



MERCY NEWSLETTER



MAY 2017



Dear Parents and Pupils,

It seems the good weather has finally arrived and our busy Summer term is off to a good start! We have a lot of enjoyable activities, trips and events planned in the coming weeks. We will be completing our summer testing over the next few weeks also and showing the great progress we've made this year.

Have you noticed a change in our school yard? We hope you love our new outdoor play equipment as much as we do!

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Our New School APP!



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One of the ways the school can save money over the next year is to cut down on photocopy costs and text message costs.

The new App allows us to send you messages or E-Mail at no additional costs. This is a great solution as you will always have useful information close to hand, downloaded onto your phone. Our parent volunteers who trialled the App felt it was very useful! No more phone calls asking the office about details that got lost in the school bag! Download it today from our webpage.

End of year class trips

Class trips and visits take place this term. Teachers may ask for parent volunteers to accompany the girls.

P1 Visit the farm - 6th June 17

P2 Visit to Exploris - 24th May 17

P3 Visit to Oxford Island 24th May 17

P4 Visit to Museum - TBA

P5 Castle Espie 14th June & Museum

P6 TBA

P7 Delamont residential 9th May 3 days

First Communion

First Communion takes place on Saturday 20th May at 11am. Tea will be held in Houben Hall afterwards and our school photographer will be there to capture the special day. The girls will have many practices before communion as they get ready for this special day.



School Choir

The school choir sang beautifully at St Vincent de Paul's evening of music. They will be performing on 10th May at St Anne's Cathedral Choir of the Year competition. We wish them all Good Luck!

Residential Fun

Our P7 pupils are off next week on a fabulous residential to Delamont outdoor education centre. They will take part in canoeing, archery and many other exciting activities. Don't forget the sun-cream girls!

Fitness Freddy Funday!

Thanks to your generosity we have raised over **£1700** towards maths equipment and renewal of our I-pads. We still have a bit more to raise and we will be holding a small Bank Holiday Ballot in the coming weeks. I am sure that you have seen the recent reports about school budget cuts affecting schools. We appreciate your support in these challenging times as we continue to fundraise and keep our classrooms and pupils resourced.

TROCAIRE Our fundraising during Lent raised **£742.48**

Mr Trainor – Celebration Day

Mr Trainor will be coming back with us on Friday 26th May for a morning of celebration where pupils and staff will read poems sing songs and celebrate the years of service that Mr Trainor has given to our school. We hope that parents will join us on this morning for tea and entertainment. School will close early at 12.30 on this day and will be closed on Monday 29th due to Staff Training. This was organised before the election. We apologise for any inconvenience caused. We would appreciate any photos or memories of Mr Trainor that you or older children might have to share.

Sunny Days!

As the days begin to get hotter can we remind parents and children :

- To bring a water bottle to school to drink from each day in class.
- Remember to apply sun cream before children come to school.
- We often take children outside to take advantage of our outdoor classroom in good weather.
- A sun hat and summer uniforms may be worn to keep children cool. (Summer uniforms are checked summer dresses (**not shorts**) and include **white socks**)

ELECTION 8th June 2017

As I'm sure you are aware we are affected by the election on the 8th June. School will be closed. We apologise for any inconvenience.



Thanks for remembering
this is a

Peanut/Nut
Free School

Parents thank you for remembering that we are a nut free school. Nutella/ peanut butter is not permitted.

Fun Sports Day

This year we are having a Fun Sports Day on **Friday 9th June** (Weather Permitting) which is non-competitive and encourages team work. We invite parents to come along and join us for a fun morning. We hope to have hot dogs/ refreshments for sale and music to keep us all moving.

Competitive Sports Day

Each class will be running their competitive races during PE time and a final heats will take place on Wednesday 31st May. P1 and 2 - 9.30-10.30 am
P3 and 4 - 11am -12 noon P5 P6 and P7 – 1 to 3 pm

Fairy Adventure Day

We will be holding a Fairy Adventure Day for all pupils in June with the help of our parent volunteers, if you would like to join in or help out please come along to the PTA Meetings. Details will be sent out on our new App. Date and details to be confirmed. Get those fairy wings ready!

Parent Room

We are hoping to also officially open our new Parents' Room. Look out for your invite we hope to have our New Lord Mayor, Nuala McAllister, past pupil of Mercy Primary with us for this special occasion.

Once a Week , Take a Peek

Given the rise in head lice cases before the Mid - Term break we would like to ask all parents to follow the **Once a Week, Take a Peek** rule. Check your child's hair weekly with a fine comb. Prevention is much better than cure. One treatment will **NOT** remove all lice and their eggs. Another check needs to take place 7-10 days later.



Dates for Your Diary

May

- 5th May - P7 TREK Day
- 9th-11th May - Delamont Residential P7
- 10th May - St Anne's Cathedral Competition
- 3rd-19th May - Computer Testing P3-P7
- 20th May - First Communion at 11am
- 23rd May - BCC Athletics P7
- 24th May - P2 Exploris Trip
-P3 Trip Oxford Island
- 26th May -Mr Trainor Celebration Day
Early Finish 12.30pm
- 29th May - **School Closed** - Bank Holiday
- 31st May - Race Heats

June

- 9th June - Fun Sports Day - Parents welcome!
- 6th June P1 Trip to Farm
- 8th June Election **SCHOOL CLOSED**
- 12th/13th June Come and Play (Nursery Pupils)
- 14th June P2 Music Morning
- 14th June P5 Class Trip
- 15th June P1 - New Intake Meeting 4pm
- 16th June - P7 Leaving Mass 2pm
- 22nd June - P7 Assembly and Prize giving.
- 23rd June - P7 Finish
- 26th June- Reports home for parents
- 28th/29th June - Classes change
- 30th June - Pupils finish at 12.00

For more school news please look at our school web site at www.mercyprimary.org.uk

