



ST. FRANCIS PRIMARY SCHOOL

MARCH NEWSLETTER - 2020



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Dear Parent,

I can't believe it is March already and Spring is in the air. It is so lovely to have the lighter mornings and longer days and is great to see so many children out playing after school. Let's hope the wind and rain disappears for a while!!!

March will be another very busy month and we have just celebrated our Primary 4 Sacrament of Reconciliation. Congratulations to them all.



Lent started on Wednesday 26th February so the next number of weeks will be busy as we prepare for the important feast of **Easter**.

This is our Faith Lent - Preparing for Easter

I am delighted to tell you that Mrs. Kelly will accompany any children wishing to attend 8.25am mass in St. Stephen's every Wednesday and Friday morning. They will leave from the school at 8.10am.



During Lent, every child will write a Lenten promise to display on our Lenten Tree and each class will attend a mass during Lent at St. Francis' Church to join in prayer with our parish community. Dates are in the Diary Date Calendar, attached.

Lenten Appeal - Children Helping Children

During Lent we are called to show justice and mercy by giving alms. With the help of your generosity, we will be raising money to help reduce poverty and suffering in the world. The Bishops of Scotland have asked primary schools to support Missio Scotland.

Missio Scotland

Friday 20th March 2020 - Fairtrade/ Missio Coffee Afternoon - 2pm

Our Fairtrade/Charity Pupil Voice Group will be hosting the above coffee afternoon. We would appreciate any donations of cakes etc for this event.

On the same day the whole school will be walking a mile, to raise funds for Missio. The money raised in Scotland will help the children in **Africa** who have to walk miles to go to school every day.

The children will be asked to wear a T-shirt representing the Missio continental colours - green /Africa, red/Americas, white/Europe, blue/Oceania and yellow/Asia. If they wish to bring a donation on this day, all monies will be donated to Missio.



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Retreat for Primary 4 and Primary 7

Father Matthew has organised retreats for the Primary 4 and 7 pupils in preparation for their sacraments. Primary 4 had a wonderful retreat on Friday 28th February and this helped them to prepare for their Sacrament of Reconciliation the following week.



Primary 7 will take part in their retreat on Friday 13th March at St Francis Church hall. This will be a wonderful opportunity for them to reflect on their preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation.



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Parent Drop in & Family Learning

Our Parent Drop in is on the last Wednesday of each Month at 2pm. For March we have Barbara Crighton from Riverclyde Homes.



Our Family Learning is under development and we will keep you up to date as to when this will be restarting.

Parent Council

Our next Parent Council Meeting will take place here in the school on **Monday 9th March at 6.30pm. ALL WELCOME.**

Health & Wellbeing

Netball

Thank you to Mrs Jamieson and Miss Stewart who take the after school Netball. The next tournament is on Wednesday 25th March 2020. Good luck girls!



P5-P7 Football Tournament Wednesday 11th March 2020

Our children will be representing the school at this football tournament at Notre Dame. Good Luck!!

P6 & P7 Basketball Tournament Friday 13th March 2020

Our children will be representing the school at this basketball tournament at Port Glasgow Campus. Good Luck!!

After School Clubs

I would like to thank our staff for very generously giving up their own time to run a variety of after school clubs:

Netball, Playmakers - P1 & P2, Arts and Crafts club, Boys Football - P5, Mini athletics - P3 & P4, Athletics - P5-P7, Literacy Lounge, Family Drop in.

PARENTS' NIGHT TUESDAY 31st MARCH 2020

Our Parents' Night will take place on Tuesday 31st March. All appointments will be on this one day/evening. You will be given the choice of an appointment between 3.30pm-5.30pm or 6pm-8pm. Please can you return your choice of times as soon as possible. The Book Fayre will be available on this evening.

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Children's Rights

We continually strive to create a "learning from each other culture" in which our entire school community feels **safe, happy, valued and respected.**

We can all learn from each other.

During this month we will be focusing on **Article 23:**

Children who have any kind of disability should have special care and support, so that they can lead full and independent lives.

Please support us by encouraging your child to:

'Be a Rights Giver!'



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St Francis Primary School Inversavers Credit Union

At St Francis Inversavers we will be celebrating our 1st anniversary on the 10th of May. We are delighted with the number of children and parents who have already opened an account and are regularly saving with us for their dream iPhone, toy, holiday and even a trip to the "Potato house".



For those not yet saving with us please visit us in the school canteen and speak to one of the Team. We are open every Friday from 8:30 am to 9:15am and look forward to welcoming new customers as well as our regulars.

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We are committed to working in partnership with you. Please remember to tell us about your child's achievements out of school. We want to celebrate your child's success as a school community.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

If you wish to talk to a member of staff please call or come to the school office and this can be arranged.

Kind Regards,

Jane Stinson

Head Teacher



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We value your views.

Can you please tell us what you think of our Celebration Café?

We are always looking for ways to improve.....

Please tell us about your child's recent achievements. If you have a photograph please send it to school and we will display it or Tweet it to us:

Child's name

Child's class

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