



Sacred Heart Primary School

"Aspire Nurture Learn Achieve"



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Newsletter 4

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Congratulations to all our children on the success of the beautiful Carols by Candlelight. Good luck to Primary 1 and Primary 2 for their Nativity tomorrow night!

The children have represented Sacred Heart around the wider community singing carols and Christmas songs to spread the Christmas cheer! Lots of the public

have complimented the children on their behaviour and manners—well done!

Thank you to the Parent Partnership and Parent body for a very successful Christmas Fayre. It certainly got everybody in the festive spirit!

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to the fantastic staff team who put in lots of hours behind the scenes, to all our parents who support and work with the school, to members of the community who help to enrich the learning of our children every day and of course, to all our children, for just being you!

Thank You!

On behalf of the Sacred Heart family, I wish you all a lovely Christmas, filled with peace, hope and joy!

And also a Very Happy New Year!

Roll on 2020 in our new school building!

Kind regards,
Anna Chidgey
Head Teacher



Class Masses

All classes will be going to mass more regularly this session and leading readings and hymns at the church.

Parents are invited to join us for any of these masses.

Mass will begin at 9.30am

Dates from January are as follows:

17/1—Primary 1

24/1—Primary 5/6

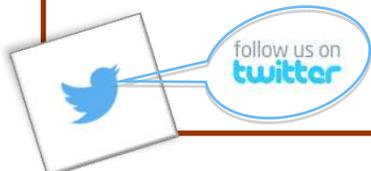
31/1—Primary 6/7

7/2—Primary 1

26/2—All classes

6/3—Primary 3

13/3—Primary 2



Class News



Nursery

We are holding our Christmas Sing-along on Tuesday 17th December. Please note that the day has changed to allow all staff members to be present and enjoy



Christmas with the children. Thank you to everyone who attended our Christmas Fayre. Our nursery children were very enthusiastic and engaged in creating their mugs. On Wednesday the 18th December we will be having a cosy day in nursery for the last day of the end of term. Children will be able to come in their PJ's/ comfy clothes, enjoy some hot chocolate, Christmas songs and Christmas stories. I would like to remind everyone to please bring a spare change of clothes for your child/ children in their bags including socks. We would appreciate it if anyone has borrowed spare clothes from the nursery would they be able to return them to nursery. If anybody has clothes your child/ children have outgrown we would be grateful if you could bring them so we could make use of them. We look forward to seeing any parents/carers on Tuesday 17th December at our Christmas Sing-along. Please do not hesitate to ask staff member for any further details.



Staffing Update

We are delighted to announce that we will welcome Ms Eleanor Hutchinson as our new Primary 1 teacher from 6th January. Ms Mary Hadwen will also join our support team as a Learning Assistant, also beginning in January 2020.

Our new Caretaker, Mr Liam Henderson has already become a valued member of our staff team.

Sadly, Mrs Buxton has secured a permanent post elsewhere and will not be returning to Sacred Heart after the Christmas holidays. We wish her all the best in her new job. PE will continue to be taught by class teachers until further notice.

Primary 1

Primary one have been showing fantastic progress in their learning over the last month. They were really engaged in their novel study in particular and loved hearing about what Plop got up to on a daily basis! Alongside that, they have continued to develop their sound knowledge and are really trying to apply their sounds to their reading and writing now.

In numeracy, P1 are continuing to learn about numbers to 20 and have been talking about the number before and after, counting forwards and backwards and ordering numbers. They have also been learning more about doubling numbers and are learning to tell the time using 'o'clock' and 'half past'.

All learners have been applying themselves wonderfully during Nativity practice and are excited to present their learning to an audience very soon! They have been busy learning all their words and songs, as well as some entertaining actions to go alongside these. If you're planning on coming to see it on the 17th December, you're in for a treat!

Primary 1 are very excited to welcome their new teacher, Ms Hutchinson, to their class and school in January and are really looking forward to working with her and learning from her!



Primary 2

P2 have been very busy along with P1 these last few weeks, practising for our Nativity. We all look forward to performing for all very soon!



This month in school we had a visit from the SSPCA who helped us to understand how important it is to look after animals and made us



realise that having a pet is a big responsibility and not a decision that should be made quickly. We decided



afterwards that we would like to feed the birds that visit our school garden. We plan to make our own bird feeders in the New Year.

Primary 2 have been to Mass this month, where some of us said Bidding Prayers. We also had the most wonderful opportunity along with the rest of the school to go on a site visit to our school extension. We were all very excited and had lots of questions to ask Tom, the Site Manager.



