



Loretto RC Primary Newsletter March 2017



Dear Parents

Already we are flying towards the Easter holidays. The children have been working very hard and with their teachers, will be sharing their learning progress with you at Parents' Consultations. For new P1 parents, you and your child are invited to this meeting. The children prepare in class with their teachers to share their learning and targets achieved with parents. We know that when children are actively engaged in their own learning and can talk about it they make good progress. We know too, from educational research (and good old common sense!) that when children are well supported by their parents, they do better in their learning at school. We are fortunate to have very hard working teachers, pupils and supportive parents and look forward to seeing you all next week.

Parental Engagement and Family Learning are important to us and we would like your views to help us evaluate our work and plan for next session. Please look out for the parent questionnaire at parents' evenings.

Staffing Changes: Mrs Gaunt has secured a new post working with children and families in the community in East Lothian. I am sure you would all like to join me in thanking Mrs Gaunt for her many years of hard work, expertise and dedication to Loretto Nursery. Our congratulations and best wishes go to with her.

Miss Rebekah Hay, currently our Additional Support Needs Auxiliary in the school will also sadly be leaving us to take up a new post in a specialist provision. Again she leaves with our thanks and best wishes for her quiet and skilled support.

Loretto Friday Challenge-Friday 24th March. Linking with our SCIAF work, we will be holding a 'Water Theme Challenge' on Friday 24th March. The children will work in mixed teams within Early, First and Second Level with problems to solve. The aim is to encourage co-operation, teamwork and problem solving across the curriculum. If you would like to help, extra **pairs of hands are always welcome. We will start at 9.30am and some of our challenges are outdoors. Please just let a member of staff know** you would like to join in and help.



SCIAF Lenten Campaign. Pupil fundraising for charity-well done boys and girls!

P7 will host a quiz on Thursday 23rd March for any pupil who wishes to enter. **50p per entry.**



P1, P2, P2/3 P3/4 and P4 will have pyjama day for SCIAF on **Monday 27th March.** Children should wear PJs and shoes. A donation of £1 per pupil is suggested please.

Friday 31st March. P5 will have a Crazy Hair day on P5! Please pay £1 donation to SCIAF and P6 will also have a raffle for the whole school that day-quality prizes for parents and children. £1 a ticket.





Parent Group

Would you like a chance to talk with other parents in an informal small group about how to support your child's behaviour? We will be holding a small group, three week course for any interested parents here in Loretto beginning

on Tues 16th May at 9.15am. If you would like a place in this group, please let the school know or phone Tricia Ronaldson or Claire Shearer on 01875 824309. Tricia and Claire will host the group and there will be tea and coffee.

Sports Success

Well done to the cross country team who competed at Meadowmill. We were competing against the very large schools in East Lothian and can hold our heads up high - what a commitment! Our football teams have played too - and again they have great spirit. The coach, our very own Mr Bonnar, tells me we have some great developing skills.

School Gardening –we really need your help!

As spring approaches we would be delighted to receive any donations of gardening gloves for children to use and seeds and plants for each class to plant in their raised bed. If you have a green thumb or are just enthusiastic please speak to your child's teacher as each class will now be thinking about tidying up their bed and spring planting. I am hoping for some tatties!



First Confession. P3 children will make their First Confession on **Tuesday 21st March** in Loretto Church at 7pm. This is a quiet and reflective liturgy, children are preparing in class – and of course at home, too.

Unwanted visitors (germs and otherwise!) - a gentle reminder to all parents to check their children's hair frequently. In addition to this, please encourage your children to adopt good handwashing technique, and reinforce the importance of good hygiene. It helps us all stay germ (and pest!) free. Thank you.

PARKING

May I respectfully remind parents that there should be no parking or stopping on the main road outside the school. The police do monitor this, as this causes safety issues. The pedestrian crossing and gate area must be kept clear at all times. In the car park beside and opposite the school, please do not double park. Not everybody parked there is associated with the school and we need to be considerate neighbours. Also, people leaving the car parks are frequently blocked in and delayed for after school meetings and important appointments.

P7s are looking really smart in their new P7 hoodies - all set for camp on Monday 24th April. Our thanks to Miss O'Regan and Miss Kinsella who will accompany the children.

Easter Holidays

School breaks on Friday 31st March and we all resume on Tuesday 18th April 2017.