



# Sacred Heart Primary School

"Aspire Nurture Learn Achieve"



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Newsletter 1

August 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

What a fantastic start to the school year it has been. All of our children have settled back into the routines and are busy planning their learning for the term ahead. Welcome to our new Primary 1s and the new families who have joined our school this session. We look forward to working with you through your child's school journey.

It was a busy end to last year with both the upper and lower units moving to opposite ends of the school, we are on track for P4, P5/6 and P6/7 to move into the new extension and start in their new classrooms in January 2020!

The children are looking very smart in their school uniforms—thank you for your continued support. A reminder P3-7 should wear a shirt and tie, with a maroon coloured jumper/cardigan. Hoodies and tracksuit bottoms are for P.E only. P7 Leavers hoodies will be going up onto parentpay to order. P7 can wear these from January 2020. Second hand uniform can be found in the school office, it is free to take with no questions asked.

Over the next few weeks there will be lots of information going home with regards to residential for the next two years and class trips over the course of this year. We understand that this can be financially challenging for some, if this is the case please come and speak to myself or Mrs Cran. We are here to support and to ensure all children have the same opportunities.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school office or me if you have any queries

Kind regards,

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Anna Chidgey



## Resilience

This session, we want to help our learners to become more resilient and have identified this as a priority on our school improvement plan.

Pupils will be participating in a range of assemblies and class activities to help to develop resilience in a range of situations.



We will also be sending some home-learning tasks home in schoolbags to help our learners see that resilience is not just something for school, but for all areas of life. We appreciate your support in helping our learners to be the best they can be!

## Class News

### Nursery

Since starting the new term our nursery children have settled back into nursery well and are forming new friendships. They have shown a great interest in mini beasts and insects in our outdoor environment and we will be starting our weekly visits to the woodland area to explore our local community in the following few weeks. We will also be starting Book Bags for anyone who would like to participate. Book Bags are a great way to enjoy listening and reading stories with your children at home. In each Book Bag there contains a selection of 5 books which will be alternated each week to give your child a selection of stories to explore. Please look on our parent board as you enter the nursery for Book Bag starting dates and any other information.

### Primary 1

In Primary 1 we have enjoyed settling into our new learning space and exploring all areas of our classroom. We are particularly enjoying the creative spaces in the classroom and have made some amazing creations. We are also enjoying the construction area and we have seen bridges, race tracks and farm fences to name a few! P1 learners have now been introduced to Fred Frog as part of our Read Write Inc literacy programme and have begun to learn their individual sounds and how to blend them together. In numeracy we have been developing our number recognition to 10 and then to 20 and we will be focusing on ordering and forward and backwards counting, as well as counting items in a collections. In maths we have been looking at shape and data handling and different ways to display data. In health and wellbeing we have been exploring our emotions and how to build positive relationships with our classmates and all school staff. As part of our IDL topic we have started to work with the Primary 2's to look at our local area and the features of our landscape.

### Photo Permissions

You may notice that there is something missing from this newsletter: photos!

Please ensure your photo permissions form has been returned to the school office ASAP so that we can start sharing photographs of all the fantastic things going on in school!



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## Staffing Update

We are lucky to have gained some new members to our Sacred Heart family!

Ms Neilands has joined us as our new P2 teacher and has had a very positive start to the new school session, getting to know the learners and their families.

Miss Zoe Hilferty, Mrs Kirsty Brown, Miss Nicole Murray and Miss Helen Ewart have joined us in the Nursery in preparation for Mrs Owenson's and Mrs McInulty's imminent move to new jobs. We wish them the very best of luck on their new adventures!

### Healthy Lunchboxes

We are trying to encourage healthier food choices at school as we have noticed that a lot of sugary treats and crisps are sneaking their way back in to lunchboxes.

A new school session is a great time to establish new eating routines. See <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life> for some ideas!

## Primary 2

Hello and welcome back to school everyone. I am excited to be teaching P2 this year and I am sure that we will all have a fun and productive year together.

P2 have already settled and have been eager to learn. Our class novel is George's Marvellous Medicine, which links in well with our science topic this term, where we will be exploring the properties of different substances and how they can be changed. This week we started to make and test predictions about solids dissolving in water and had great fun doing so!

In Literacy we will also be using our class novel George's Marvellous Medicine to do some imaginative writing this term and will be focusing on using adjectives in our writing. All learners will also continue with their Read, Write Inc. learning.

