



# Sacred Heart Primary School

**"Aspire Nurture Learn Achieve"**



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Newsletter 2

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Dear Parents/Carers

How exciting to see our extension turn from lots of dug up dirt to a real building—with windows and doors! It's changing by the day and really interesting to see. We will try to keep you updated with progress pictures on twitter. If you don't already follow us, you can find us @sacredheart\_ps.

Our contractors are working very hard each day to build what will be a fantastic learning space for our pupils, with three generously sized classrooms and a brand new gym hall! I know the pupils have been very excited about watching all the progress and we've been lucky enough to get a visit from the site manager, Tom, during assembly to tell us all about it! Here's hoping the Penicuik weather behaves this winter so that everything will stay on track!

Having had such a successful first term, I'm looking forward to seeing what next term brings! The Christmas term is always very busy but absolutely worth it—between the nativity, carol concerts, singing for the local community, our Christmas fayre and the Panto to name a few, we've got a lot to fit in. But we love a challenge...

Before the chaos of Christmas, however, I hope you all have a fantastic holiday and that our pupils are ready to return on Wednesday 23rd October, rested and ready to learn!

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.  
Mass will begin at 9.30am

Dates until Christmas are as follows:

**25/10—Primary 5/6**

**1/11—Whole School (All Saints)-11am**

**8/11—Primary 2**

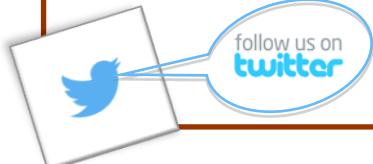
**15/11—Primary 1**

**22/11—Primary 4**

**29/11—Primary 3**

**6/12—Primary 2**

**13/12—Primary 4**



## Class News

### Nursery



Our nursery children have been enjoying going on outings to the woods. They have been developing their gross motor skills while participating in tree climbing and exploring woodland creatures/ animals. We will be more flexible going to the wood s taking into consideration weather and children's choice. We would appreciate it if all children could come to nursery prepared with a jacket, winter clothing and wellies as children have free flow access inside and outside throughout their session at nursery. Our library day has been changed to a Tuesday due to a change in our librarian's hours. Book Bags will be commencing on Monday the 28th of October. Each child will have the opportunity to take home a bag at the start of the week which contains 5 books for you to read with your child at home.



Children have started to speak about Halloween at nursery as we have our Halloween Disco on Thursday 31st October which all children are invited to. Tickets are available on parent pay or speak a member of staff. All dates are on display on the nursery parent board. Thank you to everyone who has completed their all about me forms. If you have any questions or would like to complete it with their key worker please don't hesitate to ask a member of staff.



### Primary 1

In Primary 1 we have settled into our learning space and have had the opportunity to explore the different activities and challenges in the classroom. We have enjoyed meeting Fred Frog and starting our reading journey by learning our sounds and working in small groups to use those sounds to builds words. In our number work we have been looking at our numbers to 10 and 20, counting forwards and backwards, thinking about the numbers before and after and looking a recognising dice patterns. Going into next term we will continue to learn more sounds and use these to continue to build words, moving towards being able to sound out and blend words independently. In number we will continue to look at numbers to 20 and will begin to explore adding collections together and look at other forms of dot patterns. After the October break we will be carrying out a novel study along with the P2's and this will provide us with lots of opportunity to explore vocabulary, writing and storytelling. In our IDL topic we will be looking at the weather and will incorporate social studies, maths and literacy into our topic work. Have a lovely October break!



### Staffing Update

As many of you know, Mrs Hastings was successful in securing a seconded post at Burnbrae Primary School until June 2020.

We have started the recruitment process for a new teacher to take the P1 class for the rest of the session and will update you on this accordingly.

Our priority is to ensure continuity and a high quality teaching and learning experience for our P1 pupils so please be assured that the class will continue to receive this despite the imminent change in teacher.

## Primary 2

Hello Everyone,

The children have been busy working hard in all areas of the curriculum. In maths we have been learning about area as well as measurement. During Maths Week, we had a great time learning a bit more about our extension and refurbishment. We were able to ask Tom, the Site Manager of the building works, some questions about it when he attended the Q&A session in school.

In Language and Literacy we have enjoyed reading George's Marvellous Medicine and are now reading The Magic Finger. We have had great fun using these stories as a stimulus for our own writing in the classroom.

We have been enjoying fortnightly visits to the Library as well as to the church where we have been sharing our Library books with our buddies as well as playing board games with them.

Health and Wellbeing – some of us enjoyed sharing our Resilience Homework with the rest of the school in Assembly and have now displayed these on our classroom wall.



## 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 3

Pupils have had a fantastic first term back after the summer break. We have been very busy and have learned a lot! It was lovely to meet a lot of new faces at our first parents night of the session.



This term in Literacy we have been learning about learning about simple sentences, complex sentences, nouns, verbs and adjectives. We have been learning to use adjectives to add more description into our writing. This term's class novel was Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. We loved listening to the story everyday and even got to watch the film at the end of the book. We loved watching the film but agreed that the book was much better.

In Numeracy we have been learning about Place Value. We celebrated Maths Week Scotland by learning about area and perimeter. We learned how to calculate the area and perimeter of basic 2d shapes. We were given the task for finding the area and perimeter of all the rooms in Mr. Smith's house. We are going to finish this mini topic off by learning about measure.

Next term 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.

Reminder: We have Swimming until the end of November every Wednesday.



## Primary 4

It has been a very busy, but productive few weeks for Primary 4.

