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Newsletter 1

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It is almost unbelievable that it is the end of the first school term already! We certainly hit the ground running on return from the Summer Holidays, with preparation for the Summer Fete, our 125 Year Celebration and our MacMillan Coffee Morning. The staff would like to thank you for your contributions in making all three events so successful.

The children have settled in well to their classes this term and we have enjoyed welcoming Miss Duncan, and welcoming back Mr Clark, to the St Matthew's team.

Next term is set to be just as busy as this one! When the children return from the October Break preparations will soon start for the Christmas Fair and our nativity – details of which will be shared very soon!

Please find attached an overview of the important dates for this year. We will be adding to these dates over the year and will provide you with an updated copy with every newsletter. Once again, please do not hesitate to contact the school office or myself if you have any queries.

Kind regards,

Anna Chidgey
Head Teacher

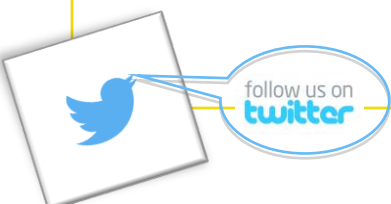
MacMillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who made it along to help us fundraise for MacMillan Cancer Support on Friday 27th of September. All the home baking donations were gratefully received and we managed to raise our highest amount to date - £288.46! Everyone was very generous with donations and it was another lovely morning spent with family and friends for a very worthy cause. Until next year!



As the weather changes and winter draws closer, we kindly request that the children come to school with appropriate clothing for all weather conditions.

We aim for the children to be outside as much as possible for breaks and lunch times to ensure they get fresh air and a movement break, so it is important that they bring a warm jacket with them every day. Hats, scarves and gloves are optional (but with names on would be greatly appreciated!)



125 Year Celebration

This year St Matthew's Primary School has been open for 125 Years! The children worked very hard to learn some new hymns and readings, which they performed magnificently during our Celebration Mass. It was so lovely to see so many generations of people who have been part of the St Matthew's journey and it was very special to share our day with everyone. Thank you to everyone who managed to make it along on the day, and well done to all the children for representing St Matthew's so incredibly well!

Mrs Syme
Principal Teacher (Acting)



Primary 1/3 have settled into school well this term and enjoyed making some new friends after the summer holidays. We have been working hard to learn new sounds, improve our fluency when reading and spelling some tricky red words. The pupils have been having lots of fun using creative materials to help them remember new words and sounds.



This term as part of Maths week we have also been learning about measure. The pupils have enjoyed using different objects to measure length and weight and estimating how much different classroom objects weigh.

Miss Forbes

P1/3 Class Teacher



P 3-5 Newsletter

Primary 3-5 have been learning about the history of St. Matthew's by finding out about Rosewell as a mining community, Victorian schools and by looking at different objects, such as the old school bell! They have created some art inspired by this and have planned and designed a photo frame for their fantastic art, which they will be constructing and decorating next week.

In numeracy and maths, P.3-5 have been doubling, making sequences with numbers, revising their number bonds and working with time. As part of math's week they have looked at The Rabbit Problem book as a source of inspiration for various maths activities, including making a calendar and going on a maths treasure hunt!

P.3-5 have been enjoying writing their own fairy tale and coming up with some incredibly creative stories and wonderful art.

There has been fantastic group work this term, particularly during Health and Wellbeing. P.3-5 made some useful posters about hygiene which they will put up around the school to remind everyone to wash their hands.

Miss Duncan

P3/5 Class Teacher





P5-7 Newsletter

This term we have been learning about democracy and elections. We have looked at the biggest parties in Scotland and the UK and learned about some of the party leaders. We even drew caricatures of them! This topic will continue into the beginning of next term, after which we will be learning about William Wallace and Robert the Bruce.

In numeracy we have been practising addition, subtraction and multiplication. In Maths Week we learned about Leonardo Fibonacci, a mathematician who discovered a particular number pattern. He found that his pattern could create a spiral pattern that can be found in nature, such as the shell of a snail or the arms of a galaxy.

In literacy we have been learning about Chinese myths and legends. We have also learned about non-chronological reports. We have had the opportunities to write both genres. At the beginning of the term we read *Charlie & The Chocolate Factory* as a class and completed a number of tasks linked to the book, including creating our own Golden Ticket Winner and writing a newspaper article.

Mr Clark
Class Teacher



Top one is caricatures of politicians, bottom one is a chalk picture of a galaxy demonstrating the Fibonacci spiral.



