



# ST. RONAN'S NEWS

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### Celebrating 60 Years of Learning

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope everyone had a good April break. I am pleased to pass on the following information at the start of a busy summer term.

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

**HMI SCHOOL ACTION PLAN** Following the recent Inspection of the School we are currently working on our Action Plan. This closely mirrors the improvement priorities that we had already identified for the school. There will be an opportunity for parents/carers and the wider community to have some input at the Drop-in on Wed 2 May.

**PARENTS' DROP-IN – WED 2 MAY 3.30-5.30PM**  
Class Teachers will be available in their rooms to meet with parents from 3.30-5.30pm. In the Assembly Hall from 3.30-6.30pm we will share information on the Action Plan and there will be an opportunity for you to give your views and to add your voice to the work that we are doing.

**BOOK FAIR** The Book Fair will also be available in the Assembly Hall for the duration of the **Drop-in and from 2.45-4.00pm on Tuesday 1 May and Thursday 3 May**. Pupils will have a chance to view the books during the school day. A leaflet with examples of book choices and vouchers for specific books is attached.

**STAFF NEWS** As a result of changes to the way in which Primary School Administration is run we are pleased to advise that Mrs C. Davidson will be joining the office team from Tuesday 17 April. Mrs Davidson will be in the School Office every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons.

**PARENT PARTNERSHIP** The Parent Partnership exists to represent the views of parents and carers, and there are a couple of school initiatives we are trying to support which would benefit from your involvement.

We are looking to set up some small groups to look at a couple of initiatives at St. Ronan's. "Raising Children with Confidence" is an SBC wide initiative and we're looking for a small team to help plan the parent training courses at St. Ronan's. The school is also reviewing its approach to Promoting Positive Behaviour and, again, we are looking for a small group to provide input. Last but not least, Skills for work and employability, where we think there is a role here for us to help develop a programme of events for the school. If you want to discuss, or get more details, leave a message via the school, or, email us on [parentpartnership@st-ronans.org.uk](mailto:parentpartnership@st-ronans.org.uk). The next full Parent Council meeting is due to be held on Monday 30 April at 7.30pm at the School. Thanks, Parent Partnership.

#### PTA NEWS

- **Film Night** Many children enjoyed watching The Emoji Movie at our free Film Night in February.
- **Food Festival** - Thanks to everyone who supported the recent Food Festival - we raised £518.69. We were so impressed again by the effort children and parents had made, baking cakes for the Bake Off competition. Special thanks to our judges Kenny Coltman and Barbara Allan Jones, and to the staff and committee members for their continued support at these events.
- **Next Meeting** Mon 23 Apr, 7.30pm, Family Room
- **Team Games Night (Thur 3 May 6-8pm)** The PTA will be selling hot and cold refreshments in the Assembly Hall during the netball and football tournaments.
- **Summer Fair (Tue 5 June 6-8pm)** The event will feature lots of fun activities for children including bouncy castle, Spider Mountain, Inflatable Assault Course as well games, raffle and refreshments. More details will follow next month.

APRIL		
Thu 19.4.18	P.5 Class Swimming block starts	AM
Mon 23.4.18	PTA Meeting	7.30pm
Mon 30.4.18	Parent Partnership Meeting	7.30pm
MAY		
Wed 2.5.18	Parents' Drop-in	3.30-5.30pm
Thu 3.5.18	Team Games Night	6.00-8.30pm
<b>Fri 4.5.18</b>	<b>INSET – School closed to children</b>	
<b>Mon 7.5.18</b>	<b>Closed for May Day Holiday</b>	
14-18.5.18	Walk to School Week	
15-18.5.18	Nursery Transition Meetings	4.00-6.00pm
Wed 23.5.18	Nursery Stay & Play	
Wed 23.5.18	County Sports	6.00-8.30pm
Thu 24.5.18	P.5/6 Class Swimming block starts	AM
Mon 28.5.18	PTA Meeting	7.30pm
Tue 29.5.18	Scottish Opera Workshop P.4, P.5	
JUNE		
Fri 1.6.18	Standard Bearer's Visit	10.45am
Tue 5.6.18	PTA Summer Fair	6.00-8.00pm
Wed 6.6.18	P.5 Tweed Reads	2.00pm
Wed 6.6.18	N-P.1 Potted Sports	TBC
Fri 8.6.18	Bambi & Fawn Stalker	9.00am
Mon 11.6.18	Scottish Opera Performance, P.4, P.5	TBC
Mon 11.6.18	Parent Partnership AGM	7.30pm
Mon 11.6.18	P.7 PHS Open Evening	7.00pm
Tue 12.6.18	P.2-7 Potted Sports / House Challenge	
Wed 13.6.18	New Nursery Parents' Info Meeting	3.30-4.30pm
13-14.6.18	P.7 Two day visit to PHS	
Tue 19.6.18	Inter-House Sports	1.00pm
Wed 20.6.18	New P.1 Parents' Info Meeting	2.30-3.30pm
Mon 25.6.18	P.7 Leavers' Assembly	1.30pm
Tue 26.6.18	Nursery Next Steps Picnic	AM TBC
Tue 26.6.18	Prize-giving	1.30pm
Wed 27.6.18	Leavers' Lunch	1.00pm
<b>28.6-19.8.18</b>	<b>Closed for holidays</b>	

