



Sacred Heart Primary School

"Aspire Nurture Learn Achieve"



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Dear Parents/Carers,

As you are all aware we are currently in a period of uncertainty regarding Covid-19. As a school we are ensuring children wash their hands when they enter and leave school, before and after breaks, before eating and after using the toilet. We are aware that this is causing skin irritation for some children, please know that they can bring in and use a labelled hand moisturizer to help with this. We would like to remind you about the current self-isolation guidance which is to stay at home for 14 days if your child develops a high fever or a new persistent cough. Please phone the school office so this can be recorded.

Communication will continue to be issued as the situation evolves and further Scottish Government guidance is updated. It is really important that we work together as a school and local community to keep everyone safe. Health Protection Scotland and NHS Inform have important information and guidance that is continuously updated as the situation develops. These can be found here: <https://www.hps.scot.nhs.uk/a-to-z-of-topics/covid-19/> and here: <https://www.nhsinform.scot/illnesses-and-conditions/infections-and-poisoning/coronavirus-covid-19>.

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 are as follows:

~~19/3—Stations of the Cross—~~
CANCELLED

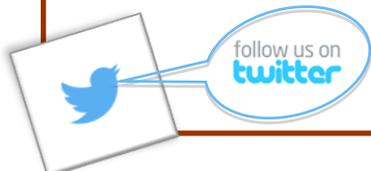
~~27/3—6/7—~~**CANCELLED**

1/5—P5/6

8/5—P4

15/5 P1

21/5—all classes (11am at school)



Class News

Nursery



Recently we celebrated world book day with the children in nursery. We chose "The Enormous Turnip" as our new "Story of The Moment". On world book day children had the opportunity to taste a turnip as part of our snack alongside planting their own turnip.



I would like to remind parents/ carers to bring in a bag with a change of clothes for their child in case they need changed throughout their session at nursery. We would appreciate if anyone has borrowed clothes from nursery would you be able to return these to a member of staff as we currently have limited supplies. If anyone has clothes that their child has outgrown (trousers in particular) we would be grateful if you could hand them in to nursery. We will be celebrating world poetry day on the 20th March exploring poems with the children. As Easter is fast approaching we have discussed with children what learning experiences they would like to participate in. The children have asked to decorate eggs and roll them down the hill, have an "egg hunt" and we will look



into the meaning of Easter. Thank you to our parent helpers that have been part of learning experiences with our children and would like to welcome any future parent/ carer helpers to come on visits to the wood, the library and do learning experiences in our classroom.



Please approach a member of staff if you are interested.

The following letters /leaflets have gone out over the last few weeks:

- Coronavirus Update 1
- Play Therapy Drop In (P5 and P6 only)
- Denominational Review
 - Sports Relief
- Parent Partnership Bingo Night
- Coronavirus Update 2

Please get in touch with the school office if you feel you haven't received one or some of the above

Primary 1

Primary one have been learning lots this term and I am impressed by their enthusiasm and curious minds. We are enjoying noticing the signs of spring in our environment and have recorded several sunny days using a tally marks in March. Hand washing has been a big theme in school recently which will continue for as long as necessary. Well done to the learners for their diligence and in hand washing – keep it up!

In literacy we continue with the Read, Write, Inc program: the learners are gaining a lot of confidence in blending and reading simple sentences. We focussed on 'red words' recently which are not possible to sound out, and we will practise these daily. There will now be a greater emphasis on 'hold a sentence' – saying a sentence over and over again in different ways before attempting to write it down accurately. In writing we will now be looking at some functional some simple instructional writing; identifying features of instruction and attempting to write some of our own. In listening and talking we will be working on talking about ourselves using words and adding interesting details. In numeracy we are learning more formal sums within (sometimes slightly beyond) ten. Specifically we are using 'ten frames' to hold a number and add up. We still do lots of counting and try to count backwards as much as forwards. Recently we worked with our buddies to make some ladybirds which helped us remember doubles.



