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Newsletter 2

February/March 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a very busy term at Sacred Heart, with lots of exciting learning going on in our classrooms. Thank you to everyone for your understanding and co-operation during the time of severe weather! Fingers crossed we won't be seeing anymore igloos until next winter! Since starting in post I have been working with Mrs Lloyd to ensure all our Health and Safety policies and systems and procedures are in line with expectations, gathered attainment data to build a robust picture of where the school is and what our next steps are to ensure all our children have the correct support in place and that all are children are challenged. Over the next few weeks I look forward to meeting with lots of you through Targeted Learning Meetings and at Parents Consultations. Attached to this newsletter is a list of dates for the term ahead, we have ensured that there are lots of opportunities for our children to share their learning with you. I have also added in some dates for coffee and chat mornings where Mrs Lloyd and I will be available on an informal basis. We are all looking forward to a busy but exciting term ahead!

Once again, please do not hesitate to contact the school office or myself if you have any queries.

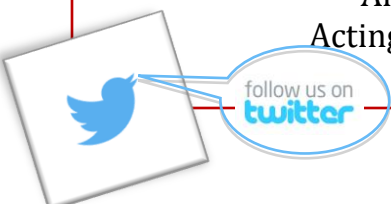
Kind regards,
Anna Chidgey

Acting Head Teacher

Parent Pay goes live on Monday 19th March!

Activation letters have now been issued to the main contact for each pupil. We are working on creating additional accounts for those families who require them. We aim to provide these details as soon as possible.

We would encourage parents & carers to use ParentPay as much as possible to make online payments for school lunches, trips, breakfast club, nursery snack, etc. (see page 3 of this newsletter for more information)



Staffing Update

After the birth of her baby boy Logan, Louise Clark will be taking up a post at Roslin nursery. We thank her for her contribution to the nursery and the school and wish her every success in the future. Mrs Owenson and Mrs McNulty will be continuing in their posts until the summer in the first instance.

P3 Art Gallery

For enterprise, Primary 3 have decided to hold an art exhibition on Wednesday 28th March from 6-7pm. There will be art on display from every child in the school and we will choose a winner and runner up from each class. We will be selling hot drinks, juice and home baking and there will be art stalls where children and adults can make/draw/colour things for a donation. More information will be sent home shortly and we hope to see you there.

Hunter and Lass

We are delighted to announce that this year's Junior Hunter and Lass will be Loanan and Katherine from P6. Penicuik's first ever Junior Hunter and Lass, Finlay and Sophie from Cuiken Primary, will be passing on the title to Loanan and Katherine at the installation ceremony on Thursday 24 May. We are very proud of them, and know they will do a fantastic job representing young people in Penicuik, and wish them all the best for the coming year.

Easter Play – P3 & P4 pupils

Parent/carers of pupils in P3 & P4 are invited to attend our Easter Play on Tuesday 27 March at 2.30pm. Seats will be restricted to 2 seats per family.

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 children's health risks and increase their chances for longer, more productive lives. There is a tuck shop open at break time with a cost of 30p.

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.



Park Smart

Our JRSOs have been working with Midlothian Council to monitor the traffic in the Penicuik Leisure Car Park.

The JRSOs will be working with Gillian Bathgate to launch the Park Smart campaign.

More information to follow.

In the meantime, please continue to be aware of your surroundings and the speed limit.

Absence and Lateness

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring your child is at school and on time every day. If your child is unwell and won't manage a day at school please contact the school office. We will always contact you if your child falls unwell during the school day.



Replacement Books

Please be advised that if a book is lost or damaged a request for compensation for its replacement will be issued.

Uniform and P.E Kit

All our children look very smart in their school uniforms and are very proud to be ambassadors for our school. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring all our children are in full school uniform every day. Please speak to the school office if you require an order form.

Parent Consultations

For those who have responded, appointments have now been issued for our consultations this week – Wednesday & Thursday. Appointment times have been allocated to parent/carers who have not yet requested a slot. Please check your child's school bag.

Parental Communications

Our aim is to issue parental communication by email where possible. Did you receive our 'test' email?

If you have not received this email and believe you should have, please advise the school by **email**:

sacredheart_ps@midlothian.gov.uk

Text messages can only be sent to the main contact for each child. The system set-up only permits one number to be selected per child. Therefore, we are unable to send messages to additional numbers.

ParentPay – additional information

We hope as many parents as possible will use this new payment system. Please be advised it is totally secure and used by 58 authorities nationwide.

School lunches – still paying by cash? As we do not have cash available to return overpayment, any change due will be added to your child's account. Over time, this will accumulate and your child will receive a lunch without payment being required.