In Maths and Numeracy we have been focusing on measurement, addition and subtraction. We have been using sticks and peas in class to create our own 3D shapes and this is something that the children have been enjoying doing so a focus on 3D shapes using the sticks and peas will continue.

We are also very excited to be finding out all about Penicuik this term and plan to investigate our immediate environment and then investigate further afield and are planning to take a trip to Penicuik House with P3.

## Primary 3

It was lovely to welcome Primary 3 back after the summer break. I hope everybody is well rested and ready for another fantastic year.

We started off the term by doing some scientific experiments. We investigated which solids dissolve in hot and cold water. We tested salt, sugar, coffee, chalk and sand. Everybody loved mixing the various ingredients to see if they would dissolve. Next we are going to learn how water can take the form of a 'solid', 'liquid' and 'gas'.

For our IDL Topic we are going to learn about the local area. We will learn all about the landmarks in and around Penicuik. We are going to create a 3d model of Penicuik and film a mini 'Visitors Guide to Penicuik' video. The plan is to visit landmarks around Penicuik and spending a morning at Penicuik House to help pupils with the 3d model building.

In Numeracy and Mathematics we are going to be learning about measurement, number, addition and subtraction. We plan on linking our measurement topic with the building that is going on in the playground.

In literacy we are going to be doing some imaginative writing with a large focus on using adjectives to add more description to our stories. This term our class novel is 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'. The pupils have enjoyed hearing the story so far.

Wednesdays are going to be very busy this term as we have PE and swimming so remember to bring the required clothing etc.

**SCHOOL  
UNIFORMS**

The children look fantastic in their school uniform, thank you for your continued support. A wee reminder that school uniform is to be worn Monday-Friday. House hoodies and t-shirts are for P.E and sports events only.



All the pre-loved uniform from last year that was not claimed has been washed and is now hanging in the office reception. If you are in need of uniform please take a look. All pre loved uniform is free to a good home.

## Primary 4

Firstly we would like to welcome you all back to school. The children have coped so well with the change of classroom – and the change of teacher mid week. Already, all of the P4's seem so settled and ready to learn.

This term we shall be looking at 'The World – And Our Place Within It'. This will include learning about the continents and climate zones. The children are looking forward to discovering more about the different countries and how we differ culturally. We already have a fun trip organised for early September (no spoilers) and we are planning on trying out some exciting recipes, in Food Technology, to experience different foodstuffs.

In Science we shall be learning all about 'Our Senses'. We have booked a workshop through the Midlothian Science Festival on this subject. We are excited to find out what kind of experiments these scientists will have up their sleeves!!!!

Our Wednesdays are super active this term as we have both PE and Swimming. As the days become cooler, it may be a good idea to provide your child – if they have long hair - with a swim cap to keep their hair dryer. Please ensure that your child has a full PE kit in school on this day.

Please feel free to contact either teacher if you have any queries or concerns.

## Primary 5/6

It has been lovely to be back working alongside Primary 5/6 this week. We have grasped the opportunity to get to know each other and make the classroom environment our own. Together we have started to create our classroom charter in order to develop a positive classroom ethos. Getting to know the children is essential to build a positive relationship and allow the learning to be differentiated appropriately in order to best meet their needs.

This year we will be following the Language and Literacy programme and using extra, relevant resources to further concepts within this. Primary 6s from my class will be working alongside those in the 6/7 class with Mr.Hutchinson. Primary 5s will be reading stories and folktales whilst focusing on non-chronological reports, biographies and autobiographies. In maths this term, we will be focusing on place value and number along with continue to practice multiplication and division through Times Tables Rock Stars. The children will also be learning about their rights and responsibilities through Health and Wellbeing this term. Primary 5/6 and 6/7 will be working together as part of their interdisciplinary learning as they learn about essential skills in starting and running a business through an enterprise context. As part of this learning the Primary 5/6 class will be going on a trip to the Museum on the Mound, on Monday 9th September, to learn about money in more depth.

It has been a pleasure reuniting with my previous Primary 4 class and welcoming the new Primary 6s this week. I look forward to working with all of them in the forthcoming year.

### Breakfast Club

Don't forget pupils are welcome to join us for breakfast club every day from 8am.

We offer a selection of fruit, yoghurts, cereal and toast.

