Dear Everyone,

Welcome back. I sincerely hope you all had as good an Easter Break as I did and that the children are relaxed, exercised and ready for the term ahead.

We have an exciting programme organised for you all and I sincerely hope you are ready and willing to get involved. As you all know, this is my last term and I would seriously like to make it my ‘Hat Trick’ with the school extension, the playground enrichment and extension and now the cycle path. Of course this means fundraising and I am expecting you all to work hard for your children and the community in which they are involved. We seriously need your help and involvement. To this end we have planned a number of events which need your support. Including a plan of the events and if you can support us we would be very grateful.

The fundraising team has worked extremely hard to organise a variety of extremely desirable raffle prizes to tempt you to join us in our efforts to make our cycle track a reality sooner than later. Have a look at the lists below. These are only the prizes which are secured to date. The list will be growing and we can expect even more fab additions to the lists.

**FUNDRAISING FUN FORTNIGHT – 3RD – 13TH MAY**

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| **DATE** | **EVENT** | **TIME** |
| **6.05.16** | **FUN MORNING: We have managed to arrange an assault course in the top field which the Army Cadets have volunteered to organise and man. There will also be other events throughout the school and grounds such as: BEAT THE GOALIE, TRICYCLE COURSE, CURCUIT TRAINING , BREANBAG THROW. All activities will cost 50p a shot. Should parents wish to join in the fun they will be charged at the same rate and are very welcome.** | **10.00 – 12.00** |
| **10.05.16** | **DRESS SPORTY DAY: For £1 the children will be invited to forget their uniform for one day and dress up in sports gear.** | **All Day** |
| **11.05.16** | **ZUMBA EVENING: At £5 this promises to be an exciting and energetic evening for family members and friends of 16yrs and over who wish to take part in the Zumba experience with a fully accredited Zumba teacher who has very kindly volunteered her services in aid of our fundraising. Refreshments and home baking will be available to boost the calories lost during the exercise.** | **7.00 – 8.30** |
| **13.05.16** | **A MORNING AT THE MOVIES: For just £1 the children can watch a choice of three films all of which are U certificated. Early – Tangled, First Level Flushed Away, Second Level Inside Out. The ticket also includes a packet of Haribo sweets. The children will be able to buy a hotdog at £1, popcorn at 50p and a juice for 20p.** | **10.00 – 12.00** |
| **16.05.16** | **BINGO MORNING: All welcome to our Bingo event run by the Pupil Council. A five game booklet can be purchased at the door for £2 which will include a cup of tea or coffee. Home baking will be available to buy to go with your drink and add to the fun experience.**  ***FULL HOUSE PRIZES:***  ***a pair of tickets to the Papermill Beer Fest (worth £20 each)***  ***a voucher for Bonnyrigg florists***  ***a luxury pamper hamper***  ***a Mining Museum Family pass***  ***a Rosslyn Chapel Family pass***  ***LINE PRIZES: various bottles of wine and chocolates*** | **9.00 - 10.15** |
| **18.05.16** | **LADIES NIGHT: Entry to this fabulous event will cost only £5. Your ticket will include a glass of wine/juice and one free entry into the exciting raffle. There will be an opportunity to indulge in Henna from Keziah, Waxing from Icandy Beauty, Nails, Avon products, Hairups, Neck and Shoulder massage, Jewellery**  **Other raffle tickets will be on sale during the evening for the exciting prizes listed below.**  ***PRIZES: a Midlothian Gym pass for 6months (worth £200)***  ***each ticket)***  ***a Cut and Blow Dry at Chapter 1 Eskbank***  ***a luxury foods hamper*** | **7.00 – 9.00** |

THE GREATREX EXPERINCE – a full investigation of the truth surrounding the life of the infamous forger. We are lucky enough to be engaged in a re-enactment of the events as part of the opening of the new **Corn Exchange** in Dalkeith. Our P6, along with Matthew Dunn, the artistic director have recreated the life of a real live nasty local criminal. Unfortunately only the parents of the P6 children will be eligible for tickets.

I have engaged a musical company to work with the whole school to produce a record breaking production culminating in two performances on **May 3rd and May 4th from 6.30 -7.30pm**. During the week before these dates the company will train and rehearse the classes. This promises to be a thoroughly professional production and an experience the children will never forget.