Trips. Residentials, etc – any event currently in progress (i.e. 2017/18 residentials) are still payable by cash or cheque. Any new events (i.e. 2018/19 residentials, class trips, tickets, etc) will be available to pay on ParentPay. If you have any queries, please contact the school office.



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Dates for your Diary

- Mar-19** ParentPay goes live!
Mar-20 Book Fair available in school
Mar-21 Parent Consultations (4-7.30pm)
Mar-21 St David's ASG Residential Parents Information Meeting at St Mary's PS 7pm (1 learner)
Mar-22 P6 Health & Well-Being Session at Penicuik HS
Mar-22 Parent Consultations (4-7.30pm)
Mar-23 **Sports Relief & Down Syndrome Awareness Day - wear odd socks & house PE kit!**
Mar-27 P3 & P4 Easter Play - P3 & P4 parent/carers only invited to attend 2.30pm
Mar-28 P6 'Dr Bike' Bicycle Checks in preparation for Bikeability (am)
Mar-28 P3 Art Gallery in school (6-7pm)
Mar-29 **School Closes for Easter Holiday (3.15pm)**
- Apr-08** Family Mass at Sacred Heart Church 11am
Apr-17 School reopens 8.50 (Breakfast Club 8.10am)
Apr-19 Soccer 7s (1 team-P6/7 Girls) at Penicuik Astro
Apr-23 Big Pedal commences (finishes 4 May)
Apr-23 Sacred Heart's Got Talent in school
Apr-24 P7 PHS Residential Parent Information Meeting at Penicuik HS (7.00pm)
Apr-25 P6 Bikeability commences (6 weeks - weather dependant)
Apr-25 P3 Reconciliation Service at Sacred Heart Church 7pm (rescheduled from 13 March)
Apr-26 Parent Partnership meeting in school (6.30pm)
Apr-27 P6 Residential to Lockerbie Manor (return 29 April)
- May-02** P4 to Mass at Sacred Heart Church
May-03 P7 to STEM workshop at Edinburgh College
May-03 P4 Residential to Bonaly (return 4 May)
May-04 Coffee and Chat with SMT 9.30am-10.00 - All parents/carers welcome
May-07 MAY DAY - School Closed
May-09 P5/6 to Mass at Sacred Heart Church
May-09 P7 to PHS Residential Camp at Netherurd (return 11 May)
May-10 Whole school to Ascension Mass at Sacred Heart Church 11am
May-10 Soccer 7s (1 team-P6/7 Boys) at Penicuik Astro
May-11 P5/6 Class Assembly
May-12 Penicuik's Got Talent at Penicuik Town Hall
May-13 Family Mass at Sacred Heart Church 11am
May-14 St David's ASG Residential Camp (1 learner - return 18 May)
May-16 P6/7 to Mass at Sacred Heart Church
May-16 P4 Parents meeting for First Communion in Sacred Heart Church
May-18 P4 Class Assembly
May-18 Coffee and Chat with SMT 9.30-10.00 - All parents/carers welcome
May-21 IN-SERVICE DAY - school closed to pupils
May-22 P6 to Maths Challenge at St David's HS
May-23 P3 to Mass at Sacred Heart Church
May-23 P5 Residential to Innerwick (return 25 May)
May-24 Hunter & Lass Installation Ceremony at Penicuik Town Hall 5pm



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Dates for your Diary (cont'd)

May-25	P3 Class Assembly
May-26	Hunter & Lass Penicuik Parade
May-30	P2 to Mass at Sacred Heart Church
Jun-01	P6/7 Class Assembly
Jun-01	Coffee and Chat with SMT 9.30-10.00 – All parents/carers welcome
Jun-03	P4 First Communion at Sacred Heart Church 11am (Feast of Corpus Christie)
Jun-06	P1 to Mass at Sacred Heart Church
Jun-08	Feast of Sacred Heart and P7 Leavers Mass – lead by P2 & P3 in school
Jun-08	Coffee and Chat with SMT 9.30-10.00 – All parents/carers welcome
Jun-10	Family Mass at Sacred Heart Church 11am
Jun-15	P1 Class Assembly
Jun-15	Coffee and Chat with SMT 9.30-10.00 – All parents/carers welcome
Jun-21	P7 Leavers Celebration Day Out
Jun-22	P2 Class Assembly
Jun-29	P7 Leaver's Assembly – lead by P6/7 in school
Jun-29	Sts Peter and Paul Mass in school 11am
Jun-29	School closes for summer (reopen to pupils 20 August)

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