



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers

I am pleased to pass on the following information at the start of a busy summer term.

RETIREMENT I am sorry to report that Mrs Marilyn Martin has taken the decision to retire at the end of this session. Mrs Martin has been a member of staff here at St. Ronan's since 1999 and has taught hundreds of St. Ronan's pupils during that time. She will be greatly missed as a teacher, colleague and friend, but we wish her well for a well-deserved retirement.

CLASSES 2017/18 It has been confirmed that we will have eleven classes next term. Once we know who our staff will be next session, we will be able to allocate teachers to classes; this will not be until later in June.

CALENDAR With lots going on between now and the summer holidays, I am pleased to provide an updated school calendar with dates up to the end of June. (See opposite).

LEARNING JOURNALS We are very pleased to announce that we will be replacing our paper system of reporting on pupil progress in P.2-7 with an online system called **Learning Journals**. (Pupils in Primary 1 will continue to use their Learning Journey Books). Online Learning Journals will mean that you can access information on your child's progress any time you want, on your phone, ipad, tablet etc. as long as you have an internet connection. If you don't have an internet connection at home you will be able to view your child's profile from within the school by using our computer(s) and devices or, as a last resort we can print it off for you. Learning Journals will enable your child's Teacher to make observations of learning in a fraction of the time it would have taken previously. This means they are going to have more time to teach and care for the children instead of filling out paperwork. It's also extremely environmentally friendly! Learning Journals allow you and your child to share achievements from out of school too! **We will be sending out log-in details and further information during the next few weeks.** You will then be able to read details of the key areas of progress and next steps in your child's learning. From August, the Learning Journals will be updated on a termly basis rather than all at the end of the year, giving you regular 'real time' information on progress and next steps.

BAKE SALE – MON 5 JUN Clara, Cara, Katie and Sasha from P.6 are holding a Bake Sale in school on Monday 5 June to raise funds for the Make a Wish Charity. Items will be on sale at 20p each if your child would like to take part.

PARENT PARTNERSHIP The Parent Partnership will meet again on **Monday 5 June** at 7.30pm in the Family Room. This meeting will include a brief AGM, and if there are issues you want to raise, or you want to know what is on the agenda, then please get in touch via the website, email, or via the school. parentpartnership@st-ronans.org.uk

P.4 ENTERPRISE – SPONSORED SPELL As part of their Enterprise topic this term, Primary 4 (Mrs Martin's class), intend to raise money through fundraising to buy a commemorative set of lights for our school's 60th anniversary this year. All pupils will be asked to take part in a Sponsored Spell for P.1-7 during the week commencing 19 June. A letter and a sponsor sheet are attached. Please return form and money by 26 June. Thank you.

SUMMER FAIR – WED 7 JUN, 6-8PM Please find attached details of all the attractions and of how you can help us with this event. We look forward to seeing everyone on the night!

SUMMER RAFFLE This will be drawn at the Summer Fair on Wed 7 Jun. All families will have received tickets home to sell. Please help us by selling as many as you can and return all tickets, both sold and unsold, along with money in the envelope provided to school **as soon as possible**. Extra tickets are available from the school office.

DOGS IN SCHOOL GROUNDS Dogs are not allowed in the school grounds while the pupils are in school or at the end of the school day. Please tie dogs up well away from the school gates. We are currently looking at providing an safe area outwith the grounds where dogs can be tied up.

ST. RONAN'S – CALENDAR – JUNE 2017	
29	Last school football session until next August PTA Meeting, 7.30pm
30	New P.1 Class Visits, 9.30-10.15am
31	P.5-6 Trip, New Lanark
2	Standard Bearer's Visit
5	P.7 Bikeability Bake Sale Parent Partnership AGM, 7.30pm
7	P.1 Traquair House Trip Summer Fair 6-8pm
8	New P.1 Class Visits, 9.30-10.15am
9	Fawn Stalker, 9am
12	P7 Parents' Open Evening, PHS – 7pm (6.30pm tour)
13	Potted Sports 10.30am (T&G), 1.30pm (P&L)
14	P.7 PHS Day 1
15	P.7 PHS Day 2 P.3, 3/4, 4 Trip, Royal Botanic Garden New P.1 Class Visits, 10.35-11.30am & lunch taster
20	Inter-House Sports, 1.00pm
21	Making the Leap Performance, PHS
26	P.7 Leavers' Assembly 1.30pm
27	Prize-giving 1.30pm
28	Last day of term

WATER BOTTLES Please send your child to school with a water bottle every day. We can sell a St. Ronan's bottle for £1.50 from the school office.

