



Sacred Heart Primary School

“Aspire Nurture Learn Achieve”



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year to all our families! We welcome Miss Hutchison, Class Teacher, into Primary 1 and Mrs Hadwen, Learning Assistant to our team. The children have got off to a fantastic start and we are excited to see what 2020 brings!

We are on the final countdown to the extension being complete and moving onto Phase 2 of the build. The flooring, ICT, electrics and painting are due to be finished over the next few weeks. We are hoping to move the children into the extension by the end of January! Once the children are in and settled we will, of course, have an open morning for parents/carers to come and have a look around.

Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered their time to support the school in a variety of ways. We will be in touch very soon.

As always, if you have any queries, questions or ideas please do not hesitate to get in touch!

Kind regards,
Anna Chidgey

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. If you can support classes walking to/from the church, please let the school office know as soon as possible.

Mass will begin at 9.30am

Dates from January are as follows:

17/1—Primary 1

24/1—Primary 5/6

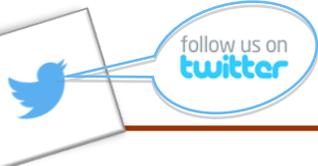
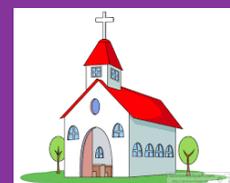
31/1—Primary 6/7

7/2—Primary 1

26/2—All classes

6/3—Primary 3

13/3—Primary 2



Class News

Nursery

We would like to welcome everyone back after returning from the Christmas holidays. We are now settled into our 'new classroom', which the children have responded positively to. Currently we still have access to our 'old classroom' and are continuing to use this area for snack, gather times and games. Drop offs and collections are as normal in our 'old classroom' via the garden and we will inform you prior to this changing in the near future. We would like to remind parents/ carers that drop off times are between 8.30am-8.50am for morning sessions and 12.30pm- 12.50pm for afternoon sessions. Collection times are between 11.15am-11.35am for our morning sessions and 3.15pm-3.35pm for our afternoon sessions. If for any reason this is not possible we would appreciate it if you could contact the school and drop/ collect your child via the main reception/office. Book bags commenced once again on Monday 13th January and as usual, we ask for them to be returned on the Friday of each



week. We are very excited to be given the opportunity to go with the school to experience the Lion King at the Playhouse on Wednesday 29th January. Thank you to those of you who have returned your permission slips already; if you haven't returned yours yet, please do so as soon as possible so we can allocate tickets!



Parent Volunteers

Many thanks to those of you who have returned your volunteer slips—we are very excited to see that so many of you are interested!

We will be in touch in due course to confirm some dates/times/activities with you.

If you feel you have any specific skills or interests that you might like to



Primary 1

Welcome back and happy new year! Sacred Heart and primary one have made me feel very welcome so far and I am looking forward to lots of learning and fun in the future. It has been a great start to the year and hope it continues for the rest of the term.

Since we have returned we have been continuing to learn new sounds and are using 'Fred Talk' to sound these out and blend them. We are trying to use sounds to write down words and there are plenty of opportunities to do this in class. In writing lessons we draw pictures with as many careful details as possible and attempt to write about what is going on! In numeracy we have been doing lots of counting especially practicing backwards from 20. We have been using counters, blocks and dice to see different dot patterns and playing games in pairs to help our learning. We have been using counters and arranging them into neat rows and columns of ten and been talking about sharing between two. Next, we will be beginning to count up and down from 30 and learning about doubles.

For topic this term we are looking at Scotland as we prepare for our very special P1 assembly in a couple of weeks. We have painted a map of Scotland and we will be labelling places we know and learning some new places. In the next few weeks we will be reading lots of books with tell us about Scotland such as Hamish McHaggis, The Gruffalo in Scots and more. The children are welcome to bring in anything they would like to share related to Scotland.



Primary 2

Hello everyone and welcome back to a new term and 2020!

The children have all settled well and have been very busy since these past two weeks.



We have been listening to Hamish McHaggis stories and through these we will be able to label the cities that Hamish visits on a map of Scotland. Name some traditional foods and find out where they come from. Help prepare and take part in a Scottish picnic with Hamish where we will have the opportunity to taste some Scottish foods.

Literacy and Language

The children will be listening to some Scots words and their definitions. Listen to Burns' poems and other Scottish poetry. Be able to perform a Scots rhyme as part of a group. We have already visited the library where we looked for and chose a range of non-fiction texts to bring back to the class so that we can use these in order to learn about Scotland



Through our topic we will also be making a leaflet about Scotland which can be used in our class Tourist Board shop. We will also be writing instructions about how to make a Scottish picnic. Our RWI programme will continue as well as reading in class every day.



Numeracy and Maths

Through our Scottish foods we will survey a different class to find out what their favourite Scottish food is. Use tally marks to record our findings and then create a simple bar chart to display our results. We will also be using money in our Tourist Information shop.

We are continuing to use the classroom clock to read the times throughout our day as well as use the digital time game on the Topmarks website.



Primary 3

It's 2020! We hope everybody had an amazing Christmas and a Happy New Year!

In Literacy we are continuing with Read Write Phonics and a small group has recently started Read Write Ink Language and Literacy. We are still learning the Frys Common Words and an updated list of the words your pupils need to learn will be sent out with Homework next week. Please remember that it is important to practice these words at home weekly.

In Numeracy we have been focusing on Money. We are going to be learning to Identify all coins and notes, find the total of money and give change and learn how to solve worded money problems. We are also going to begin to learn basic multiplication and division. The pupils are eager to begin using Times Table Rockstars.

