



MERCY NEWSLETTER



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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. We have quite a few unplanned days off this term with the Elections causing a little disruption. I know our staff will be using this time well to start our end of year reports!

Mrs Loughran

Residential Fun

Our P7 pupils are off in a few weeks 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!

TROCAIRE Our fundraising during Lent raised £486.12. A big thank you to our resident craft ladies for the little chicks.

First Communion

First Communion takes place on Saturday 11th May at 11am. Tea will be held in the 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.



Our School APP!



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 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. Download it today from our webpage.

School Choir

The school choir sang beautifully at Holy Cross Church Evening of prayer and reflection.

Musical Production of Annie

Our P5 & P7 pupils will be flat out with rehearsals getting ready for their production in June. Parent volunteers are welcome to help with backdrop, costumes or props. Please contact Ms Owens if interested.

Families Connect continues on Wednesdays at 9.15am in our Parent Room. Primary 3 pupils are enjoying it this term with their mums and dads. Mrs Fennell and Miss Copeland make it such fun!

ELECTIONS - NEW DATES SCHOOL CLOSED

School will be closed on Thursday 23rd May. We apologise for any inconvenience.



Talking About Tough Issues (TATI)

Programme for parents and P7 children begins for 3 weeks on **Tuesday 14th May, Tuesday 21st May, Tuesday 28th May**. Parents and pupils come along together. Fantastic activities are provided for the pupils and families. Climbing wall, archery, great games and activities.

Schools of Sanctuary

We will have visitors to our school on 24th May to assess our school as a School of Sanctuary. We feel we are a welcoming hub for all children, families and visitors.

ECO Flag

Our Eco Council will be presenting their work to the Assessors as we renew our Eco Flag! They have been working really hard recycling and keeping our school Eco Friendly. Our Walk to School Week begins 13th May 2019. More details will follow!

We will be having a sponsored Summer Fitness Challenge Day on Friday 7th June. Pupils will have sponsor forms sent home at the end of this month. Sports gear and trainers essential. Parents will be invited to a morning session for some summer fun.

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**.)



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 31st May** (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. Parent Volunteers please contact the office.

Competitive Sports Day

Each class will be running their competitive races during PE time and a final heat will take place on Thursday 6th June. Class teachers will keep you informed via class DoJo. P1 and 2 - 9.30-10.30 am P3 and 4 - 11am -12 noon P5 P6 and P7 – 1 - 3 pm Parents do not usually attend on this day.

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 App. 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

- 1st May - Families Connect
-P4 confession before communion.
- 2nd May Election **School Closed**
- 3rd May - Bun Sale
- 6th May - Bank Holiday **School Closed**
- 7th May - Shared Education P4 & P5
- 8th May - Time to Code P5
- 9th May- Building Up P7
- 6th-17th May - Computer Testing P3-P7
- 11th May - First Communion at 11am
- 14th May - TATI parents 6.30-8.30
- 15th May - P7 - What's inside (HCB)
- 16th May - Building Up P7
- 21st May TATI
- 22nd-24th May - Delamont Residential P7
- 23rd May - Election **School Closed**
- 27th May - Bank Holiday **School Closed**
- 29th May -ECO Flag assessment
- 31st May - Fun Sports Day Parents welcome!

June

- 7th June - Sponsored Fitness Day
- 12th/13th June - Musical Production of Annie
- 18th/19th June - Stay and Play - New Intake for P1
- 21st June - P7 Assembly and Prize giving.
- 21st June - P7 Finish 12.30pm
- 24th June - Fairy Adventure Day

- 28th June - School finishes at 12.00

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