SUPERMARKET TOKENS We are currently collecting tokens from Sainsbury's. These may be sent in with the children or pop them in the box located in the reception area. The tokens are used to get sports equipment for use across the school. Thank you.

SUMMER SPORTS EVENTS We are delighted to pass on the following information on three sporting events taking place during June. Parents and carers are warmly invited to attend all of the events.

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>WHAT YOU NEED TO DO, BRING or WEAR</u>
<u>FRIDAY 9 JUNE – FAWN & BAMBI STALKERS – P.1-7</u> The St. Ronan's version of the Mighty Deerstalker will be held once again this year. All P.1-7 children will take part in House teams. The P.1-3 pupils will compete in the Bambi Stalker (9am), while P.4-7 pupils will take part in the Fawn Stalker (10.15am). This will be a run around the grounds with various obstacles to navigate. It is to be a fun event, children may get wet and muddy so should wear old clothes to school that day. All welcome to come and watch from 9.00am.	P.1-7 wear old clothes to school, including long trousers, long sleeved top, old trainers and a waterproof. <u>Please note: these items may get wet and muddy.</u> If you're free to help marshall the race, please complete & return the slip attached.
<u>TUESDAY 13 JUNE – POTTED SPORTS – NURSERY-P.7</u> In response to requests for sports that would give lots of children the opportunity to succeed, we are holding a potted sports event. The events will be split as follows: 10.30am: Morning Nursery, Glenormiston & Traquair 1.30pm: Afternoon Nursery, Pirn & Leithen The events will involve the children in mixed age teams taking part in a variety of fun activities as they rotate around a circuit.	Nursery-7: Outdoor PE kit suitable for the weather (e.g. shorts/track suit/joggers & top, trainers)
<u>TUESDAY 20 JUNE – SPORTS DAY – P.1-7</u> P.1-7 Inter-House Sports, 1.00pm. Flat races and relays with heats and finals for all children. Including fun races. All welcome.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• P.1-7 bring outdoor PE running kit to change into in the afternoon.• Children can wear a t-shirt in their house colour

HEADLICE Infection with head lice is a very common problem in the UK, especially among school children. Lice pass from one person to another during direct head-to-head contact. This is because lice cannot jump, fly or hop; they can only transfer to another head by walking along strands of hair. The best way to search for head lice is to use a specially designed bug busting comb available from a pharmacy. This is a fine-toothed plastic comb with spacing of less than 0.3mm. You can check for lice on dry or wet hair. Use a brush or an ordinary comb to first detangle hair. Once hair has been detangled, switch to the bug busting comb. Start at the middle of the front of the scalp. Comb the hair from the roots to the very end of the hair. After each stroke, examine the teeth of the comb for living lice. Rinse the comb if you find any lice. Continue combing section by section until you've done the whole head of hair. Make sure you cover every inch of the scalp, including the area just behind the ears and at the nape of the neck. For wet combing, simply wash hair and apply conditioner before starting these steps. Afterwards, rinse out the conditioner and check hair again with the nit comb before drying. If you find head lice, check every other member of the family, including any adults who have close contact with the child.

PEEBLES HIGH SCHOOL MATHS CIRCLE The next Peebles Maths Circle will be held on Saturday 10 June from 11am-2pm in Peebles High School Assembly Hall. The Peebles Maths Circle is organised by the Maths Teachers at the high school and is a free drop-in session where children aged 5 to 16 and their families can join in with exciting mathematical activities, games and puzzles. Refreshments are available and children must be accompanied by an adult. Hope to see you there. Any queries please email samantha.mchenry@glow.sch.uk.

P.7 LEAVERS' ASSEMBLY – MON 26 JUN – 1.30PM Please book seats by returning the slip below – this event is for P.7 parents/carers only.

PRIZE-GIVING & END OF TERM ASSEMBLY – TUE 27 JUN – 1.30PM Please book seats by returning the slip below.

Should you have any concerns regarding your child or any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us – details at the top of the newsletter.

Yours faithfully

K. J. Belleville
Headteacher

JUNE NEWSLETTER – RETURN SHEET

FAWN/BAMBI STALKER – FRI 9 JUN – 9.00AM & 10.15AM

Child/children's name/s:		Class/es:	
I am able to assist at the above event and will be available at (please tick):	9.00am	10.15am	Both times
Parent's Name:		Email address:	

Thank you. Please report to the start (side playground near gym).

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