The children have embraced the challenge of Times Tables Rock Stars and are thoroughly enjoying the daily opportunities to race against the clock and improve their scores.

We had a fantastic morning out to Pizza Express, where we were given a great demonstration of how to create the perfect Margherita. The children were then able to make their own individual pizza. We all agreed that it tasted delicious!

Our Science workshop on “the senses” was a huge success. Practical experiments enabled the pupils to explore each of our senses in detail and recognise how important each one is in our daily lives.

Maths Week was focused around our extension and the children enjoyed developing their knowledge of shape and area by attempting an investigation with a ‘design your new classroom theme’.

We are continuing with our work on Resilience, developing an understanding of our own ‘bounce-backability’ and the tools that are available to help us through difficult situations.

## Primary 5/6



Primary 5/6 has had a busy and successful end to the first term. In Literacy, Primary 5s have now written their very own mystery stories and have started creating their own non-chronological report about NASA. In the forthcoming weeks we will begin to look at biographies and autobiographies.

Primary 6s have been learning about autobiographies and biographies and have been acting out their own and others' life stories through drama. After an exciting trip to the money museum, they also participated enthusiastically in maths week as they took on a budgeting challenge to build and design their new classroom.

The Primary 5-7 year groups have also been working collaboratively and are making great progress with starting up their enterprise company. They have now established their company names, logos and the product or service they are offering whilst also carrying out market research. We hope to continue this after the October break when our focus will be on planning and running our enterprise event.



# REMINDER



Just a reminder that if a child has been vomiting or has had diarrhoea, it is council policy for the child to remain at home for **48 hours**. This is to help reduce the risk of infections and illnesses spreading.

## Primary 6/7

P6/7 have had a very busy month, starting with preparing and campaigning for the House Captain election which was a hard fought and close run thing. The P7 House Captain candidates were ably assisted by their P6 campaign managers.



Congratulations to those that were elected and well done to all for the effort they put in. Last week we had Maths Week and the class were set a challenge to work out the cost of materials for building the extension to the school. After that they were given a budget for filling their new classroom along with a catalogue of items they could buy. They had a fun time deciding how their classroom would look with all this lovely new furniture! There was a lot of big sums involved in the challenge over the week and they worked very hard, showing great resilience, to persevere and get the challenge finished. As part of the Midlothian Science Festival, P6/7 took part in a light workshop where they got to explore different types of light, create light pictures and look at how white light can be broken down into all the colours of the rainbow! Pupils really enjoyed the workshop and learned a lot!



We have also been busy with our enterprise project which is beginning to take shape and we hope to get going after the October break.

The next term promises to be just as busy leading up to Christmas. We will be working on fractions, decimals and percentages over the next term for numeracy and in literacy we will be starting with a class novel study. On top of all this we will be looking at world cultures and comparing lifestyles and climate from different places around the world. Our first enterprise event will also be announced soon after the holidays, which the children are very excited about.

### Denominational Review

Initial feedback from the informal denominational review meetings is now available on the Midlothian website:

[https://www.midlothian.gov.uk/directory\\_record/36919555/informal\\_consultation\\_on\\_denominational\\_education/category/182/current\\_consultations](https://www.midlothian.gov.uk/directory_record/36919555/informal_consultation_on_denominational_education/category/182/current_consultations)

This has already been sent to those that attended the pre-consultation discussion sessions and supplied an email address

For more details please contact Bill Stephen, the Education Support Officer at:  
[William.Stephen@midlothian.gov.uk](mailto:William.Stephen@midlothian.gov.uk)

### Hallow'een Disco

Thursday 31st October

N-P3: 3.30-5pm  
P4-P7: 5-7pm

Tickets: £2 (+£1 for hotdog)

Available from the school office

### Healthy Learners

Pupil wellbeing is very important to us. Some of our learners have let us know that they don't feel very healthy.

We are making efforts to avoid sweets and treats at school and are encouraging learners to choose healthy foods from our salad bar at lunchtimes.

However, we would really appreciate your support in helping our learners to make healthy food choices at home too!

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

October 2019

### 2019

- 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-25 Primary 5/6 to Mass at Sacred Heart Church 9.30am service
- Oct-27 P3 Mass—Rite Presentation of the Signing of the Cross 11am in SH Church
- Oct-28-30 P7 Class Residential to Innerwick
- Oct-29 P5/P6 to Active Schools Hockey Festival at Lasswade Centre
- 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-08 Primary 2 to Mass at SacredHeart Church 9.30am service
- 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-15 P1 to Mass at Sacred Heart Church 9.30am service
- 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-22 Primary 4 to Mass at Sacred Heart Church 9.30am Service
- Nov-29 Primary 3 to Mass at Sacred Heart Church 9.30am Service
- Nov-30 Christmas Fayre organised by Parent Partnership in school (10.00am-12.30pm)
- 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)
- 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 close 12.25pm – pupils return Tuesday 7 January 2019

**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-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.)
- Feb-04** P3 Reconciliation Parents Meeting 7.00pm in St Margaret's Church  
**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 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)
- 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-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-21** Stations of the Cross – Mass in school (11am)  
**Mar-26** P3 Reconciliation Service 7pm St Margaret's Church
- 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-28** P2 Day Camp—Bonaly  
**Apr-29** P4 Class Residential—Bonaly (return 1 May)

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

- May-07      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 St Margaret's Church)  
May-27      Sports Day (back up 17 June)  
May-28      P1 Induction 3  
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  
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.