



Mount Carmel Primary School



Newsletter

February/March 2016



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Dear Parents/Carers,

A few staff changes are happening this month, so you may hear some different names being mentioned in the weeks to come.

Mrs McCreddie started her maternity leave on Friday 26th - **I'm sure she's looking forward to a few days rest before the new arrival!**

Mrs Duncan will be returning from her maternity leave on Mon 7th March and will take over in the Willow Room for the remainder of this session. She has been popping in over the past couple of weeks to get to know the children.

We are delighted to welcome a new staff member, Mrs Travers, who will be with us on a temporary basis. Mrs Travers will job-share with Mrs Duff in P2/1 and will provide non-class contact time in P7, P5, P4/5 and P6 for the remainder of the week.

A questionnaire to gather parent/carer views on homework is attached to the newsletter. It would be really helpful for us to have as much feedback as possible, this will help us to plan effective homework in the future - one return per family will be sufficient. I look forward to your feedback.

Kind Regards
Mrs B Gibb
Head Teacher



NSPCC

The NSPCC have visited the school on a number of occasions in the past. This week they will be meeting with P6 & P7 classes to explain some of the work they do. Next week the classes will take part in **some workshop activities led by the NSPCC. I'm sure** it will be a very interesting and informative experience for our pupils.

Lent

Primary 4 started off our Lenten Journey before the break with a very informative and well presented class assembly about Ash Wednesday. This week P5 did a great job presenting their class assembly to the school to remind us about the work of SCI AF.

Over the next four weeks, P4/5, P6, P6/7 & P7 will each deliver a Lenten Assembly to the whole school to lead us in prayer and focus our attention on how we prepare for Easter.

Fundraising

Just a reminder of the fundraising events still to come before the Easter holiday - all proceeds are donated to SCI AF:

Mother's Day Sale: Friday 4th March (various prices)

Treasure Hunt P1-3 - Mon 7th - Fri 11th Mar 50p
Sweetie Quiz P4-P7 - Mon 7th - Fri 11th Mar £1

Onesie Day &
Challenge Afternoon - Thurs 17th Mar 50p donation

Fun/Mud Run - Wk beg 21st March

We will also be holding our annual Easter Egg Raffle just before the holidays - tickets will be on sale from Monday 29th February

World Book Day

World Book Day this year will be on Thursday 3rd March.

Pupils should come to school dressed up as their favourite character from a book.

There will be the usual costume parade in the morning with prizes for the most unusual or imaginative costume. Throughout the day classes will be involved in a variety of activities including Guest Readers, book study activities and teacher swap.

In the afternoon there will be a Book Swap - pupils may bring in a book they have read or no longer need and swap it for one that someone else has brought in.

At home, pupils may choose to take part in our competition which involved finding the most unusual **place to be photographed reading a book. We'll display the entries and there will be a prize for the photograph judged to be the most unusual!**

Parent's Afternoon/Evening

Our second Parent Meetings of the session will be held on Wednesday 30th March.

Appointments will be available from 3.15 - 5.15pm and from 6.00 - 8.00pm as usual.

The Book Fair will also be available for parents should they wish to purchase books.

We hope a member of St Joseph's Academy staff will also be on hand for parents of P7 pupils to chat and answer your questions about the transition.

P3 Sacrament of Reconciliation

On Sunday 13th March, at 1.00pm some of our P3 pupils will take part in the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. They have been preparing at school and at home to receive the sacrament and I know they are looking forward to it.

I would ask you to remember these pupils in your prayers at this time as they take this next step in their journey of faith.

Dates for Your Diary

March

- Thursday 3rd - World Book Day - pupils dress as their favourite character
- Tuesday 8th - NSPCC visit to P6&7
- Tuesday 8th - 7pm - P4 Reconciliation as preparation for Sacraments
- Sunday 13th - 1pm P3 Sacrament of First Reconciliation in church
- Monday 14th - NSPCC Workshops for P6 & 7
- Tuesday 15th - 5.45pm Friends of Mount Carmel Meeting in church
- Tuesday 22nd - 7pm Parent Council Meeting in school
- Friday 25th - Good Friday - SCHOOL HOLIDAY
- Monday 28th - Easter Monday - SCHOOL HOLIDAY
- Wednesday 30th - **Parent's Afternoon/Evening**
- Thursday 31st - P6 Author Visit to class

April

- Friday 1st - 2.30pm - SCHOOL CLOSES FOR HOLIDAY
- Monday 18th - 9am - school re-opens for staff and pupils

