



Loretto RC Primary Newsletter January 2017



Dear Parents

A very Happy New Year to you all. I am delighted to see everyone back in school ready to get on with learning. Our busy term begins in all classes with a progressive look at Scots Language and themes. All classes will be learning some Scots poetry and language and we will award certificates to the class winners of our Burns Poetry Competition at a school assembly. Look out for some poetry recital homework. It's good to hone your memory skills and also have a little bit of our literary culture in your repertoire!

Congratulations to Miss Carroll who got married in the holidays, we are slowly getting used to calling her Mrs MacDonald.

Writing Jotters and Parent Feedback

Thank you to parents for your attention to returning our precious writing jotters and your very positive feedback. Parents commented on good progress in writing for their children. Teacher feedback and comments, as well as the the Learning Intentions, gave parents an idea of the details of what your child is currently working on with next steps targets on the front page. The children have clearly enjoyed sharing their work with you. Talking homework has been a successful part of our planned improvements for writing this year. Keep this up with your children, it is so helpful in preparation for the weekly writing lesson. Many, many thanks.

The majority of parents did not request a specific writing session for parents but we will try to include opportunities next session for parents, as well as continuing our termly communications class by class and child by child with parents.

Art Exhibition

We would like to invite parents and families into school on Friday 10th February to see our special artworks. Each class will exhibit their individual artworks proudly and also have a chance to view the artworks of other classes. We will work out a timetable so that we are not all trying to be in the same place at the same time and advise you of these times as you may wish to visit at the same time as your child. We can be a little flexible too but do need to take numbers into account. Further details to follow. There will be a small entrance fee which will go directly to school funds to help cover trips and keep costs to parents as low as we can.

First Minister's Reading Challenge

A wee reminder to keep up your child's reading record. We are still in the reading groove with a planned author visit to school later in January. Meeting a real life author inspires our children to keep reading and makes the link between reading a great book and writing your own stories.

Weather reminders. We plan to be outside as much as possible-please remember suitable waterproof and warm clothing, hoods or hats for winter.



Tues 21 March 7pm First Confession for P3 pupils and any others who have not made their First Confession.

Thurs 23 March Sacramental retreat at St Martin's during school for P4s.

Tues 28 March Parents' Evening 5-8pm

Thurs 30 March Parents' Evening 4-7pm

Fri 31 March Break for Easter. All resume Tues 18 April.

Mon 24 April P7s to camp

THURS 1 June P4 Confirmation 7pm in St Martin's Church Tranent

Sun 4 June P4 First Communion 11 am Loretto Church.

Wed 7/Thurs 8 June P7 St David's visit days

Tues 13/Wed 14 June Musselburgh Grammar P7 visit days

Fri 16 June Sports Day

Tues 27 June 1.30pm P7 Assembly and Whole School Celebration of Achievement

Thurs 29 June 9.15am End of term and Leavers' Mass

Frid 30 June Break for summer holidays