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Dates for your Diary

7 th Oct	-	P6's John Muir Award – Woodland Skills 12 – 3 – Group 1
10 th Oct	-	Fluoride Varnish
11th Oct	-	Finish for October Holiday at 12.25 pm
21st Oct	-	In service Day – Pupils off
22nd Oct	-	In service Day – Pupils off
23rd Oct	-	All Pupils Resume at 8.50 am
23 rd Oct	-	Drumming for Excellence – P3/5 & P5/7
26 th Oct	-	Enrolment Mass at St Matthew's RC Church 6.00 pm
28 th Oct	-	P6's John Muir Award – Woodland Skills 12 – 3 – Group 1
1 st Nov	-	Halloween Party – St Matthew's Church Hall 6.00 pm
4 th Nov	-	P6's John Muir Award – Woodland Skills 12 – 3 – Group 1
4 th Nov	-	Parent Council Meeting – 6.30 pm
11 th Nov	-	P6's John Muir Award – Woodland Skills 12 – 3 – Group 1
12 th Nov	-	Drumming for Excellence – P3/5 & P5/7
15 th Nov	-	Children in Need – wear something spotty – all donations in aid of Children in Need
15 th Nov	-	Flu Vaccine
W/c 18 th Nov	-	P1 Enrolment Week
18 th Nov	-	P6's John Muir Award – Woodland Skills 12 – 3 – Group 1
19 th Nov	-	Parent's Meeting re Reconciliation @ Our Lady Church Hall, Bonnyrigg - 7.00 pm
22 nd Nov	-	Individual and Family Photographs from 9.00 am
25 th Nov	-	P6's John Muir Award – Woodland Skills 12 – 3 – Group 1
26 th Nov	-	Drumming for Excellence – P3/5 & P5/7
26 th Nov	-	P1/3 Swimming - 10.45 – 1.00 pm @ Loanhead
29 th Nov	-	Christmas Fair in St Matthew's Church Hall @ 2.30 pm
2 nd Dec	-	P6's John Muir Award – Woodland Skills 12 – 3 – Group 1
3 rd Dec	-	P1/3 Swimming - 10.45 – 1.00 pm @ Loanhead
3 rd Dec	-	P3/5 Swimming – 1.30 – 3.30 pm @ Lasswade
3 rd Dec	-	Parent Council Meeting @ 6.30 pm
9 th Dec	-	P6's John Muir Award – Woodland Skills 12 – 3 – Group 1
10 th Dec	-	P1/3 Swimming - 10.45 – 1.00 pm @ Loanhead
10 th Dec	-	P3/5 Swimming – 1.30 – 3.30 pm @ Lasswade
10 th Dec	-	Nativity Evening Performance at 6.00 pm – St Matthew's Church Hall
11 th Dec	-	Nativity Evening Performance at 6.00 pm – St Matthew's Church Hall
12 th Dec	-	"Goldilocks & the Three Bears" Pantomime at Kings Theatre – leave at 12.45 pm due back at approx 5pm
15 th Dec	-	Reconciliation Service – St Matthew's RC Church @ 5.00 pm
16 th Dec	-	P6's John Muir Award – Woodland Skills 12 – 3 – Group 1

Dates for your Diary cont'd

17 th Dec	-	P1/3 Swimming - 10.45 – 1.00 pm @ Loanhead
17 th Dec	-	P3/5 Swimming – 1.30 – 3.30 pm @ Lasswade
19 th Dec	-	Christmas Lunch & Christmas Party
20th Dec	-	Finish for Christmas Holiday at 12.25 pm
6th Jan	-	In service Day – Pupils off
7th Jan	-	All Pupils Resume at 8.50 am
7 th Jan	-	P1/3 Swimming - 10.45 – 1.00 pm @ Loanhead
7 th Jan	-	P3/5 Swimming – 1.30 – 3.30 pm @ Lasswade
13 th Jan	-	P6's John Muir Award – Woodland Skills 12 – 3 – Group 1
13 th Jan	-	Parent Council Meeting – 6.30 pm
14 th Jan	-	P1/3 Swimming - 10.45 – 1.00 pm @ Loanhead
14 th Jan	-	P3/5 Swimming – 1.30 – 3.30 pm @ Lasswade
21 st Jan	-	P1/3 Swimming - 10.45 – 1.00 pm @ Loanhead
21 st Jan	-	P3/5 Swimming – 1.30 – 3.30 pm @ Lasswade
22 nd Jan	-	P5-7 Skiing 1 – 11.00 am
24 th Jan	-	Burns Night – 5.00 pm
28 th Jan	-	P1/3 Swimming - 10.45 – 1.00 pm @ Loanhead
28 th Jan	-	P3/5 Swimming – 1.30 – 3.30 pm @ Lasswade
29 th Jan	-	Disney's "Lion King" at the Playhouse Theatre – leave at 12.45 and return approx. 5.30 pm
30 th Jan	-	P5-7 Skiing 2 – 11.00 am
4 th Feb	-	P1/3 Swimming - 10.45 – 1.00 pm @ Loanhead
4 th Feb	-	P3/5 Swimming – 1.30 – 3.30 pm @ Lasswade
5 th Feb	-	P5-7 Skiing 3 – 11.00 am
7th Feb	-	Finish for February Holiday at 12.25 pm
17th Feb	-	All Resume at 8.50 am
18 th Feb	-	P1/3 Swimming - 10.45 – 1.00 pm @ Loanhead
18 th Feb	-	P3/5 Swimming – 1.30 – 3.30 pm @ Lasswade
18 th Feb	-	Parent Council Meeting – 6.30 pm
19 th Feb	-	P5-7 Skiing 4 – 11.00 am
20 th Feb	-	Parent Evening
25 th Feb	-	P1/3 Swimming - 10.45 – 1.00 pm @ Loanhead
25 th Feb	-	P3/5 Swimming – 1.30 – 3.30 pm @ Lasswade
26 th Feb	-	P5-7 Skiing 5 – 11.00 am
26 th Feb	-	Ash Wednesday Mass - 12.00 pm
3 rd Mar	-	P1/3 Swimming - 10.45 – 1.00 pm @ Loanhead
3 rd Mar	-	P3/5 Swimming – 1.30 – 3.30 pm @ Lasswade
4 th Mar	-	P5-7 Skiing 6 – 11.00 am
10 th Mar	-	5/7 Swimming – 1.30 – 3.30 pm @ Lasswade
17 th Mar	-	5/7 Swimming – 1.30 – 3.30 pm @ Lasswade
17 th Mar	-	Parent Council Meeting @ 6.30 pm
24 th Mar	-	Stations of the Cross @ St Matthews RC Church 9.30 am
24 th Mar	-	5/7 Swimming – 1.30 – 3.30 pm @ Lasswade
31 st Mar	-	5/7 Swimming – 1.30 – 3.30 pm @ Lasswade

