



Sacred Heart Primary,  
Sacred Heart Nursery and Orbiston Nursery

# NEWSLETTER

January  
2022

Happy New Year to you all.... 2022

Dear Parents /Carers and friends,

We are delighted to be back after our Christmas break and are looking forward to Term 3;

**Monday 10th January — Friday 1st April 2022**

This is an exciting time for us all as we continue to move forward into our class stage covering more of the Curriculum for Excellence and building our knowledge and understanding of our Learning. Throughout all our plans and preparations for this term, we are very mindful of the latest COVID restrictions that are in place and how we as a community are safeguarding in and out of our schools and nurseries. As always with your support, a positive and proactive attitude, we keep a very watchful eye on safety regulations with everyone's help and vigilance.

The staff and pupils have returned with lots of happy stories about their Christmas and New Year break and hopefully you all benefitted from this time with your family and friends. I hope this Newsletter find you safe and well in this current climate.

NL has kept in contact with Head Teachers and Head of Services to ensure that all our planning for Monday 10th January and beyond is in place. The term ahead will be challenging for everyone—staff, pupils and parents / carers alike. News will bring anxiety with regards to the increasing daily virus cases and so I ask again for your support within the community to play your part by;

- ◆ Ensuring that you are aware of the most up to date National rules on Testing and Isolation
- ◆ Ensure that you are aware of the NLC rules around schools and early Learning establishments
- ◆ Ensure that you are aware of the ongoing school mitigations that are in place and continue to safeguard our staff and establishments
- ◆ Ensure that you stick to these and do your part to keep our establishments open and everyone in it safe, even if that is challenging to you or inconvenient.
- ◆ Ask for support if you require it. We are hear to explain and reassure you of the current requirements.
- ◆ Always be patient with staff who are on the frontline. With increased care and safety, this takes time and effort as we cannot ignore developing symptoms, especially if there is a need to call parents and carers to remove a sick pupil in need of support.

I know that no matter how challenging these times become, we know that our community will continue to show their outstanding support in protecting everyone to keep safe and well. We continue our focus in your child's care and welfare and are committed to continue to broaden and develop their education, supporting them in school and reaching out to you to continue the homework and Digital exercises set by the Class Teacher. This term relies on us all to best support and encourage our pupils to do their very best every day.



Let's help our pupils work closer in



Term 3  
class at their specific stage.

to enable them to get to their finishing post within their

**As Parents and Carers, be with us every step of the way.**

**Your child needs us all to make a difference.**

**In these trying times, be all you can be at home to encourage and believe in their educational success.**

**We will do this TOGETHER for our children.**

**Kind Regards to you all.**

**Thank you for your valuable support.**

*Mrs Somerville*



**Medical Room / Isolation Room if someone has symptoms**

**Sanitisation station, 'Protect and Trace' records**



**SIGNAGE KEEPING US SAFE AROUND THE SCHOOL**



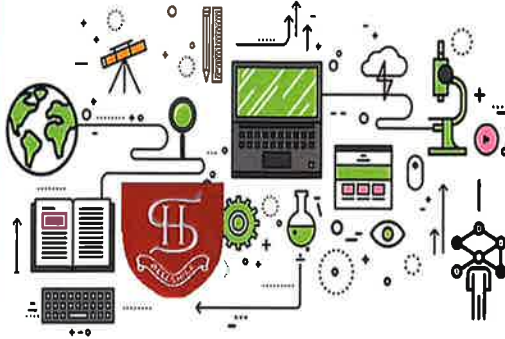
**Reminding us to wipe down TOUCH POINTS after use.**



**WASH HANDS AND SANITISE REGULARLY THROUGHOUT THE DAY**



## WE ARE A DIGITAL SCHOOL

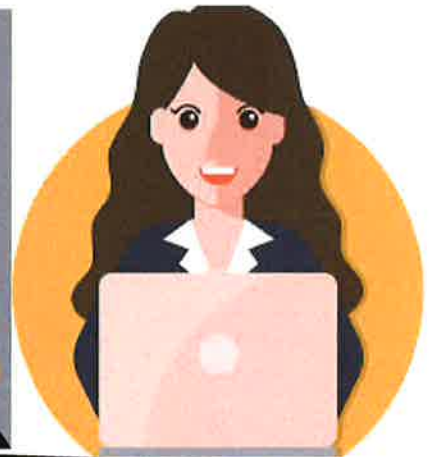


New Technologies access homework, GLOW, TEAMS, BLOGS, NEWSLETTERS, SUMDOG, ESPRESSO, TWITTER etc Pupils enjoy learning and communicating digitally.

We continue to access digital learning in class and at home. No matter what changes lie ahead due to Covid, we can always access DIGITAL learning through NLC DIGITAL SCHOOL LEARN. Parents and carers are asked to support your child in logging on to weekly homework and engaging with your child to help support their achievements. We thank you for your support.



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*Develop all sorts of skills to build confidence in your work*

P1-5 now all receive free school meals. A great opportunity every school day.