Primary 3

It's December already and we are closing in on the Christmas holidays! In Literacy we completed our novel study based on the book, 'Voices in the Park'. Most recently, we have been writing out the 5th voice of the story based on the Park Ranger. We have learned to use storyboards to help us plan our story effectively. We look forward to sharing our 5th voice once we have completed them.

In Numeracy we have been focusing on addition and subtraction. We have been using the 'Jump Strategy' to help us solve addition and subtraction problems mentally. As this is a mental strategy it is important that we practice using it all the time. We have been designing a Snakes and Ladders board game to help us practice using the strategy. We have also begun to use the more formal 'Column Method' to help us answer solve addition and subtraction problems. Once we have mastered this we will then move on to Money in the New Year.

As the terms ends we look forward to taking part in lots of festive activities. We took part in the Carols by Candlelight concert for the first time and did a fantastic job. We enjoyed singing and performing our version of Brenda Lee's 'Rockin around the Christmas tree'. We are



going to be going to Heinsberg House on 17th December to perform some classic Christmas carols and



SCHOOL UNIFORMS

A wee reminder that school uniform must be worn Monday-Friday. House hoodies and t-shirts are for P.E and sports events only.



If you are in need of uniform please take a look at the free uniform bank outside the school office. This is filled with lots of pre loved (and some new!) uniform is washed and ready to go to a good home.

Macmillan Coffee

Morning

Many thanks to all those who supported our Coffee Morning in support of Macmillan Cancer Research.

We raised a whopping £486.02!

A extra special thank you to all the parents who helped make it happen!

Primary 4

Primary 4 thoroughly enjoyed our visit from the SSPCA. We learned about looking after animals and the valuable contribution the SSPCA make. A question and answer quiz helped the children further their knowledge of animal facts and they enjoyed testing their teachers on what they had discovered!



They also had the opportunity to make a rabbit robot and programme it to move and perform simple tricks. This was an experience enjoyed by all. As we move further into the festive period, the children are participating in Advent preparations, singing carols around the community and our wonderful Carols by Candlelight concert in the church. Many thanks to all those who came along to support this; it is always a sure way to get the community in to the festive spirit and the children look forward to the opportunity to give something back to a community that does so much for us!



Primary 5/6



After an enjoyable class novel, Primary 5/6 is back to Literacy and Language this month. We have been looking at folktale features and it's great to hear the children's enthusiasm as they make reference to the folktales that they're familiar with. They have been identifying folktale features in numerous stories, creating their own setting descriptions and retelling a familiar story in their own words. Before the end of term they will be using their knowledge to plan and write their own story. In maths, Primary 5/6 has been learning about time and will be continuing this until the end of term. They have been learning to record time in various ways including: in words, digital 12 hour and digital 24 hour. They've also had the opportunity to buddy up with Primary 1, who have also been



focusing on time, and share their time games. In the next couple of weeks they will be focusing on durations and interpreting timetables. After a successful enterprise fair, Primary 5/6 have been reflecting on their learning and calculating their profits. They also planned and presented an excellent assembly based on their experiences of their Enterprise project on Friday 13th December.



Primary 6/7

November was a busy month in Primary 6/7 with singing practice to prepare for the Carols by Candlelight Concert, preparing for our enterprise event and visiting Findlay Irvine. On top of that we have been working hard on fractions in numeracy and we have started looking at non-chronological texts in literacy.



The P5/6/7 enterprise event was very successful, which is a reflection on all the hard work the children put into their respective companies. The children are keen to share what they have achieved so we will be having an assembly on Friday 13th December and we would love to see parents and family there.



We had a lovely morning visiting Findlay Irvine on Friday 29th November, learning all about their history and what they do as well as getting a tour around the site. We got to see circuit boards being assembled and learn how they are used, we also saw a 3d printer in action and the big metal-working machines etching a design into a metal plaque.

December kicked off with the Carols by Candlelight concert which was enjoyed by all who attended. There will be more singing to come for P5/6/7 with a trip to Tesco in Penicuik on the 17th December from 10.30am. On top of that we will be working hard on numeracy and literacy up until the holidays.



P6/7 and Mr Hutchinson would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a peaceful and prosperous new year.

Christmas Festivities

The Christmas term is always a busy one here at Sacred Heart. Please see the dates detailed below for any events that may affect your child/ren

Nativity:
17/12—1.30pm & 6pm in school hall

Carol Singing in the Local Community—
Parent Volunteers welcome:
16/12 - P2 - Navaar House Hotel—Monday Club
17/12 - P5/6/7 - Tesco
17/12 - P3 - Heinsberg House

Christmas Gifts



Staff at Sacred Heart are always so grateful for all the kind gifts that our pupils and families give at Christmas time, however we understand that this is an added expense at what is already an expensive time of year. This year, instead of gifts, we encourage small donations to local food banks, which we know will be greatly appreciated.