For our IDL Topic we are going to be learning about Scotland, Scottish Food and Farming. During the Scotland portion of our IDL topic we discussed 4 questions that we would like to answer throughout our learning, they are:-

- What are some facts about Scotland?
- What happened in Scotland in the past?
- What famous places/buildings are in Scotland?
- Who are the famous Scottish people?

During the Scottish food and farming section of our IDL topic we decided that we would talk about some of the things that we like to eat, find out what foods are produced in Scotland and follow the journey that food makes from 'farm to fork'; We are going to be linking our IDL Topic with Literacy and producing a leaflet about Scotland which can be used by a Tourist Information board, a fact file about Scotland or a significant Scottish landmark, a newspaper report about Loch Ness Monster sighting and write instructions detailing how to catch a Haggis. We are also planning on visiting some historic Scottish landmarks too!

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

Please ensure your child wears the correct school uniform to school at all times. We have noticed some hoodies and other jumpers sneaking in and we have put a lot of effort in to improving our school uniform over the last couple of years and want this to continue.



There is still lots of pre-loved uniform looking for a new home. This can be found outside the main school office and is free to anybody who would like

Primary 4

Welcome back to Primary 4 and happy new year.

The coming term promises to be very busy as Primary 4 combine their ongoing learning with our Easter show. The children are very excited about performing The Peace Child for you at the end of the term -auditions for this will be held soon so watch this space.

In class we shall be studying Mary Queen of Scots and are looking forward to a trip to Holyrood Palace where we shall learn more about her life. The children will get the opportunity to gain greater insight into how lives were different in these times and compare / contrast with how we live now.

In Numeracy we are continuing to develop our calculation skills and shall be looking at fractions. The class's ability to recall times tables facts is developing well due to their ongoing use of Times Tables Rock Stars and regular practise at home. Their knowledge of their tables will be very useful when we cover our fractions unit so please keep up the good work.

In Literacy we shall be continuing on with the RWI Language programme and the children have weekly individualised spellings - which are written in to their homework diaries. Thanks you for your support with the daily reading cards - this has had a big impact upon the children's ability to read for understanding.

We shall again be inviting parents in to hear the children give a brief presentation to the class. Information on this will be given out soon. It was lovely to see so many of you at the presentations last time and we hope that even more people will be able to attend this time.

Primary 5/6

Primary 5/6 has a busy and exciting term ahead. They will be doing a mini topic on world culture and religion where they will particularly learn about India and Hinduism in comparison to Scotland and Catholicism. Primary 6s will continue to go to P6/7 for Literacy where they will be learning about and writing newspaper articles. They will also be focusing on reading comprehension. Primary 5s will continue with the Language and Literacy programme where they will be learning about and writing a dilemma story and an information text.



All children will continue to build on their spelling, grammar, handwriting and reading skills too. In maths, P5-7 will be doing learning across the classes with a focus of shape this month. They will be learning about 2D and 3D shapes properties, categorising shapes, tiling and building and drawing net shapes. P.E days have now changed to Mondays and Fridays so it'd be great if the children could remember their kit on these days. This block we will be focusing on athletics.

Space2Be

We are introducing a 'Space2Be' for our learners. This will be a space that they can go to at a prearranged time if they wish to speak with their trusted adult about something. Our learners have been creating logos for our Space2Be and we've had some really great entries.

Watch this space for the big logo reveal!

Primary 6/7



Happy New Year from primary 6/7, we hope you all had a lovely holiday! The term leading up to Christmas was a busy time for us with a trip out to Findlay Irvine, Carols by Candlelight as well as working hard on literacy and numeracy. The children deserved their holiday after all the hard work they put in. It is now a new year and a new term with lots planned. We will be covering two topics over the coming term; India and World War 2. We have started with India and the children are already engaged with their learning and excited to find out more. In numeracy we will be looking at shape, angles, symmetry and direction alongside Primary 5/6 and in literacy we are currently working on reading comprehension followed by writing a news report. In PE we will be covering athletics until February. PE days are on a Wednesday and Thursday, please remind your children to remember their kit on these days. It has been a busy start to the year and we are looking forward to all the learning we will be doing.



Parent Partnership Meeting

Our next Parent Partnership meeting will take place in school on **Tuesday 28th January at 6.30pm.**

All are welcome (and encouraged to attend!)



School Camps

Watch out for your child's camp letter this term. Camp dates are as follows:

P2: 28 April (Bonaly)

P3: 14-15 May (Innerwick)

P4: 29 April – 1 May (Bonaly)

P5/6: 8-12 June (Benmore)

P7: 13-15 May (Netherurd)



We want your feedback!

We love sharing all the amazing things that our pupils are learning and all the exciting opportunities they have over the school session. We try really hard to keep you informed through the school newsletter, texts, letters, seesaw, chill & chat and parents evenings but would love to hear your ideas on how we can do MORE! If you have any ideas, please let us know!

Similarly, if you have any queries or concerns about anything to do with our school or your child, please don't hesitate to get in touch. We are always happy to support our parents and carers in any way possible!



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 take place on 31st January.



Dates for your Diary

January 2020

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- 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-21 P7 and P6 to Sportshall Athletics, Ladywood Leisure Centre (team of 20 pupils)
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)
- 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 P4 visit to Edinburgh and Holyrood Palace
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)

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- 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 St Margaret's Church)
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 St Margaret's Church
- 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.