We have just launched our toy topic and have been looking at toys of the past. Our science topic is forces so we are concentrating on how toys move (push and pull). In the future will aim to measure how far toys move as part of a mathematics topic.

In other information P.E. is Tuesday (books can be kept for more than one

Wednesday and Friday and library visits are every week or changed weekly).

Primary 2

P2 have been busy as usual these last few weeks. In our Learning we have recently written a letter to our Buddies at Sacred Heart church inviting them to a Daffodil Tea in



school later in March. We are currently planning what we would like to buy and make for this celebration. We plan to take a trip to Tesco in order to buy some goodies for it and as we have been learning to use coins to make amounts as well as learning to add up amounts and find the best way to pay and learning to give change up to 20p, we are well prepared for our shopping trip.



We had great fun on World Book Day with P1 and P3 – investigating the whereabouts of the culprit who pushed Humpty Dumpty off his wall!



In the classroom we are currently growing potatoes. We were visited by Mary from Super Spuds who told us some interesting facts about potatoes and helped us to plant them. P1 and P3 are also growing potatoes in their classrooms. I wonder who is going to grow the most potatoes? Check back next month to hear more about our progress!



Primary 3

In Literacy we have finished learning how to design a poster. We have completed posters based on Scotland, Loch Ness and The Kelpies. We have recently begun learning the features of instruction writing. We will be writing at least 3 sets of instructions. We have been working hard on improving our reading and comprehension skills. 4 days a week all pupils read as part of a reading group. In the short time that we have been reading daily, we have seen improvements in pupils' reading.

In Numeracy we have just finished learning strategies for Multiplication and Division. We are now beginning to learn our tables off by heart. In class we are going to be playing various games to help us learn our tables. One of the best ways to do this at home is for your child to play Times Table Rockstars every day. If you need another copy of your child's username and password please ask as soon as possible. Alternatively you could play multiplication and division games. It would be good for your child to have a solid understanding of the 2x, 5x and 10x tables by the end of Primary 3. In class we recently began learning about fractions; the learners have been enjoying this and I am already seeing good progress.



On March 12th we went on a whole class trip to The Kelpies in Falkirk. Despite the rain, pupils all had a fantastic time. The Kelpies tour guide was very impressed with our prior knowledge of The Kelpies. We are now going to learn about Scottish Farming.



Rehearsals for our Easter show, 'The Peace Child' are well under way. Unfortunately, we have had to postpone the show until after the Easter holidays—we will let you know the new date as soon as possible!

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!)

Primary 4



Primary four continue to delve into the eventful life of Mary Queen of Scots and explore the many battles and conspiracies that dominated much of it. We will soon be moving onto writing diary extracts from her point of view.

The Easter show rehearsing is in full swing and the children are thoroughly enjoying adding expression and action to enhance their roles. Please keep up the good work with practising. We are really looking forward to performing very soon.

In Maths, we have been working on weight. The children have been looking at the mass of objects, ordering and comparing weights and choosing appropriate units of weight to measure. We are moving onto conversions between different units and solving problems involving weight. If you are a keen baker, measuring out the ingredients in a recipe is a great way for your child to share their learning with you.

We really enjoyed our drumming session last week. The children were introduced to a variety of instruments and were able to explore sounds and rhythm within a group. They all agreed it was a fantastic experience

Primary 5/6

Primary 5/6 enjoyed an engaging trip to Edinburgh Castle where they kick started their Second World War topic at the National War Museum. We will be continuing to learn about key events, features and facts about the Second World War as we explore air raids, evacuation and rationing.



In Literacy this month, Primary 5s will be working with Mr.Hutchinson whilst Primary 6 and 7 will work with Miss Hardie. As each class continue with the Literacy and Language programme, they will be exploring poetry and discursive texts.



In maths the children are continuing to learn about the four operations and in particular focusing on word problems. They will also be learning about angles, symmetry and transformation.

P.E will continue to be on Mondays and Fridays and the children are now going to be doing gymnastics after an intense athletics block – well done everyone!