St Vincent de Paul run a very successful food bank in Sacred Heart Church on Thursdays and we are confident that your donations would go a long way there.



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. Our next coffee & chat will be on 31 January 2020



Dates for your Diary

December 2019

2019

- Dec-05 Carols by Candlelight (P3-P7 pupils)
- Dec-06 Primary 2 to Mass at Sacred Heart Church 9.30am Service
- Dec-08 Family Mass at Sacred Heart Church (11.00am) *Held every second Sunday of the month*
- Dec-10 Nursery & P1 Carol Singing at Broomhill Care Centre (pm)
- Dec-12 P4 Carol Singing at Baldwin Court (am)
- Dec-12 Whole school to Goldilocks Panto at Kings Theatre (late return 5.15pm approx)
- Dec-16 P2 Carol Singing at Navaar House Hotel—Monday Club (pm)
- Dec-17 P5/6/7 Carol Singing at Tesco (am)
- Dec-17 P3 Carol Singing at Heinsberg House (pm)
- Dec-17 P1-P2 Nativity in school (1.30pm)
- Dec-17 P1-P2 Nativity in school (6.00pm)
- Dec-17 Christmas Sing-along in nursery—AM / PM sessions
- Dec-18 School Christmas Lunch & Parties
- Dec-18 School closes 3.15pm
- Dec-19-20 Exceptional School Closure– school closed to pupils

2020

- Jan-06 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-17 Primary 1 to Mass at Sacred Heart Church 9.30am Service
- Jan-24 P1 Assembly
- Jan-24 Primary 5/6 to Mass at Sacred Heart Church 9.30am Service
- 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.)
- Jan-31 P2 Assembly
- Jan-31 Primary 6/7 to Mass at Sacred Heart Church 9.30am Service
- Jan-31 Coffee & Chat in school (9.30-10.30am)



2020

- Feb-04** P3 Reconciliation Parents Meeting 7.00pm in St Margaret's Church
Feb-06 Penicuik Rotary Primary School Quiz, Penicuik HS
Feb-07 Primary 1 to Mass at Sacred Heart Church 9.30am Service
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 St Margaret's Church
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)
Feb-28 P4 Assembly
Feb-28 Coffee & Chat in school (9.30-10.30am)
- Mar-06** Primary 3 to Mass at Sacred Heart Church 9.30am Service
Mar-08 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-13 Primary 2 to Mass at Sacred Heart Church 9.30am Service
Mar-15 P4 Mass: Rite of Presentation of the Our Father 11am SH Church
Mar-18 P3 Reconciliation Rehearsal 10.30am St Margaret's Church
Mar-18 Ski Programme (6wk block 18Mar-6 May)
Mar-19 Whole school to Stations of the Cross Mass – Sacred Heart Church (11am)
Mar-20 P6/7 Assembly
Mar-24 P3 & P4 Easter Show in school (6pm)
Mar-25 P3 & P4 Easter Show in school (6pm)
Mar-26 P3 Reconciliation Service 7pm St Margaret's Church
- Apr-02** School closes 3,15pm
Apr-03 Exceptional School Closure - school closed to pupils
Apr-06-17 Easter Holiday – school closed to pupils
Apr-12 Family Mass at Sacred Heart Church (11.00am)
Apr-20 Exceptional School Closure - school closed to pupils
Apr-21 Pupils return to school (8.00am Breakfast Club; 8.50am school starts)
Apr-24 Coffee & Chat in school (9.30-10.30am)
Apr-28 P2 Day Camp - Bonaly
Apr-29 P4 Class Residential - Bonaly (return 1 May)



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May-01	P5/6 Assembly
May-07	Sacred Heart's Got Talent 1.30pm
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 PHS ASG Residential—Netherurd
May-13	P1 Induction 1 (2.00-3.00pm)
May-14-15	P3 Class Residential - Innerwick
May-15	P2 Assembly
May-18	InService Day – school closed to pupils
May-20	Scholastic Book Fair (until 27 May)
May-20	Whole School to Feast of the Ascension Mass (11.00am SH Church)
May-21	P1 Induction 2 (9.30-11.00am)
May-21	Parent Consultations (3.30-8.30pm)
May-22	P3 Assembly
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 (1.30-3.00pm)
May-31	P4 First Holy Communion 9.30am <u>St Margaret's Church</u>
Jun-02	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 (10.00am-2.00pm)
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-26	School closes for summer (reopen to pupils 19 August)

All dates and times are subject to change.