If you are able to volunteer to help on the night, please complete and return the attached slip or email [kellyglendinning247@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:kellyglendinning247@yahoo.co.uk) .

- **Summer Raffle** We are holding a Raffle again this term with a bumper list of family prizes. This will be drawn at the Summer Fair. All families will receive tickets home - please help by selling as many as you can and return all tickets, both sold and unsold, along with money in the envelope provided to school **by Tuesday 29 May**. Extra tickets are available from the school office.

**P.7 RESIDENTIAL** The Primary 7 children are looking forward to an action packed residential trip to York next week. Their trip will include visits to the Jorvik Visitor Centre, York Minster and the National Railway Museum.

**COUNTY SPORTS (WED 23 MAY)** Please find attached letter and entry form for this unique sports event to be held on **Wed 23 May**. We hope that lots of our pupils will enter and enjoy taking part.

**CLEIKUM CEREMONIES** Please see attached information regarding this year's Games Week celebrations. Please complete and return the slip by **27 April**. Thank you.

**WATER BOTTLES** It is important that children use water bottles in School both for PE activities and in class during the course of the day. It is important that children are properly hydrated during the day. Some do not have these for class use and have used plastic cups which can lead to accidental spillages. We have 500ml water bottles, branded with the School name and logo, with space for your child's name on sale from the School Office at a cost of £1.50.

**BICYCLES & SCOOTERS** A reminder to all parents and carers that under the terms of the Cycle to School Contract entered into by most families pupils have committed 'to push my bicycle / scooter in the school grounds when others are coming to / leaving school'. Please remind your children that the school playground must not be used for cycling or scootering at the start / end of the school day. **This is to keep everyone safe.**

**WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK – 14-18 MAY** The aim of this initiative is to get as many people as possible using their legs to get them to school rather than travelling by car which will help to improve their health and reduce pollution. Children can walk, cycle or scooter to get to school or they can 'Park and Stride' – simply park a few streets away from the school to allow your child to walk the rest of the way. For children where this is not possible – meet the JRSOs at the flag pole daily at morning break for a brisk walk around the school! The JRSOs will be involved in the assembly the week prior to Walk to School Week to remind and encourage everyone get walking!

**SUMMER ACTIVITY PROGRAMME** We are currently planning this year's Summer Activity Programme. We would like this year to be the best yet. Can you, or someone you know, offer an exciting workshop for pre-school and/or primary school children? We hope to offer a range of workshops - creative, arty, sporty, outdoors - throughout the summer break between Monday 16 July and Friday 10 August. Please email [stRonansycc@outlook.com](mailto:stRonansycc@outlook.com) for further information and to request a Tutor Booking Form.

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

# Summer Fair

## Tuesday 5 June - 6-8pm



Dear Parent/Carer

We need your help to make **Summer Fair** a success. Please take a look to see what you can do... We are looking for donations of:

- ❖ **Cake and candy** - please bake for us - we always sell loads!
- ❖ **Bottles** - for the bottle stall
- ❖ **Volunteers** to help on the night. The more help we have the more we can all enjoy the event. We're looking for helpers to do 45 minutes on a stall - 5.45-6.30pm; 6.30-7.15pm; 7.15-8.00pm
- ❖ Please e-mail [kellyglendinning247@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:kellyglendinning247@yahoo.co.uk) and specify which slot you can do or return the slip below by 18 May.

Thank you, St. Ronan's PTA.

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Please return slip to school by 18.5.18 or email as above

St. Ronan's PTA Summer Fair - Tue 5 Jun - Helpers		
Name:		
Email address:		
I am available to help (please tick):		
5.45-6.30pm	6.30-7.15pm	7.15-8.00pm