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Summer Term Newsletter 5

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Miss McLoughlin, our P6 teacher, has successfully completed her probationary year. We offer her our warmest congratulations. She will leave Aberdeen at the end of term and we wish her continued success in her teaching career. *Bon Accord, Miss McLoughlin – 'Happy to meet, sorry to part, happy to meet again!'*

- **We congratulate Mr Gibb on his appointment as Acting Headteacher at Hanover St Primary School. He will take up his new post at the beginning of the new session in August. Mr Gibb has made a huge contribution to our school, recently as the Acting**
- **Headteacher, in addition to teaching P4 and co-ordinating learning and teaching in maths and numeracy throughout the school. We all thank him for all his hard work and wish him good luck in his new position.**



Mrs Binkowicz will be on maternity leave from the end of term as she prepares for the birth of her new baby. We all wish her well and look forward to hearing her happy news during the summer holiday!

We also say 'Farewell and a million thanks' to parents whose children are moving on from P7 to the Academies this session.

- **Mrs Eileen Esslemont** has been a key member of our Parent Council, organising more than 20 events over the last eight years - Halloween discos, parties, Bingo Nights, Beetle Drives, International Evenings, bag packing sessions and our very successful School Fairs. We are indebted to you for your kindness, enthusiasm, leadership and hard work over the years. We really appreciate everything you have done to raise funds and to create opportunities for parents to socialise and get to know one another.
- **Dr Martin Barker** ran the 100 Club for many years and was a driving force in improving our play area, raising funds and planning our adventure play area. He also chaired our Parent Council when it was called the Friends' Association and organised Summer Fairs, International socials and Parent Focus groups which collected and presented parental views very effectively. Thank you for your huge contribution to our school community.
- **Dr Michelle Pinard** served on the School Board for many years and communicated brilliantly with all stakeholders during consultations about the school estate. She also catalogued our school library and then introduced Junior Librarian to the whole school. Her energy and vision had a huge impact on the literacy resources in our school and we are all very grateful.
- **Mr Darren Raphael** has trained our football teams with Neil Brown for the last four years and has devoted an evening per week and every Saturday morning to support our young players as they grow more skilled and confident, participating in matches against other schools. Thank you for your commitment, patience and good humour in all situations.
- **Rev Easter Smart** has brought joy and shared the spirit of generosity in our Harvest Services. We will continue the tradition and we are very grateful for your insights and compassion.
- **Ms Emmanuela Maccari** has accompanied P7 pupils on trips since they were in P2. Without her help, many outings would have been cancelled and we are indebted to her for making time in her busy schedule to support our pupils and staff. She has also supported the footballers, ensuring that key information was communicated! Many thanks from us all.

Thank you to all parents who have supported their children's learning by helping with homework, reinforcing our school ethos and coming along to school events. We will miss you all and wish you happiness and good health. God bless you all as your children 'graduate' from St Peter's.

Mrs McFarlane will return from her maternity leave on Monday and Miss Webb will remain with us to cover Mrs Binkowicz's maternity leave. We will also be welcoming five new teachers in August.

Thank you all

Our Parent Council organised a magnificent Summer Fair on Saturday. Thanks so much to everyone who contributed to such a happy day by

- organising the event
- contributing raffle prizes
- donating books, toys, DVDs, jars, chocolate and bric a brac to stalls
- attending on the day
- running a stall or activity
- tidying up!



Particular thanks to our amazing Parent Council and friends for the hours they put in to plan and run this successful event which raised more than £1400 for School Funds. Thank you!

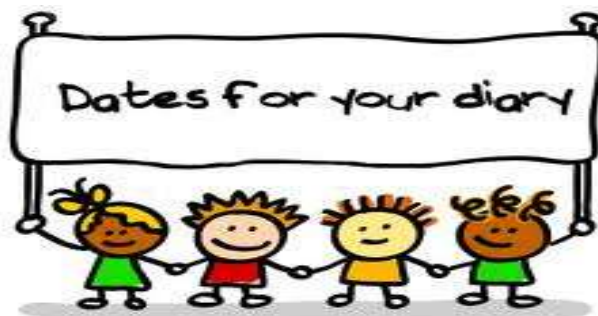
REMINDERS

- Please return all orders for calendars by Friday 19th June.
- Please make sure that the school office has your current contact details. **Please let us know if you change your phone number or address.**
- After-school basketball and multi-sports clubs finish next week. Hip Hop Dance and Science Clubs finished this week.

Thank you to the families who have contacted Mrs Martin about their children participating in the special Mass for SCIAF's 50th anniversary in **St Mary's Cathedral at 12 noon on Saturday 27th June**. More children would be very welcome so please get in touch if you can help. Thanks!



PLEASE NOTE THAT THE P7 ACHIEVEMENT ASSEMBLY AND GRADUATIONS WILL NOW TAKE PLACE ON WEDNESDAY 1ST JULY AT 2PM
 Moving up day is now on Thursday 2nd July



Aberdeen City Libraries are running a 'Record Breakers' Challenge this summer. Visit your library to get a poster and collect rewards as you enjoy reading books!

Tues 23 rd June	P1/2 and P2 trip to Aden Country Park
Wed 24 th June	'Hip Hop' group present their dance at assembly 2.45pm.
Mon 29 th June	9.30am Mass All welcome
Tues 30 th June	All welcome to our Achievement Assemblies: 9.30am P3, P3/4 & P4 10.45am P1, P1/2 & P2 1.30pm P5 & 6
Wed 1st July	Performance of 'Charlotte's Web' in school. 2pm P7 Achievement Assembly & Graduations All welcome
Thurs 2nd July	Performance by Eduardo, mime artist and acrobat Moving Up afternoon
Fri 3 rd July	Summer Holiday begins at 3.15pm
Tues 18 th Aug	School starts at 9am