### ENROLMENTS

**Enrolment login for P1—Closing date is 24 January 2022**

<https://www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-admissions/primary-school-registration-p1>



**Nursery Enrolment login —Closing date 11th February 2022**

<https://www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/early-learning-and-childcare/early-learning-and-childcare-applications>

**Welcome to Nursery**



SACRAMENT date reminders



**First Reconciliation**

**P3 pupils making their First Reconciliation will visit Sacred Heart Church on Tuesday 8th February 2022 to meet Fr Parkes with their Class Teacher. Pupils will make their First Reconciliation on Wednesday 16th March 2022 at 6pm in Sacred Heart Church.**

**First Holy Communion**

**P4 pupils making their First Holy Communion will be invited to an enrolment Mass on Tuesday 15th March at 10am with Fr Parkes and their Class Teachers. P4 pupils will then make their First Holy Communion on Saturday 21st May 2022 at 11am Mass with Fr Parkes, staff and supporting numbers.**



**Guidance for attending numbers will be confirmed nearer the time from Fr Parkes within the current Covid—19 restrictions.**

**RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOLS**

**Towards the Silver Award**

**Miss Rossetti and the Rights Respecting School team will engage all our efforts on Friday 25th March 2022 to look at a number of Rights that we can be more aware of and implement in our understanding of being a RRS pupil at Sacred Heart Primary.**

**This will be a 'Dress Down Day' encouraging everyone to wear sporty clothing to achieve all the activities and challenges of the day. I know this will be a fantastic day for everyone to support.**

**Also, be prepared for outdoor activities, so have your waterproof jackets and coats are ready too.**

**(no football colours)**



# NLC School holidays and term dates 2022 / 2023

## December 2021 - January 2022

Schools close: 2.30pm on Wednesday 22 December 2021

Christmas and New Year holidays: Thursday 23 December 2021 to Friday 7 January (inclusive)

## February 2022

Mid-term break: Monday 14 February 2022 and Tuesday 15 February 2022

In-service day: Wednesday 16 February 2022

## April 2022

Schools close: Friday 1 April 2022 at 2.30pm

Monday 4 April 2022 to Monday 18 April 2022 (inclusive)

- Good Friday 15 April 2022
- Easter Monday 18 April 2022

Schools return: Tuesday 19 April 2022

## May 2022

May day holiday: Monday 2 May 2022

In-service day: Thursday 5 May 2022 (to coincide with Scottish local government elections)

May weekend holiday: Friday 27 May 2022 (One day has been moved due to Queens Jubilee celebrations)

## June 2022

Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations: Thursday 2 June and Friday 3 June

Schools close: Wednesday 29 June 2022 at 1pm

## August 2022

Teachers return and in-service day: Monday 15 August 2022

In-service day: Tuesday 16 August 2022

Pupils return: Wednesday 17 August 2022

## September 2022

September weekend: Friday 23 September to Monday 26 September 2022 (inclusive)

## October 2022

October week: Monday 17 to Friday 21 October 2022 (inclusive)

## November 2022

In-service day: Monday 14 November 2022

## December 2022 - January 2023

Schools close: Thursday 22 December 2022 at 2.30pm

Christmas and New Year holidays: Friday 23 December 2022 to Friday 6 January 2023 (inclusive)

Schools return: Monday 9 January 2023

## KEEP IN TOUCH WITH US... WE ARE HERE TO HELP!

Whilst things may be very different with Covid—19 restrictions, we are all working hard at Sacred Heart Primary, Sacred Heart Nursery and Orbiston Nursery. With all three establishments in one building, you can phone our office to enquire and / or gain support in any matter. Our staff are here for you and we will do all we can to ensure that questions, for help with learning / work, support with Free School Meals, etc. are all answered as soon as possible. By now, I am sure that you will know the various ways to keep in touch, but just to remind you, our contact details are below. You can also...join the Parent Portal.



- ◆ **Have you signed up for PARENT PORTAL?** We want ALL of our Parents / Carers to do this. Contact the school office for more details and support to join.
- ◆ **FOLLOW US ON TWITTER** @sch\_sacredbells
- ◆ **E-Mail** enquiries@sacredheart-bellshill.n-lanark.sch.uk
- ◇ **Telephone : SHP, SHN and Orb N— office 01698 274903**



### Free School Meal and Clothing Grant Applications for NLC 2021 / 2022

Anyone who thinks they are entitled to a Free School Meal and / or Clothing Grant for your child can access this link below for NLC.

[https://www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2021-07/CC\\_2021\\_00057%20FSMCG%20Application%20Form%20INTERACTIVE%20FINAL%202021.pdf](https://www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2021-07/CC_2021_00057%20FSMCG%20Application%20Form%20INTERACTIVE%20FINAL%202021.pdf)

If you need help with the application, please contact the School Office on 01698 274903 and someone will help support you. Don't leave this if you are entitled. This grant could make a huge difference to you and your family.

