



FORTHCOMING FIXTURES/EVENTS

Monday 15th June

Form 8 to Loch Eil - all week
Form 7 Activity Week - all week
Form 6 to Ford Castle

Tuesday 16th June

Form 3 and 4 Camp all day
NO Code Club

Wednesday 17th June

Form 6 Camp return 2:00pm
U9A & U9B Kwik Cricket v Cargilfield (A)
2:30pm
Form 7 return from Sedbergh

Thursday 18th June

Upper Kindergarten Syllabus Evening 6pm

Friday 19th June

New Pupil In-Day
F3 Assembly
Melrosian visits St. Mary's 1:30pm
Form 8 return from Loch Eil
Form 7 return from Port Edgar

Sunday 21st

IAPS Athletics at Fettes at 1:30pm

NOTE FROM THE HEADMASTER

If you were amongst the 270 runners who ran the Borders Fun Run in aid of Multiple Sclerosis, then well done you, and thank you for taking care of the campus, which hosted the event on Sunday. This event took place midway through our half-term holiday, whilst I was busy fielding some very impressive Common Entrance results from our Form 8 pupils. We are still to receive one set of results, so I will avoid the temptation to shout from the rooftops about how well Form 8 have done until those results are with us.

Meanwhile, Form 5 headed off to camp yesterday in glorious sunshine, and Mr P reported back both last night and this morning that they are having a fabulous time. All other classes had the pleasure of visiting the Book Festival, and form teachers have reported back later in this .mail, but you may have seen members of Upper Transition featuring on ITV Border News last night.

For the rest of the school, it has been business as usual, with feedback on exams and assessments taking place in classes.

I am hugely grateful to you for your patience regarding the restricted exit route from our campus as the Book Festival has expanded into our orchard. This has created several new health and safety factors to be considered. We have worked hard to ensure the Book Festival organisers understand our needs. Thursday threw up a number of teething problems, but we have addressed those as best we can today. Monday should see things return to normal, if not by morning drop-off then hopefully by the time you pick your children up. Forms 6, 7 and 8 however, will not require to be picked up, as they are heading off to Ford Castle, Sedbergh and Loch Eil respectively. The forecast is good, and it would appear that the long-awaited sunshine is here to stay.

We look forward to New Pupil In-Day next Friday, when we will be welcoming many new faces, and we shall do our best to put them at their ease throughout the day.

Finally, to avoid any speculative festival goers passing through the school grounds in their vehicles, the school gates will be closed this evening from 6:00pm. I hope you have an enjoyable and restful weekend.

HM

FORM 5 CAMP



A snapshot of Form 5 camp

MUSIC AND DRAMA DEPARTMENT

Code Club

There will be no code club on Tuesday, June 16th. Any pupils who cannot be picked up at 4pm should be signed into prep. Many thanks and apologies for any inconvenience.

Ford Castle

Form 6 pupils should come to school wearing casual clothes on Monday morning. Bags should be left at the bike racks outside the Sanderson building. Any medication should be delivered to me in the Form room with relevant instructions.

Instrument letters

Apologies that I did not get these to brown envelopes as intended and indicated in last week's .mail. Letters should be in envelopes today!

Miss McRae

SCHOOL COATS

As from the 3rd July 2015, the old green coats will be obsolete. The new design coats (for Forms 3 – 8) can be purchased via the school office.

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F3 ASSEMBLY - FRIDAY 19TH JUNE

Please can Form 3 go direct to the Morrison Hall on Friday morning to meet Mrs Wright before the assembly.

For the remainder of the day the class will follow the Form 4 timetable. Mrs Kirkness will be in the Sanderson Building ready to welcome the new Form 3 class for registration at 8.30am

KITH 'N' KIN DAY IN RECEPTION CLASS

Last Thursday was a very special day here at St. Mary's; Kith 'n' Kin Day. Lots of relatives came into see the children at work in Reception and they had great fun looking at some of the children's latest work. It was lovely to see grannies, grandpas, aunts and uncles enjoying some quality time with the children.



Mrs Currie and Mrs Lewington



NEW PUPILS IN-DAY – FRIDAY 19TH JUNE

A reminder of the New Pupils In-Day next Friday. All classes move up a year; therefore a reminder of the *later pick up times*. Upper Transition will be in Form 3 and therefore finish at 4pm (not 3pm); Form 5 will be in Form 6 and finish at 5pm (not 4pm).

FORM 3 TO BOOK FESTIVAL

Form 3 went to the Border's Book Festival to listen to the author Barry Hutchison. He read extracts from his latest books, 'The Shark-Headed Bear Thing' and 'The Swivel-Eyed Ogre-Thing'. The children thought he was, "funny", "silly", "terrifying", "crazy", "cool" and "scary". They were very enthusiastic and came back to class to invent their own monster

characters. Here are a few of them: “The Crocodile-Headed Snake Chicken-Thing”, “The Pig-Headed Bunny-Thing”, “The Bear-Headed Meerkat-Thing” and “The crocodile-headed duck dog thing”.

