



MERCY NEWSLETTER

MAY 2018



Dear Parents and Pupils,

It seems the good weather has finally arrived well in time for the bank holiday weekend anyway 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 so please ensure the girls are in school every day so they can show the great progress they've made with us this year. School is really important

Mrs Loughran

Celebration Day for Miss Duffy



Miss Duffy has been nominated by a Primary 2 mummy for the Pearson Teaching Awards, Teacher of the Year 2018. We are so proud that she is through to the UK Finals and we look forward to June 2018 when we get the final results. It is such a recognition of all Miss Duffy's hard work in our school with P2 and with the Choir. Thank you to the parents who came along to support Miss Duffy on Friday when our UK Judges came to visit.

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Welcome Back Mrs McAllister

P4 pupils will be glad to welcome Mrs McAllister back from her Maternity leave, but sad, as we are to lose Mrs Bullock who has been with us for the past few years. Mrs Bullock will leave us on Friday 18th May 2018. We thank her for her continuous hard work in Mercy Primary and we hope she will work with us again in the future.

School Choir

The school choir sang beautifully at the Ulster Hall at the Flax Trust 40th Anniversary Concert. They were amazing and very dedicated giving up their Sunday to perform on what was a long day. Well done Girls!

The choir will be singing this Thursday 10th May at Holy Cross Church at a concert of Irish Song and Dance at 7.30pm. **(This is a last minute change and P7 pupils are at Delamont so we are hoping for great support from Primary 5 and 6 pupils.)** Thank you!



Please note that school will close early next Wednesday 16th May



School closes early at 1pm

Thank you for understanding.



First Communion

First Communion takes place on Saturday 19th 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.

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



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Residential Fun

Our P7 pupils are off this 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 and raincoats!

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 - 13th June 18

P2 Visit to Exploris - 12th June 18

P3 Visit to Colin Glen TBA

P4 Visit to Museum War Memorial 25th June 18

P5 TBA

P6 Titanic Belfast Monday 11th June 18

P7 Delamont residential 9th May for 3 days!

DANCEATHON

Our classes have been secretly practicing for a Dance off day now on Friday 1st June in which we will invite parents and PTA up to take part in a Danceathon in which each class will perform a dance out in our playground and be joined by each class hopefully until we are all dancing together in a huge Dance Off!

It is a fundraising event and whilst we are aware that many of you are paying for class trips we would appreciate anything at all that you can give to build up resources for the children.

Books for our Accelerated Reading Programme and updated iPads are needed.

£1 per pupil = £230 £3 per pupil =£690

£5 per pupil = £1150 £10 per pupil = £2300

The PTA will be available for some fun activities too. Every little £1 counts!

Fun Sports Day

This year we are having a Fun Sports Day on Friday 1st 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 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 heat will take place on Thursday 24th & 25th May. Class teachers will keep you informed via class DoJo.

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**)

Fairy Adventure Day

We will be holding a Fairy Adventure & Movie event 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. Date and details to be confirmed. Get those fairy wings ready!

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

9th May - First Communion Meeting at 2 pm

9th -11th May - Delamont Residential P7

3rd-25th May - Computer Testing P3-P7

16th May - **School closes early at 1pm**

17th May - P1 visit to Library

19th May - First Communion at 11am

21st - 25th May - Walk to school week

28th May - **School Closed** - Bank Holiday

29th May - **School Closed**

31st May - Danceathon

June

1st June - Fun Sports Day - Parents welcome!

6th June - Ditch the stabilizers P1/P2

11th June - P6 Titanic Trip

12th June P2 Aquarium

12th June Shared Education Day P7 Houben Hall

13th June P1 Trip to Farm

14th & 15th Come and Play (Nursery Pupils)

15th June Treasure Hunt Sustrans

20th June - P7 Leaving Mass 2pm

21nd June - P7 Assembly and Prize giving.

22nd June P7 Finish

25nd June - P4 trip

26th June- Reports home for parents

27th/28th June - Classes change

29th June - Pupils finish at 12.00

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