



# SACRED HEART PRIMARY, PENICUIK

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

**New Pupils** We welcome a new learner, Hazel, to P4. We hope you enjoy your experiences here at Sacred Heart.  
**Staffing** Our P3 teacher, Mrs Breda Sheridan, left us in September to take up a new position with Borders Council. We wish her well in her new school. Interviews will take place for her replacement this week. Mrs Lloyd is covering this post until we fill the vacancy.

We have appointed a new Learning Assistant and will welcome Miss Holly Brown to our team after the October break. Miss Brown will be with us every morning.

Mr Scott Whitefield has been appointed by Midlothian Music Service as our new violin teacher. He will teach with us on Thursdays.  
*Eileen Waterston*

**Parking** It has been brought to our attention that some parents are using the disabled parking bays to collect children from school. This is happening regularly each Friday. Please be considerate and do not use these bays unless you have the right to do so with an official blue badge permit.

**School Crossing Patrol** We have been informed by the Midlothian Council Travel Co-ordinator that someone is frequently sounding their horn when going through one of our school crossing sites. This inconsiderate behaviour has been reported to them by several members of the public. We ask whoever is responsible for this practice to stop immediately and ask that everyone drive with care at crossing sites. Thank you for your co-operation!

**Money, money, money!** We understand some of our families may find it difficult to fund payment for trips, sports, residentials, school lunches, nursery fees, etc. Please do not be afraid to come in and talk to us if you find yourself in this position. There is always a solution and we will be able to discuss a payment instalment plan.

**Parent Consultations** Parent/Teacher consultations take place this **Wednesday 11** and **Thursday 12 October** (4.00pm-7.30pm). **Scholastic Book Fair** will be in school from Tuesday 10 October until Friday 13 October.

### Help us win £100 for school sports equipment!

Please complete the Active schools consultation survey about pupil participation sports/ physical activity clubs & Community Sports Clubs. The consultation will close on 23 October. The school with the highest percentage of completed surveys wins!

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/activeschoolsconsultation>

### School Flu Vaccination Programme

NHS Lothian will deliver this year's flu vaccinations in school on **Wednesday 22 November**.

## SCHOOL CALENDAR - OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK P2 to Zoo P4 to Museum	Book Fair Arrives Active Schools KIC Dance	P4 Swimming Art Club (P2/P3) Parent Consultations 4.00-7.30pm	Soccer 7s (Girls) Parent Consultations 4.00-7.30pm	School Closes 12.25pm Active Schools Tennis
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>October Holiday - School Closed</b>				
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
P3 Basketball	AS KIC Dance	P4 Swimming Art Club (P4-P7)		AS Tennis
<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
P3 Basketball	P1 & P2 Halloween Party (1.30-3.30) Halloween Disco (3.30-5.30)	Dr Bike Checks for all All Saints Mass SH Church 9.30am P7 to Risk Factory P4 Swimming Rag Bags Art Club (P4-P7)		AS Tennis
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
P3 Basketball	AS KIC Dance	P4 Swimming Art Club (P4-P7)	Soccer 7s (Boys)	AS Tennis
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
P3 Basketball	BIG WHEELIE BREAKFAST AS KIC Dance	P4 Swimming Art Club (P4-P7)		Children in Need Bake Sale AS Tennis
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
Road Safety Week P1 Registration P3 Basketball	AS KIC Dance	P4 Swimming Flu Vaccination Programme Art Club (P4-P7) P3 & P4 Sacramental parent meeting SH Church 7pm		AS Tennis
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b>
P3 Basketball	P5/6 Orienteering AS KIC Dance	P4 Swimming Art Club (P4-P7)		P1 Storyteller P6/7 to Penicuik Mrkt AS Tennis

### ADDITIONAL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Nov- 25 Christmas Fayre (10.30-12.30)
  - Dec- 4 Boyd Anderson Ski Competition (P6/P7)
  - Dec- 7 School Christmas Lunch
  - Dec- 13 'Cinderella' Pantomime at Kings Theatre (1-5.30pm)
  - Dec- 18 Nativity Performance 1 (1.45pm) Performance 2 – Dec 19 1.45pm
  - 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.*

### P1 Registration (August 2018 intake)

Registration will take place on Monday 20 November from 9.00-10.00am & 2.00-3.00pm.

from Mrs Waterston and staff

**Class Topic Outings (August to October):**

- Nursery** Forest School sessions in the woods  
**P2** Edinburgh Zoo  
**P4** Dinosaurs Open Afternoon / National Museum  
**P5/6** Farm to Fork, Tesco Penicuik  
**P6&P7** Dynamic Earth

**New class topics (October to December):**

- Nursery** Further Forest School sessions in the woods  
**P1** My school  
**P2** Night and Day  
**P3** Magnets and an Enterprise Project  
**P4** Titanic  
**P5/6** Researching famous Scientists  
**P6/7** World War II  
 More *Open Days* for other classes are being organised for November/ December – look out for further information.