Mrs Kirkness

KINDERGARTEN VISIT BORDERS BOOK FESTIVAL

On Thursday morning, Kindergarten enjoyed a visit to the Borders Book Festival where they listened and watched “Mac and Bob – The Party Problem”. The children listened very well as Mac talked about the adventures he and his dog Bob had after they were invited to a party but had to solve a big problem before they were able to go.



Lots of singing, dancing and fun took place! Thank you to Mrs Fresle for organising an enjoyable morning.

Mrs L Berni

FORM 4 TRIP TO NEW LANARK

Form 4 will be going to new Lanark on [Monday 22nd June](#).

It will be a long, busy day and it is very important that we leave before normal registration time. Please can all the children to be in school by [8:15am](#), except if they arrive by bus, which will be here on time.

We will not be back to school until [5pm](#). I hope this will not cause too much inconvenience but it is a long way to go so I would like to make the most of it.

We will all be travelling in the school mini-buses driven by myself and Mrs Redmond with two accompanying gap students.

The children should come in clean, school track suits, polo-shirts and trainers.

Mrs L Runciman

RECEPTION VISIT TO MELROSE BOOK FESTIVAL



On Thursday morning Reception class visited the Book Festival along at Harmony House. We were thoroughly entertained by Mac from the Mac and Bob Stories. Everyone loved listening to Mac tell his latest story “Mac and Bob and the Party Problem” then we joined in with lots of fun singing and dancing! We also had the opportunity to buy a book; most of the children chose “Mac and Bob and the Party Problem” and we even got it signed by Mac himself!

Mrs Currie and Mrs Lewington

PREP SCHOOL (F3-8) SWIMMING GALA, THURSDAY 25th JUNE

Please bring your children directly to Galashiels Swimming Pool at **8.45 am**. Staff will be there at 8:30am – *please do not arrive before this*. Pre-Prep go directly to school as usual. Please do not bring food for your children to the swimming pool but do ensure they have had a good breakfast! We will provide water and ‘Dextrosol’ tablets for all swimmers and there will be a snack on return to school. Many thanks. Please note that all boarders and bus pupils will be transported by us.

Mrs Bell, Mr Purvis, Mr Mill

PREP SCHOOL ONLY:

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THURSDAY 2nd JULY

Children arrive at school on Thursday 2nd July in their **No 1 uniform**. They will then change into tracksuits for the day and change back into their No 1 uniform after school.

All pupils will stay at school rather than go home at 4pm or 5pm; they will be given tea and be prepared for the Prizegiving Ceremony which begins at **6.00pm prompt**.

For the Prizegiving Ceremony itself, pupils in F3 – F8 will be sitting in their Form classes with their Form Tutors, therefore there should be no need for them to meet up with their families before the Ceremony.

Pre-Prep pupils are welcome to attend and can sit with their families; they are not required to wear school uniform. ***Pre-Prep and Kindergarten end of term 3:00pm Thursday 2nd July***

After the Prizegiving Ceremony, the pupils will be taken by their Form Tutors back to their classrooms. Parents are invited to join the Headmaster, Staff and Governors for drinks on

the front lawn (weather permitting). Pupils should be collected from Form Tutors **no later than 7.45pm.**

Do please phone the school should you have any queries about the above arrangements.

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FRIDAY 3rd JULY

- All Prep School pupils should arrive at school at **9.30am** wearing their **ATHLETICS KIT.**
- **10.00am – 12.30pm, Sports Finals on the back fields.**
- 12.45pm (approx), End of term.
- **N.B. The mini-bus will run an hour later than normal on Friday 3rd July.**

FRIENDS OF ST. MARY'S

Summer Fair – Thursday 25th June

.... just 2 weeks to go. We still need more help, particularly with serving teas and coffees - please sign up for one or two half hour slots with your Class Rep or with Claire Briggs at claire.briggs3@gmail.com.

Also needed are donations for all the stalls: tombola prizes, jars of sweets and chocolate bars for the Sweetie Tombola, books, jumble/clothes, plants and produce for the Groovy Green stall, cakes. Donations may be left in the Hamilton Building foyer or handed to your Class Rep.

Please donate generously as all the money raised from the fair will be divided equally and go directly to each class for next year.

LOOKING AHEAD

Please remember to look out any outgrown uniform for the school shop. The shop will be open on Friday 19th, from 9:00am – 10:00am and 3:00pm – 5:00pm, alongside Aitken and Niven who will be here all day. Also “Cott Shoes” (boys’ shoes) will be here from 3:00pm – 5:00pm.

Any plants/shrubs for our Summer Fair stall would be greatly appreciated.

Mrs Blunt