



Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2017

## Dates for the Diary

Whole School context for learning... Let's investigate... Designers, Architects and Inventors.

### May

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May

Parent Focus group at 9am

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May

Handbell festival for p7

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May

Community Picnic

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May

Stirling Marathon and family Mile

Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> May

Kelpies trip for P3/4

Transition nursery children and P6

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May

Track and Field Competition for P6/7 children

### June

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

Parent Council Family Picnic and BBQ 4pm – 9pm

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June

Primary 5/6/7 Mini Trial at Stirling Sherriff Court

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June

School Sports day starting at 1pm at Queen Victoria

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June

School Show performance a.m.

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June

School Show performance p.m.

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June

Prize giving @6pm

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June

End of Term Service

Stirling Council is committed to supporting all children and young people. One part of this work is to further develop support for parents and carers to encourage and carry on learning at home. Research shows that this has a big impact on overall achievements.

**We need your help with this.** We would like to know what you already do to support your children and what further support you would benefit from. Your views will form part of the Stirling Council Parental Engagement Strategy. **Please complete our survey.** Just follow the link below.

The deadline for completing the survey is **Sunday 14 May 2017**. Why not click on the link right now!

<http://bit.ly/ParentalEngagementSurvey2017>

The 10 minutes you take right now will make a difference to children and young people in Stirling. Thank you for taking the time.

**Parental Focus Group:-** Many thanks to the parents who attended our parental focus group on Wednesday the 10<sup>th</sup> May, your contributions and thoughts were much appreciated and have supported us in identifying our key priorities for next session. These will be incorporated into our School Improvement Plan which will be shared at the start of June.

**Community Picnic and Grand Opening of B.E.R.T.T:** We look forward to welcoming children and their families to our Community Picnic. Our Pupil Council would like to hold a bake sale and a non-competitive talent show. If you would be able to contribute any home baking for the stall this would be much appreciated. Also if your child wishes to take part in the talent show please can they complete the slip below so that the Pupil Council can co-ordinate a running order on the day.

### Community Picnic Talent Show

**Child's Name**

**Class**

**Talent they would like to share**

**Resources they would need on the day**

**St Mary's Ceilidh and BBQ:** We would like to invite you all to St. Mary's EPS first Summer BBQ and Ceilidh event on 3 June 2017! The event will take place at Ashfield Village Hall from 4pm - 9pm. Tickets, including a burger / sausage roll, salad bar, a soft drink and of course the Ceilidh, will be £8 per adult and £4 per child and will be on sale at the playground this week. Please note there will not be a sponsored outdoor event as in previous years, however, there will be games on the lawn and the traditional parents against children football session!

We would like to invite all families to donate prizes for the raffle which will be drawn during the Ceilidh interval. So dust of your kilts, practise your Highland Fling and join us on 3 June in Ashfield!  
St Mary's EPS Fundraising Group

**Primary 5/6/7 mini Trial at Stirling Sherriff Court:** Pupils in primaries 5, 6 and 7 will have the opportunity to take part in a "Mini Trial" next month. A Mini Trial is a mock criminal jury trial, with pupils playing the roles of clerk of court, macer, witnesses, accused, procurator fiscal, defence counsel, jurors and press. It is a wonderful opportunity for children to learn about the Scottish criminal justice system. The Mini Trials project is supported by the Faculty of Advocates and the Law Society of Scotland. The children will receive tuition from an Advocate during classroom sessions in early June. The Scottish Court Service supports the project and the Sheriff Clerk at Stirling has agreed to allow the pupils to conduct their trial in Stirling Sheriff Court! This is a wonderful opportunity for the children and will make their court room experience all the more real and memorable. The trial will be held at Stirling Sheriff Court on Wednesday, 7 June at 6 pm. Parents and carers are welcome to come along and see the children take part. A packed public gallery will add to the experience!

**School App:** We have had 78 downloads of our School App which we are delighted about, and now hope that we are reaching nearly all of our families this way. If you have not yet downloaded the app please give it a go using the information detailed below. Scan the QR code. This will take you directly to your App store to download the App

1. Log on to your App Store and type in St Marys Episcopal Primary School in the search function
2. Click or use the links

Link For Itunes - <https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/st-marys-episcopal-primary-school/id1221933189?mt=8> Link For Google Play - <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.appscentral.stmarysepiscopalprimaryschool>

Once you have successfully downloaded the App you then need to Log In. You will only need to do this once on your device. To Login the Username is **SMEPS**. The password on the App is **4385**

We appreciate there were some teething problems with the events section, however this should be rectified now. Unfortunately there are a few families who have Windows phones and our school app is not supported by these devices. As the school App is now our key form of communication we would appreciate families who are unable to utilise it to let us know so that you can receive information by another means. Please complete the slip below and return this to the school office if you are unable to use our school app.

You may also be receiving information that is not relevant to you or your children. If you select the messages tab and then click on the Message groups written in white on the top left hand side of the screen, you can select which classes and groups you would like to receive information about. This will prevent you getting unnecessary notifications.

Our Digital leaders will be available on Friday morning and after school to help parents with this.

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**Family Name**

**Reason why you are unable to use our School App**

**Contact**

**Email:**

**Phone**

**Website:**

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