**Sacrament Preparation**

Our Sacrament programme for this session has now been confirmed with Fr Tadeusz: Reconciliation (P3) & First Holy Communion (P4).

An Introductory Meeting for **P3 & P4 parents** will be held on **Wednesday 22 November 7pm** in Sacred Heart Church. Fr. Tad or the school can be contacted if anyone has any queries. An information letter will be issued.

The first Liturgical Rite Mass (The Signing with the Cross) for P3 will be held on Sunday 3 December at 11am in Sacred Heart Church

**Masses will be held on:**

- All Saints Wed 1 Nov 2017 11am in Church  
 Ash Wednesday Wed 14 Feb 2018 11am in Church  
 Ascension Thurs 10 May 2018 11am in Church

**Building Improvements**

**P2 classroom** will be painted and pin-boards installed during the October school holiday.

**School Extension** Many visitors such as architects, engineers, surveyors, etc have been touring the school and inspecting the site for our new extension.

Sandra Banks, Resource Manager Education Service has accepted an invitation from our Parent Partnership to attend a meeting to discuss these plans (date to be confirmed).

**Residentials**

- P7 had a fantastic time at their Innerwick residential in September. Upcoming residentials this session are:  
**P4** Ratho or Lowport -April/May (date tbc) £45 approx  
**P5** Innerwick - May/June (date tbc) - £60 approx  
**P6** Lockerbie Manor - 27-29 April - £130\*  
**P7** Penicuik HS Transition Camp - Netherurd 9-11 May £110\*  
 (\*both subsidised by school to lower cost for parents)

**Raising Children with Confidence**

An information letter about this universal parenting course has been sent home with all pupils inviting you to join our upcoming course commencing in October.

**Sports**

- P4 Swimming** 30 August to 29 November (13 lessons)  
**P6&P7 Soccer 7s** Girls: 12 October / Boys: 9 November  
**P3 Basketball** 23 October to 11 December (8 weeks)  
**P5/6 Orienteering** 28 November (£1 per child)  
**P4 & P5 Rugby** Wb 19 Feb to wb 19 March (6 sessions) with a festival on Friday 16 March at Penicuik RFC.  
**P5 Ski-ing** 7 March to 25 April (6 sessions-cost £60)  
**'Wheelie' Fridays** Every Friday (weather dependent)  
 Bikes, scooters, skateboards, 'heelies', etc) if appropriate to do so. Pupils **must** have shoes on in school.

**After School Clubs**

- Active Schools** are running the following clubs this term:  
**KIC Dance** (P1-P5) Tuesday 19 Sept to 5 Dec (11wks)  
**Tennis** (P4-P7) Friday 22 Sept to 8 Dec (11wks)  
**Art Club** Mrs Jaya Ogilvie is once again offering this club P4-P7 Wednesday 25 Oct – 29 Nov (6wk session)  
 Cost is £18 (£3 per week) – letters have been issued.

**Parent Partnership** Our parent body have been very busy this session. They have made a sterling job in our gardens. They have also held several events including a Bingo Night, Car Wash, Macmillan Big Coffee Morning.  
**Halloween Disco - Tuesday 31 October** All pupils can attend this disco from 3.30-5.30. (P1 & P2 pupils are required to have an adult present at the party). P1 & P2 pupils will also have a party in school 1.30-3.30  
**Christmas Fayre – Saturday 25 November** in School 10.30am-12.30pm

**Breakfast Club** Every week day (school term time) 8.10-8.50am £1.50 per child per day.

**Midlothian Volunteer Fair – Friday 13 October**

A volunteer fair is being held in St John's & King's Park Church, Dalkeith from 10.30am-3.00pm

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

**Nativity Performances (P1-P2)**

- Monday 18 and Tuesday 19 December at 1.45pm  
**School Christmas Lunch - Thursday 7 December.** Pre-order slips will be issued nearer the time. £1.90 per child payable on the day (provided for those receiving Free School Meals).  
**Pantomime – Wednesday 13 December**  
 Our tickets are now confirmed for 'Cinderella' at the Kings Theatre.