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Newsletter No. 1

A warm welcome back to St Margaret's Primary School after the summer holidays. The pupils tell me that they have had a wonderful break but are ready to come back to school and enjoy the new challenges ahead.

Our **Primary 1** learners have settled into school very well this week. They enjoyed having a chance to try school dinners with their parents this week. Next week they will be with us full time (collection 3.15 Monday- Thursday and 12.25 on a Friday).

Message from the Pupils

Welcome to our first newsletter of this session! Over the past week we have been busy getting to know our new teachers and settling into our new classes.

Next week we will be electing our three P7 House Captains and a Class Rep for P1-P6. This group will work across the school to make improvements and celebrate our successes!

Watch this space for an update soon!

Our Wonderful Team



Mrs Sally May Kirby

*P1/2 Teacher Mondays,
Tuesdays and alternate Fridays*



Mrs Beatriz Tait

*P1/2 Teacher Wednesdays,
Thursdays and alternate Fridays*



Mrs Christina Holloway

P3/4 Class Teacher



Mrs Eimear Davies

P5/6/7 Class Teacher



Father Tad
Parish Priest



Mrs Morag Cairney
Administrative Assistant



Mrs Suzanne Burns
Office Support



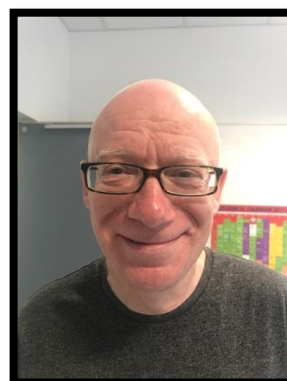
Mrs Denise Masek
Support for
Learning Teacher



Mrs Rebecca Favier
Head Teacher



Ms Cheryl Harper
Cook Supervisor



Mr George Roy
Learning Assistant



Ms Ailsa Duncan
PE Teacher

Hello! I am Emily (Oliver B P3) and I am the Chair of the Parent Council.

We have some exciting events in the pipeline and it would be great to have as many people involved as possible... even the odd hour here and there helps!

Please feel free to email me at anytime, catch me in the playground or check out our facebook page!

*Kind regards, Emily Easton
stmargaretspta@hotmail.com*



The first Parent Council meeting will take place on **Monday, 3rd September at 3.30pm in** the Snug. Please join us if you can. A member of school staff will be available to supervise pupils in the atrium until 4.30pm.

As you know, I will shortly be leaving St Margaret's to take up a new post in Edinburgh. **Mrs Lloyd**, the new acting head teacher, visited us on Wednesday and met the pupils. She is very excited about joining the team here and working with you and your children. I expect Mrs Lloyd to take up the Head Teacher post on Monday, 24th September making my last working day here Friday, 21st September 2018.

It is essential that all pupils bring a PE kit to school. This should include shorts (or leggings), a plain T shirt and **indoor shoes**. Football strips are not permitted.

Miss Tsui has taken up a full time class teacher position at Cornbank Primary School. We wish her well in her new post and thank her for her contribution to our school. We are delighted to welcome Ms Ailsa Duncan to our staff team. **Ms Duncan will teach PE** to all classes on a Friday morning. The teachers will continue to offer another slot of PE throughout the week. Please note that Ms Duncan has some planned absence during September and October.

Please remember to telephone (0131 271 4685) or email (stmargarets_ps@midlothian.gov.uk) the school office if your child is going to be **late/ absent**. This information should be given to the school office rather than the class teacher.

Everyone loves a birthday and we like to hear about how you and your family celebrate. Unfortunately we are unable to **accept any cakes** (whether homemade or shop bought) to give out to pupils. If you would like to bring a treat to school to celebrate your child's special day this must be in an **individual sealed wrapper** (Haribo mini bags or small bars of chocolate work well) and these can be given to pupils at the end of the day for eating at home.

There is much evidence to suggest that **drinking plenty water** throughout the day helps you think! The children are welcome to bring in water (not juice) to school each day to drink in the classroom. Bottles should be taken home at the end of each day.

Would you like to **volunteer with us**? We are looking for parents to help out on trips and educational visits. Would you be prepared to accompany a class (please note this may not be the class your child is in)? Please give your name to the office.

We all have a duty to **protect children**, whether we are professionals or private individuals. If you think a child is being or is at risk of being abused or neglected, speak to:

- the Children's Services duty team by calling 0131 271 6674 (Mon - Thu 9am-5pm and Fri 9am-4pm);
- the Emergency Social Care Service by calling 0800 731 6969 (freephone) at any time outside normal office hours;
- the Police by calling 101 or in an emergency 999;
- a member of staff at the child's school;
- any Health professional.

I am keen to meet with you and will always seek to offer you an appointment quickly. If you would like to **speak with me** about any matter- big or small- please contact the school office on (0131 271 4685) for an appointment.

Rebecca Favier
Head Teacher

Provisional Dates

P1 Welcome Assembly:	Wednesday, 5 th September 9am
School Photographs	Tuesday, 11 th September
Learn Along:	Wednesday 12 th September 3.30-4.00
Parental Consultations:	Wednesday 10 th October 3.30-6.30 Thursday 11 th October 5.30-8.30
All Saints Mass:	Thursday 1 st November (time TBC)
School Feast Day:	Friday 16 th November
Catholic Education Week:	26 th November- 30 th November
P1/2 Nativity	Thursday, 6 th December 9.30am
Christmas Service	Friday 21 st December 9am