

St Mary's Primary School Newsletter

May 2016

At last the sun is shining and we are racing towards the end of term. Congratulations to our primary 4 pupils from St Joseph's and Sacred Heart Parish who celebrated their first holy communion on Sunday 8th May. They all looked beautiful and they were prayful and participated fully in the sacrament.

Beat the Streets is a new initiative which we are taking part in. Along with collecting evidence on how children travel to school, it is designed to improve health and fitness. Please encourage your children to get out and about, logging their journey particularly in this nice weather. Any problems contact the website – northlan.beatthestreet.me

As always we have a number of events which will consolidate children's learning in a fun motivating way. We have been able to work with a number of external providers and develop partnerships which will hopefully carry on next year.

Some classes still have their Shakespeare's Kids workshops to come. The feedback from classes which have already had theirs is terrific. I saw the P1's on their Pirate adventure and all the children were fully engaged in their role play. We do however, have a number of parents who have still to pay. We would hope to provide similar experiences next year as the children have enjoyed them so much and without doubt they enrich their learning, however we would be unable to do so without a small charge. Please send in £2 per child as soon as possible. Thanks

Our pupils from nursery to P6 have all taken part in a bug finding activity. Again the feedback from staff and pupils has been very positive. Staff certainly feel the benefits of having experts develop a deeper understanding in the children. We are very fortunate that David is coming back in September to further develop children's knowledge and allow them to compare findings in different seasons.

Our visit from the Dance Instructor was great fun and the children thoroughly enjoyed the experience, again we are hoping to provide this again next year.

All of our visitors have commented on the children's manners and behaviour. They are a credit to you all and a pleasure to work with.

Class trips have mostly been organised and if you have not already done so, you will be receiving a letter shortly with specific details. Please read over these carefully and return all necessary forms and payments as soon as possible.

A full list of upcoming events is detailed later in this Newsletter.

Staff have been working hard over the last few weeks, drawing up your child's report. These will be given out prior to the Parent's Evening. Staff will be discussing information provided in the report so if for anyone reason you do not feel you require an appointment after reading the report, please contact the school.

As the weather has improved, please ensure your child is dressed appropriately, has sun cream applied in the morning and has a sunhat and/or sunglasses for outside. Our teacher's will also be taking the children outside during class time in the nicer weather and we want everyone to be protected. Hopefully the sun will shine for the foreseeable future.....enjoy!

Kind regards

P Brazill
Head Teacher



Football Festival – Broadwood Stadium

Some of our football afterschool pupils will be attending the above festival on Wednesday 11th May. Good Luck

New P1 Inductions Days

We will be welcoming our New P1 intake to some visits to the school along with their parents on Weds 11th/18th and 25th May. We look forward to seeing them all.

P5 & P6 Shakespeare Kids

The pupils will be enjoying a workshop by Shakespeare's Kids theatre group on Oliver and WWII on Thursday 12th May. Please send in £2 per child.

P7 Thanksgiving Mass

The primary 7 pupils will be attending a thanksgiving mass at St Andrews Cathedral on Friday 13th May at 10.00am. Bus will be leaving sharp please no late comers and pupils to be in full uniform.

P7 Fundraising Week – Mon 16th – Friday 20th May 2016

The P7 pupils have organised a fundraising event to help raise some much needed funds for their class trip and prom. Letters have already been sent home with all the details.

P4 & P7 Shakespeare Kids

The pupils will be enjoying a workshop on the Rainforest on Thursday 19th May. Please send in £2 per child.

Non Uniform Day

The pupils from EARTH are the winning house for April. Friday 20th May will be a non uniform day for them.

Rookie Rockstars

Letters have gone out to all regarding the upcoming concert of Rookie Rockstars on Friday 20th May at 9.30am. Please send in £1 on the day.



May Holiday

School closed Friday 27th and Monday 30th May 2016

Late Comers

We have a number of children coming through the main door in the mornings, they are being marked as late comers on the register. It is always a good start for the children to line up in their yards and come in along with the rest of their class.

Clothing

We still have a number of children with no names on their belongings, this would help us in passing on their clothing to them if found in the school. As you know a lot of the children have the same jackets / jumpers / cardigans.

We have had a couple of parents who have mentioned that their children are coming home with the wrong jackets, we would appreciate it if you would check your child's jacket on a regular basis

Quick Glance Ahead – June 2016

Letters have already gone out or will follow later.

P6 Class Trip – Broadwood Outdoor Centre	2 nd June 2016
Parent Appointments	2 nd June 2016
GO YELLOW Day – Strathcarron Hospice	2 nd June 2016
P7 Class Trip – M & Ds	7 th June 2016
P7 OLHS Visit	8 th & 9 th June 2016
P5 Class Trip – Ravenscraig	10 th June 2016
Nursery Trip – Five Sisters Zoo	10 th June 2016
School Sports Day	14 th June 2016
P1 & P1/2 Class Trip – Science Centre	17 th June 2016
Nursery Sports Day	17 th June 2016
P7 Mass & Graduation	21 st June 2016
In Service Day	23 rd June 2016
Nursery Graduation	24 th June 2016
Opening of Outdoor Classroom	24 th June 2016
Cfe Awards Assembly	27 th June 2016
Winning House Visit to Adventure Planet	28 th June 2016
School Closes at 1.00pm	29 th June 2016



Happy Birthday

Connor Tierney

Madison Adams

Cian Young

Judin Alex

Rhys McCafferty

Connor MacLeod

Olivia Nicol

Lucas Malone

Luke O'Hagan

Freya Cunningham

May



**PLEASE REMEMBER THAT WE
ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL**



REMINDERS

Sickness - Can we remind parents that if your child has a Sickness Bug / Tummy Bug they have to be **48hrs clear** before returning to school. This stops the infection spreading to other children.

Belongings - Can we remind parents/guardians to put their child's name on their belongings. Can you also check on a **daily** basis that your child is wearing their own Cardigan/Jumper/Jacket.

No jewellery to be worn on gym days, all earrings **must** be taped up at home or removed prior to coming to school.

Attendance - Please call the school office if your child is unwell or unable to attend school followed with a letter to their class teacher. If no prior notice of an absence is received a text message will be sent.

Bus Children must wear their seatbelts and are **NOT** allowed to **STAND** until the bus has **STOPPED**. If your child is not returning home on the school bus please send in a letter to the class teacher or call the school office.

Cafeteria - Please ensure your child has sufficient money if buying a lunch from the cafeteria. Any money owed must be **returned to the cafeteria.**

PARKING AT SCHOOL – Please be considerate of Local Residents when parking at the school. School Car Park **only** for Staff.

***** NO PARKING ON THE ZIG ZAGS AT ANY TIME *****