



MERCY NEWSLETTER

MAY 2016



Dear Parents and Pupils,

It's great to be back to school after a week off and we are on the countdown now to the end of year. We have lots of assessments on going as we look at the progress made this year and get ready for reports to parents. It is important that pupils come to school every day to take part in the enjoyable activities trips and events that are planned in the coming weeks.

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BRING YOUR PARENT TO SCHOOL DAY

On Friday 27th May we have our Bring Your Parents to School Morning. While Primary 3 will be on their school trip the rest of us will be inviting available parents to come to school for a visit to our classrooms and a morning break with parents.

BUS SAFETY

Translink will be visiting to give us a bus safety talk on Wednesday 1st June. Each group will get a chance to go out and visit the bus. This will be very valuable to our current bus children. It will reinforce the expected good behaviours on the bus.



First Communion

First Communion takes place on Saturday 21st May at 11am.

Please note: 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 as part of Holy Cross Mission on 21st April. Thank you also to those parents who brought the girls to church or attended with their children.

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 girls!

Drugs and Alcohol Workshop

On the 18th May we will be hosting a workshop for P7 Pupils on the dangers of Drugs and Alcohol.

Careers Day!

On Wednesday 15th June we are looking for interested parents to volunteer to talk to children about their job on



Careers Day.

Just for fun children can dress up as anything they would like to be when they grow up! Contact the school if you do an interesting job and you think you could help!

Primary 7 Leavers Photography Day,

On Friday 20th May P7 pupils will be getting their photographs taken in friendship groups and individually. They will also be taking part in a photography work shop. This will be a great opportunity for the girls to make a memory!

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**)



CAR PARK DANGER



We have to ask again that parents **do not drive into the school driveway** when dropping off and picking up their children. We know that this can be difficult but it is important. We only have access through the **front gate** as the rest of the land is privately owned property and is being damaged by parents ignoring this rule.

THE VEHICLE ACCESS GATES WILL BE CLOSED AT PRIME TIMES FROM NEXT WEEK.

Please drive with care and park outside school.

Fun Sports Day

This year we are having a Fun Sports Day on **Friday 3rd 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 Thursday 2nd June. 9.30-10.30 KS1
11am -12 noon KS2
Primary 6 will be arranged for an alternative date.

Dates for Your Diary

May

9th May - P7 Athletics Mary Peters Track
11th-13th May - Delamont Residential
18th May - Drugs and Alcohol talk
19th May Eco Schools Assessment
20th May - Photo day P7
21st May - First Communion at 11am
24th May - School photo Day
27th May - P3 Trip
27th May - Bring your parent to school day
30th May - **School Closed** - Bank Holiday

June

1st June - Bus Safety Day
2nd June - Race Heats
3rd June - Fun Sports Day - Parents welcome!
7th June P1 Trip to Farm
8th June Come and Play (Nursery Pupils)
8th June P3 Music Morning
9th June P1 - New Intake Meeting 4pm
14th June P5 Class Trip
15th June - Careers Day
16th June - P7 Leaving Mass 2pm
22nd June - P7 Assembly and Prize giving.
23rd June **School Closed** - Elections.
24th June- Reports home for parents
30th June - Pupils finish at 11am!

PTA Friends of Mercy

Our PTA have managed to raise an impressive £3,000 this year for play equipment. We have begun to order this in and we will be delighted to show you the results. We do need some man/woman power to help build a shed and create some wooden flower beds for our digging with daughters' session. Give us a call if you can help!

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

