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This week we welcomed Quality Improvement Officers Catriona McKinnon and Sally Ward to our school for a second Quality Assurance visit focussing on Learning and Teaching. They enjoyed visiting almost all classes and speaking to focus groups of children who were a credit to themselves, their classes, the school and you. We have many successes to build on, and some good feedback for improvement for our Improvement plan next session.

I am delighted to let you know that Mrs Stewart had her baby last Monday 8th May. Both are doing well and I am sure she will be in soon for a visit. Thank you for the many good wishes coming in to the school for her and the family.

Mrs Liz Laird – Headteacher

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION Congratulations to our P4 pupils who received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on Sunday at Our Lady Church in Bonnyrigg. They have enjoyed the Communion cake with their friends in the class this week. Tomorrow (Thursday) they will lead us in celebrating the Feast of the ascension of Our Lord at Mass in Our Lady Church at 10.30am. Families are very welcome to join us for this Holyday of Obligation. Thanks to Mrs Brolly and Ms Scola for preparing the children so well.

We will have our own Crowning of Mary celebration in Assembly this Friday and the children are invited to bring flowers for a small Altar beside the statue in the school.

We look forward to celebrating with P7 on 1st June when they will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation with His Grace, Archbishop Leo Cushley at 7pm in St Matthew's Church.

MILK ORDER AND PAYMENTS If you would like your child to have milk when we return in August, this needs to be ordered and paid for in advance. The cost for the period from **August to October** is **£6.97** and must be paid using **Parent Pay**. If you are in receipt of certain benefits and think you are entitled to **Free School Meals**, this also entitles you to free school milk. It is a gateway benefit that can also help with costs for trips and school camp, clothing etc. If you need support in applying for this, please do let office staff know – they are happy to help.

SCHOOL UNIFORM Over the past few years we have relaxed our school uniform policy to really only expect the children to wear a burgundy jumper or cardigan either with or without the school badge. Joggers and leggings are acceptable to wear in school and I know many parents like to have pinafores and summer school dresses – ours would be either pale blue or burgundy. We have increasing numbers of children not wearing any uniform, and often on a Friday. Jeans should not be worn to school and children should refrain from wearing jewellery.

We have a uniform exchange if anyone has uniform in good condition that can be passed on to other families – just ask at the school office. Please hand in any uniform you have that is still in good condition – please wash it first – as stocks are beginning to run low.

Please note, the last date to order uniform from Border Embroidery is 4th July to guarantee delivery for August. <https://www.border-embroideries.co.uk>



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APPOINTMENTS We are having a significant number of children being collected during school time to attend appointments. Please do try to make appointments outwith school hours, but we understand that this cannot always be done. If you do need to pick up early please email the school office to let us know ahead of the appointment so that the register has the correct code on it and that the teacher can be made aware of the early collection.

FRIDAY 2nd JUNE
SPORTS DAY FOLLOWED BY FAMILY PICNIC
AND PARENT COUNCIL SUMMER FAIR
12.15-2PM

Your child has been sent home with raffle tickets for the Summer Fair today. Please help boost Parent Council Funds by selling the tickets to family and friends. Return any unsold tickets and money to school by **Wednesday 31st May**.

If you can help in any way please return your slip from the letter that went home last week or email the school office to let us know.

We need **TOMBOLA, RAFFLE PRIZES, HOME BAKING, BOTTLES**

KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thurs 18 th May	Ascension Thursday Mass – Our Lady Church Bonnyrigg 10am. Mass will be led by P4 who are invited to come dressed in First Communion outfits if they wish.
Thurs 25 th May	Nursery – P1 transition visit 9.30-10.30am
Fri 26 th May	P4 Swimming
Thurs 1 st June	Nursery – P1 Transition visit 9.30-10.30am P7 confirmation Mass 7pm
Friday 2 nd June	Sports Day followed by Family Picnic and Summer Fair P4 Swimming
Thursday 8 th June	Nursery – P1 transition visit 9.30-10.30am
Friday 9 th June	Alternative Sports Day P4 Swimming
Wednesday 14 th June	P7 Transition Visits to High School
Thursday 15 th June	P7 Transition Visits to High School
Friday 16 th June	P4 Swimming Nursery – P1 Transition Lunch
Mon 19 th June	Reports Home
Tuesday 20 th June	P7 End of Year Show 7pm
Thursday 22 nd June	Gold Award Treat Day
Friday 23 rd June	Prize Giving Assembly 9.15am P4 Swimming
Tuesday 27 th June	Nursery Garden Party 2pm
Wednesday 28 th June	Final Assembly 2.15pm End of term at 3.30pm