Dates for your Diary cont'd

4th Apr	-	Finish for Easter Holiday at 12.25 pm
20th Apr	-	All Resume at 8.50 am
21 st Apr	-	5/7 Swimming – 1.30 – 3.30 pm @ Lasswade
21 st Apr	-	Parent Council Meeting – 6.30 pm
28 th Apr	-	5/7 Swimming – 1.30 – 3.30 pm @ Lasswade
5 th May	-	5/7 Swimming – 1.30 – 3.30 pm @ Lasswade
5 th May	-	Parent Meeting Re – Communion at Our Lady Church Hall, Bonnyrigg – 7.00 pm
7th May	-	Finish for May Bank Holiday at 3.15 pm
8th May	-	Holiday – School Closed
11th May	-	All Resume at 8.50 am
12 th May	-	5/7 Swimming – 1.30 – 3.30 pm @ Lasswade
12 th May	-	P1 Induction 1 – 2.00 pm – 3.00 pm
14 th May	-	Sports Day 1 - 1.00 pm at Rosewell Park (If inclement weather will be postponed to 21 st May)
15th May	-	Finish for May Bank Holiday at 12.25 pm
18th May	-	In service Day – Pupils off
19th May	-	All Pupils Resume at 8.50 am
19 th May	-	P1 Induction 2 – 9.30 am – 11.00 am
19 th May	-	Parent Council Meeting – 6.30 pm
19 th May	-	5/7 Swimming – 1.30 – 3.30 pm @ Lasswade
20 th May	-	Parents Evening
21 st May	-	Feast of Ascension Mass @ St Matthew's RC Church 12.00 pm
21 st May	-	Sports Day 2 - 1.30 pm at Rosewell Park
25 th – 29 th May	-	Whole School Camp 3 or 5 days at Winmarleigh Hall, Lancs
26 th May	-	P1 Induction 3 – 1.30 pm – 3.00 pm
26 th May	-	5/7 Swimming – 1.30 – 3.30 pm @ Lasswade
30 th May	-	First Holy Communion @ St Matthew's RC Church 6.00 pm
2 nd Jun	-	P1 Induction 4 – 10.00 am – 2.00 pm
2 nd Jun	-	5/7 Swimming – 1.30 – 3.30 pm @ Lasswade
9 th Jun	-	P1 Induction 5 – 9.00 am – 3.00 pm
9 th Jun	-	5/7 Swimming – 1.30 – 3.30 pm @ Lasswade
10 th & 11 th Jun	-	Transitions Days High Schools
16 th Jun	-	5/7 Swimming – 1.30 – 3.30 pm @ Lasswade
23 rd Jun	-	5/7 Swimming – 1.30 – 3.30 pm @ Lasswade
25 th Jun	-	Leavers & Awards Assembly – 2.00 pm
25 th Jun	-	End of Year Disco – 6.00 pm
26th Jun	-	Finish for Summer Holiday at 12.25 pm

All dates and times are correct at time of print but may be subject to change.