**TERM 4 TIMETABLE 2016**

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| DATE | EVENT | WHO |
| Tues May 3rd & Wed May 4th  6.30 - 7.30PM | Whole school Rock Stars performance Tickets £5 | P1 – P7 pupils |
| Friday May 6th 10.00 – 12.00 | Fun Friday Fundraiser  All events 50p | Whole school –nursery –P7  Parents and families welcome. |
| Monday May 9th 9.20 -10.20 | Dance – a – Book | P1 & P2 |
| Tuesday May 10th All Day | Dress Sporty - Fundraiser | Whole school |
| Tuesday May 10th 7.00pm | Greatrex Experience | P6, Mrs Matthews, Mrs Rice |
| Wednesday May 11th 6.30 -9.00pm | Greatrex Experience | P6, Mrs Matthews, Mrs Rice |
| Wednesday May 11th 7.00 – 8.30pm | Zumba Event in the hall Mrs Ross has arranged an accredited zumba teacher | Parents and friends 16yrs and over |
| Thursday May 12th 6.30 – 9.00pm | Greatrex Experience | P6, Mrs Matthews, Mrs Rice |
| Friday May 13th | Fun @ the Movies fundraiser | Whole school |
| Monday May 16th | Walk to School Week begins | Whole school |
| Monday May 16th 9.00- 10.15 | Bingo Event fundraiser | Parents and friends |
| Monday May 16th 9.20 – 10.20 | Dance – a – Book | P1 & P2 |
| Tuesday May 17th | Science P6 Transition event with St David’s HS | P6 pupils |
| Wednesday May 18th 7.00 – 9.00pm | Ladies Night fundraiser | Mums, family and friends |
| Thursday May 19th 7.00pm | First Confirmation – Our Lady’s Bonnyrigg | P4 Sacramental students and any other children involved |
| Friday May 20th 10.45 – 11.45am | Catherine Wheels Theatre Co present The Little Gentleman | P1 – 4 pupils |
| Saturday May 28th | Summer Fair | Children, parents and friends |
| Sunday May 29th 9.30 | First Communion at St Margaret’s | P4 Sacramental students and others involved |
| Monday May 30th | Dance – A - Book | P1 &2 |
| Thursday June 2nd | Sports Day (1st choice) | Whole school |
| Friday June 3rd | Final Reports to Parents | All families |
| Monday June 6th | Dance – A - Book | P1&2 |
| Monday June 6th | Parents Evening | 5.30 – 7.30 parent choice |
| Tuesday June 7th | Parents Evening | 3.30 – 5.30 Parent choice |
| Wednesday June 8th | P7 High School Transition Day | Whole day |
| Wednesday June 8th | Nursery Transition 1.30 – 2.30 | Nursery & P1 |
| Thursday June 9th | P7 High School Transition Day | Whole day |
| Monday June 13th | Bike to school week | Whole school |
| Monday June 13th | Dance – A – Book | P1&2 |
| Tuesday June 14th | Parent Council Meeting | Council members and parents with HT and staff rep |
| Thursday June 16th | Sports Day (choice 2) | Whole school |
| Thursday June 23rd | End of Term Leavers Disco | P4 – P7 |
| Tuesday June 28th | Graduation Show | P5 & P7 |
| Friday July 1st | Graduation Assembly | Whole school & parents |

Big Bedtime thanks to all those parents who have become and stayed involved in this important and worthwhile project. Parents who have stayed with the project have noticed a massive change in their children’s evening behaviour and in their ability to sleep. It’s not a hard thing to get involved with so do come along and get involved. Just turn up on a Monday ready to take a bag of books and read to or with your chid every night before bed. Bring the bag back on a Friday and we will give you a new one on the following Monday. Join us for a chat over a coffee/tea on a Monday morning – it’s good to chat and learn how others are coping with the difficulties of bedtimes. Find out strategies to help get your children to sleep at the proper time each evening.

Many thanks to those who continue to adhere to the parking restrictions and respect the importance of the safety of our children’s lives. For those who are unaware, the signs clearly state the restrictions. Please make sure you follow the rules.

As you know I believe hugely in the power of uniform. It creates an equality that ensures that children feel valued and respected in their school and local community. Please ensure that your child attends school in the uniform and is proud to do so. I insist in a NO HOODIES stance and would ask you to make sure footwear is appropriate at all times.

I look forward to working with you all in this last term. Please do engage in the wonderful term’s activities we have lined up for you. We do need so much of your support so if you can volunteer for library or school visits of any kind do let us know.

Once again let me stress that my door is always open.

Regards,

Mara Matthews