Once again we ask for your co-operation by sending in **ALL** payments to school in a **SEALED envelope marked with your child's name, class and the event in question**. Many parents have been paying direct to the office at school opening/closing times – these times are exceptionally busy for our office ladies as they are also taking parent phone calls to explain absence or to give instructions to pass onto to their child for returning home. Payments without envelopes leads to monies being misplaced or unaccounted for – something we would all like to avoid where absolutely possible. Please send with your child to school – it also teaches them responsibility!

**Paperwork** We know we ask parents to complete many forms throughout the school year – a tiresome project for all concerned! However, we would not ask if it was not required. So we ask that when requested you return completed paperwork to school as soon as possible and not to wait for closure dates or reminders. Many thanks.

**School Photographer** The photographer will be in school on Wednesday 6 September. All pupils will have their individual photo taken. P4 will have their photos taken before they leave for their swimming lesson. School uniform should be worn where possible.

### Flu Vaccination – Wednesday 22 November

**P2-P7 pupils** - if you have not already returned your child's completed consent form to school, please do so as soon as possible. **P1 pupils** – consent forms will be issued in due course. We urge you to complete and return them to school as soon as possible.

### Sports & Active Schools

**P4 Swimming** 30 August to 29 November (13 lessons)

**P6 & P7 Rugby** Wb 4 Sept to wb 9 October (6 sessions) with a festival on Friday 6 October at Penicuik RFC (am).

**Active Schools** New term programme to be issued soon

### Return of 'Wheellie' Fridays

Every Friday (weather dependent) pupils can bring their 'wheels' to school (bikes, scooters, skateboards, 'heelies', etc) if appropriate to do so. Heelie shoes MUST NOT be worn in school.

### Sacrament Preparation

We are working with Fr Tadeusz to confirm arrangements soon for parents who wish their children to be prepared to receive the Sacraments this session:

- Reconciliation (P3)
- Holy Communion (P4)

Please note that Confirmation will in future now take place in P7. Fr. Tad or the school can be contacted if anyone has any queries.

### Pantomime – Wednesday 13 December

Once again the school has reserved tickets for 'Cinderella' at the Kings Theatre on Wednesday, 13 December for all pupils in P1-P7. Unfortunately, the Kings theatre request full payment mid-September and we thank you for your co-operation by sending payment for your child's ticket (£13) into school **no later than Tuesday 19 September**.

### Breakfast Club

Our supervised breakfast club is available every week day morning (school term time) from 8.10-8.50am. £1.50 per child per day.

**Button Box** This clothing event is being held at Lasswade High School on **Saturday 26 August** from 12.30-2.30pm. All Midlothian families welcome to attend - see poster on noticeboard and website for more information.

### Macmillan Big Coffee Morning

Sacred Heart PS will host a *Big Coffee Morning* in aid of Macmillan nurses on **Friday 29 September** at 10.30am. Pupils are asked to bring £1 to purchase a drink and two cakes. *Thank you Mrs McManus for organising!*

**Rag Bags** Our next collection will be on **Wednesday 1 November**. Bags will be issued nearer the time.