Denominational Review

As many of you know, the council are moving on to the next stage of the denominational review, where they will prepare a proposal paper for Council. An information pack is currently being created by the Learning Estate Strategy Team and will be shared with schools and parents as soon as it is completed. We will email this to you once we receive it.

Coronavirus (Covid-19)

As you are aware, pupils are washing their hands more regularly, which has resulted in soreness and redness for a number of children. We understand that this is highly uncomfortable and in some instances, quite painful. We encourage all parents to send their child to school with a hand moisturiser (clearly labelled) so that learners can apply this on a regular basis.

Primary 6/7

Primary 6/7 had a busy February! We started our new topic about the 2nd World War (which the learners are very excited about!), began working on the four operations in numeracy, started gymnastics for PE and applied what we learned about newspaper articles to produce an article about the opening of the new school extension as well as a news report on the outbreak of World War 2. Videos of these news reports are on Seesaw! We recently had a lovely day out at Edinburgh Castle where we got to investigate the lives of four different people during the war which was a perfect introduction to our topic. On the 5th March, Primary 6 went to St David's for a language transition day with Mrs Sargison. While there, they presented a display they had prepared, as well as joining with children from other schools to investigate all the other displays. Mrs Sargison was very impressed with their behaviour and the effort they put in while there. Looking forward to the rest of March, we will continue with our swimming block on Wednesdays, so please remind the children to bring in their swimsuits and towels. March promises to be an active month as for those that have signed up, our skiing block has also started! Looking forward to seeing and hearing about all the progress in these sports! Please note that our planned trip to the Museum of Flight has now been postponed to 28th April.



Parent Partnership Meeting

Our next Parent Partnership meeting will take place in school on **Thursday 14th May at 6.30pm.**

All are welcome (and encouraged to attend!)

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Drumming for Excellence

Our P3-7 classes participated in a drumming workshop, where they developed their knowledge and understanding of rhythm and learned about the history of the cajon drum and other percussion instruments



Uniforms

Please be advised that if your child comes to school wearing an item of clothing that is not school uniform, a letter will be sent home to alert you of this. We will monitor the number of times these letters are going home and will request to meet with parents and carers if there is no improvement.

School uniform is as follows:

P1 and P2:

Maroon polo shirt
Maroon jumper
Black/grey school trousers/shorts/pinafore/skirt
Black shoes

P3 – P7:

White shirt
School tie (first one given to child by the school)
Maroon v-necked jumper/cardigan – NO hoodies or zippy tops please (with the exception of P7 leaver's hoodies)
Black/grey school trousers/shorts/pinafore/skirt – NO joggers or jeans please
Black shoes

Due to the current situation surrounding social distancing, we will advise you of the next date for Coffee & Chat when possible.

Thank you for your understanding.



Dates for your Diary

March 2020

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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-17 P7 tree planting with Pentland Ranger Service at Flotterstone
Mar-18 P3 Reconciliation Rehearsal 10.30am St Margaret's Church
Mar-18 Ski Programme (6wk block 18Mar-6 May)
Mar-19 CANCELLED: Whole school to Stations of the Cross Mass
Mar-20 CANCELLED: P6/7 Assembly - new date to be advised
Mar-24 CANCELLED: P3 & P4 Easter Show in school (6pm) - new date to be advised
Mar-25 CANCELLED: P3 & P4 Easter Show in school (6pm) - new date to be advised
Mar-26 P3 Reconciliation Service 7pm St Margaret's Church
Mar-27 CANCELLED: Coffee & Chat
- Apr-03** School closes 12:25pm
Apr-06-17 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-24 Coffee & Chat in school (9.30-10.30am) - to be confirmed
Apr-28 P5/6/7 visit to Flight Museum
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-14	Parent Partnership Meeting in school (6.30pm)
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-05	Exceptional School Closure—no pupils in school
Jun-08	Exceptional School Closure—no pupils in school
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.