Cost: £1 per session



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## Primary 6/7

P6/7 have enjoyed our first week back at school, getting used to the early mornings again! The first week was spent getting to know each other and we are now ready to jump in with our learning. For literacy we will be reading alternative fairy tales and traditional tales, using what we learn to create our own stories. For non-fiction texts we will be writing a biography of a famous author. In numeracy we will be looking at money as part of our IDL topic looking at the world of work. P5-7 will be working together in teams for an enterprise project that will run over the whole of the year. More details to follow on that. On the 2nd September we visited the museum on the mound to find out more about money and how to keep our money safe. It was a really interesting day—we even got to see a million pounds! For science and art we will be investigating light and we are looking forward to a visit from the Midlothian science festival with a workshop about light. Just a reminder that PE days are on a Wednesday and a Thursday, so please remember to send kit in for your child for Wednesday. This promises to be a busy term with all the learning planned, as well as house captain campaigns for the Primary 7s.

### Denominational Review

Thank you to all of you who came along to the meeting about the Denominational Review.

If you were unable to attend the meetings, please follow the link below for information:

[https://www.midlothian.gov.uk/directory\\_record/36919555/informal\\_pre-consultation\\_on\\_denominational\\_education/category/182/current\\_consultations](https://www.midlothian.gov.uk/directory_record/36919555/informal_pre-consultation_on_denominational_education/category/182/current_consultations)

Information will follow from Bill Stephen on the next steps in the process. Bill Stephen  
William.Stephen@midlothian.gov.uk welcomes your views and questions as part of this denominational review.

### Parent Partnership

We greatly value everything our parents and carers do to help make our school even better.

We would love more of you to join our Parent Partnership and get involved!

Our next meeting is 23rd October at 6pm. We are looking for representatives from every class to ensure that all stages are represented.

Please let the office know if you'd like to be part of our Parent Partnership team.

Parent/Carers are invited to come along to our Coffee & Chat sessions which will be held on the last Friday of each month from 9.30-10.30am. Please note that due to the MacMillan Coffee Morning on 27th September, our first coffee & chat will be 25th October 2019



## Dates for your Diary

August 2019

- Sept-16** School Closed—September holiday
- Sept-17** In-Service Day—school closed to pupils
- Sept-18** P4 Swimming (13wk block 21 Aug-27 Nov)
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- Sept-23-27** Bike to School Week
- Sept-23** P1 Midlothian Advertiser Photograph
- Sept-23** Active Schools – Badminton (3.30-4.30pm 9 Sept–7 Oct) *See Active Schools booklet for details*
- Sept-24** Active Schools – KIC Dance (3.25-4.15pm 10 Sept – 8 Oct)
- Sept-24** St David’s HS Parent Information Open Evening (P6 and P7 families)
- Sept-27** Macmillan Coffee Morning—11.00am in school—all welcome
- Sept-30** School Photographer—Individual & Sibling Photographs (school/nursery pupils)
- Sept-30-Oct-4** Maths Week
- Oct-01** P3 Reconciliation Parents Information Meeting 7.00pm St Margaret’s Church
- Oct-03** Rag Bag Collection
- Oct-05 -19** Midlothian Science Festival
- Oct-09** P3 & P4 Science Workshops
- Oct-13** Family Mass at Sacred Heart Church (11.00am) *Held every second Sunday of the month*
- Oct-14-18** OCTOBER HOLIDAY – School closed
- Oct-21&22** In-Service Days – school closed to pupils
- Oct-23** Pupils return to school (8.00am Breakfast Club; 8.50am school starts)
- Oct-23** Parent Partnership Meeting 6.00pm in school - all welcome
- Oct-25** Coffee & Chat in school (9.30-10.30am)
- Oct-27** P3 Mass—Rite Presentation of the Signing of the Cross 11am in SH Church
- Oct-28 -30** P7 Class Residential to Innerwick *provisional*
- Oct-31** Parent Partnership Halloween Disco in school - Nurs -P3: 3.30-5pm / P4-P7: 5-7pm
- Nov-01** Whole school to All Saints Mass 11am in SH Church
- Nov-04** P7 to Risk Factory
- Nov-10** Family Mass at Sacred Heart Church (11.00am)
- Nov-12** P4 First Holy Communion Parents Information Meeting 7pm in St Margaret’s Church
- Nov-14** P3 Sacramental Parents Meeting for Reconciliation (7pm in SH Church)
- Nov-15** Children in Need
- Nov-17** P4 Mass: Rite of Presentation of the Gospels 11am in SH Church
- Nov-18-22** UK Road Safety Week 2019
- Nov-20** Flu Vaccination Programme in school for pupils
- Nov-30** Christmas Fayre organised by Parent Partnership in school (10.00am-12.30pm)

**Dates for your Diary cont'd**

<b>Dec-05</b>	Carols by Candlelight (P3-P7 pupils)
Dec-08	Family Mass at Sacred Heart Church (11.00am)
Dec-12	Whole school to Goldilocks Panto at Kings Theatre (late return 5.15pm approx)
Dec-16-20	Carol singing around the community
Dec-17	Nativity in school (1.30pm)
Dec-17	Nativity in school (6.00pm)
Dec-18	School Christmas Lunch
Dec-19	Christmas Party
Dec-20	End of Term – school closes 12.25pm – pupils return Tuesday 7 January 2019

**2020**

<b>Jan-06</b>	InService Day – school closed to pupils
Jan-07	Pupils return to school (8.00am Breakfast Club; 8.50am school starts)
Jan-12	Family Mass at Sacred Heart Church (11.00am)
Jan-26	P4 Mass: Rite of Presentation of the Creed (11.00am SH Church)
Jan-29	Whole school trip to Lion King, Edinburgh Playhouse (late return 6.00pm approx.)
<b>Feb-04</b>	P3 Reconciliation Parents Meeting 7.00pm in <u>St Margaret's Church</u>
Feb-06	Penicuik Rotary Primary School Quiz, Penicuik HS
Feb-09	Family Mass at Sacred Heart Church (11.00am)
Feb-10-14	February Break – school closed
Feb-17	School reopens (8.00am Breakfast Club; 8.50am school starts)
Feb-18	P4 First Holy Communion Parents Meeting in <u>St Margaret's Church</u>
Feb-23	P3 Mass: Rite Presentation of Illumination 11.00am SH Church
Feb-25	Scholastic Book Fair (until 3 March)
Feb-26	Whole school to Ash Wednesday Mass at Sacred Heart Church (11am)
Feb-27	Parents Consultations (3.30-8.30pm)
<b>Mar-08</b>	Family Mass at Sacred Heart Church (11.00am)
Mar-11	P5/6 Swimming (13wk block 11 Mar-24 June)
Mar-11	P6/7 Swimming (13wk block 11 Mar-24 June)
Mar-15	P4 Mass: Rite of Presentation of the Our Father 11am SH Church
Mar-18	P3 Reconciliation Rehearsal 10.30am <u>St Margaret's Church</u>
Mar-18	Ski Programme (6wk block 18Mar-6 May)
Mar-21	Stations of the Cross – Mass in school (11am)
Mar-26	P3 Reconciliation Service 7pm <u>St Margaret's Church</u>
<b>Apr-06-17</b>	Easter Holiday – school closed to pupils
Apr-12	Family Mass at Sacred Heart Church (11.00am)
Apr-20	Pupils return to school (8.00am Breakfast Club; 8.50am school starts)
Apr-28	P2 Day Camp—Bonaly
Apr-29	P4 Class Residential—Bonaly (return 1 May)

**Dates for your Diary cont'd****2020**

<b>May-07</b>	Sacred Hearts Got Talent
May-08	May Day Holiday – school closed
May-10	Family Mass at Sacred Heart Church (11.00am)
May-11-15	Walk to School Week including Inter School Walk
May-13-15	P7 ASG Residential—Netherurd
May-13	P1 Induction 1
May-14-15	P3 Class Residential - Innerwick
May-18	InService Day – school closed to pupils
May-20	Scholastic Book Fair (until 27 May)
May-21	Whole School to Feast of the Ascension Mass (11.00am SH Church)
May-21	P1 Induction 2
May-21	Parent Consultations (3.30-8.30pm)
May-26	P4 FHC Rehearsal (10.30am <u>St Margaret's Church</u> )
May-27	Sports Day (back up 17 June)
May-28	P1 Induction 3
May-31	P4 First Holy Communion 9.30am <u>St Margaret's Church</u>
<b>Jun-02</b>	P5-P7 Show
Jun-03	P4 to Mass followed by Eucharistic Adoration 9.30am SH Church
Jun-03	P5-P7 Show
Jun-04	P1 Induction 4
Jun-08	Bike to School Week
Jun-08-12	P5 & P6 Class Residential—Benmore
Jun-10-12	P7 Transition Days to High School
Jun-11	P1 Induction 5
Jun-17	Sports Day—back up
Jun-19	Whole school to Feast of Sacred Heart Mass (9.30am SH Church)
Jun-24	Leavers Mass in school (11.00am)
Jun-26	P7 Leavers Assembly 9.30am
Jun-28	School closes for summer (reopen to pupils 19 August)

All dates and times are subject to change.