



Sacred Heart Primary,
Sacred Heart and Orbiston Nursery class

NEWSLETTER

January
2023

Happy New Year to you all.... 2023

Dear Parents /Carers and friends,

We are delighted to be back after our Christmas break and are well underway with Term 3; 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 in Learning. Throughout all our plans and preparations for this term, we continue to be mindful of our health and wellbeing, making sure we are dressed to be warm from the challenges of Winter the weather. We remember to eat well to give us energy and goodness and drink plenty of water throughout the day. Being able to get a good sleep will get us ready and refreshed for our days in school. We know that if you are feeling unwell, make sure an adult in your house knows and then decide if you are fit to be at school. Always keep the school informed if you are sick and will be off. As always with your support, a positive and proactive attitude to 'health awareness' will help us not to spread any germs and viruses at this challenging time of the year.

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 finds 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 9th January and beyond is in place with the latest Health news.

- ◆ 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.
- ◆ 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 in a child, especially if there is a need to call parents and carers to remove a sick pupil in need of support.
- ◆ We know that our community will continue to show their outstanding support in protecting everyone to keep safe and well. We continue our focus of 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.
- ◆ Keep attendance at the top of your list. If children are well, daily engagement at school is the way to go so that they learn and have their teacher at the heart of their learning.



Let's help our pupils work further in Term 3 to enable them to get to their finishing post within their class and stage.

Parents and Carers, be with us every step of the way, especially in homework

Your child needs us all to make a difference

Be the support they need at home to encourage and believe in their educational success

We will achieve this TOGETHER for our children.

Kind Regards to you all. Thank you for your valuable support.

Mrs Somerville

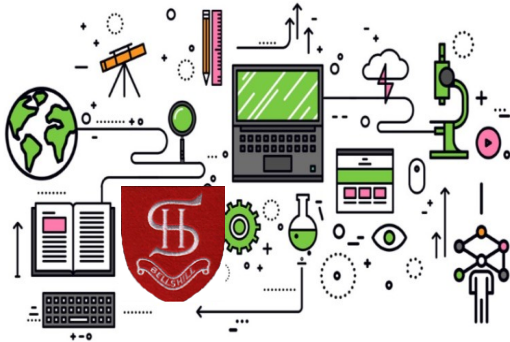
REMINDER

Parents and carers are 'dropping off' and 'picking up' their children beyond the perimeter fences for Breakfast Club at 8.20am and at start / finish times.

DO NOT use at any time, the STAFF CARPARK.



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, we can always access DIGITAL learning through NLC DIGITAL SCHOOL LEARN. Parents and carers are asked to support your child in all styles of homework. This engagement with your child, help support their achievements. **You make a huge difference.**



Develop all sorts of skills to build confidence in your work

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

ENROLMENTS for Sacred Heart Primary went very well with 30 pupils and counting joining us in August 202



Sacred Heart Parish Church 2023

SACRAMENT date reminders



First Reconciliation

P3 pupils making their Sacrament of First Reconciliation will be in Sacred Heart Church on Wednesday 8th February 2023 with Fr Parkes and their Class Teachers.

Families are also invited to support the children too and we ask that all attending will add to the peaceful and respectful atmosphere that will help the children be at ease. Thank you for your support.

First Holy Communion

P4 pupils making their First Holy Communion will be invited to an enrolment Mass on Sunday the 5th February at 11.30am with Fr Parkes, Class Teachers and family support.

P4 pupils will then make their First Holy Communion on Saturday 20th May at 11am in Sacred Heart Church.

Thank you for your support.

Ash Wednesday Mass on 22nd February in Sacred Heart Church at 9.30am

This marks the start of 6 weeks of Lent.

RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOLS

Towards the Silver Award

Miss Rossetti and the Rights Respecting School team will engage all their efforts on Friday 3rd February 2023 to look at our submission for Silver award and assess the awareness and understanding that we have learned from this whole school experience at Sacred Heart Primary.

Our assessor will be asking lots of tricky questions to understand the work achieved and how we have gathered this information from all the classes, presentations and Rights Respecting School 'Dress Down Days. Together we have worked hard and we know that this journey has been totally beneficial for us all to be part of. Good luck everyone.

STEM

We all love STEM. We have been including Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics in our curriculum for over two years. Our children and staff have totally engaged in all aspects of this and we look forward to sharing all our efforts when our associate comes to visit our school.

As always our children are very fortunate to be so involved in STEM and it is obvious that these subjects are so motivating and fit for our pupils' future workforce and lifestyle. We are also looking forward to inviting you in for a look at STEM across the school so you can see first hand what all the fuss is about.

NLC School holidays and term dates 2023

All dates from <https://www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/>

Schools return: Monday 9 January 2023

February 2023

Mid-term break: Monday 13 February 2023 and Tuesday 14 February 2023
Wednesday 15 February 2023

April 2023

Schools close: Friday 31 March 2023 at 2.30pm
Spring holiday (Easter): Monday 3 April to Friday 14 April (inclusive)

Good Friday: 7 April 2023 Easter Monday: 10 April 2023 Schools return: Monday 17 April 2023

May 2023

May holiday: Monday 1 May 2023
In-service day: Tuesday 2 May 2023
May weekend: Friday 26 May 2023 to Monday 29 May 2023 (inclusive)

June 2023 Schools close: Wednesday 28 June 2023 at 1pm

August 2023 Teachers return and in-service day: Monday 14 August 2023
In-service day: Tuesday 15 August 2023
Pupils return: Wednesday 16 August 2023

September 2023

September weekend: Friday 22 September and Monday 25 September 2023 (inclusive)

October 2023

October week: Monday 16 to Friday 20 October 2023 (inclusive)

November 2023

In-service day: Monday 13 November

December 2023 - January 2024

Schools close: Friday 22 December 2023 at 2.30pm
Christmas and New Year holidays: Monday 25 December 2023 - Friday 5 January 2024 (inclusive)

February 2024

Mid-term break: Monday 12 February and Tuesday 13 February 2024
In-service day: Wednesday 14 February 2024

April 2024

Schools close: Thursday 28 March 2024 at 2.30pm
Spring holiday (Easter): Friday 29 March - Friday 12 April 2024 (Inclusive)

Good Friday 29 March

Easter Monday 1 April 2024

May 2024

In-service day: Thursday 2 May 2024 (to coincide with UK Parliamentary elections, but may be subject to change)
May holiday: Monday 6 May 2024
May weekend: Friday 24 May 2024 and Monday 27 May 2024 (inclusive)

June 2024

Schools Close: Wednesday 26 June 2024 at 1pm

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

We are all working hard at Sacred Heart Primary, Sacred Heart and Orbiston Nursery class. 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-at-sacredheart@northlan.org.uk
- ◇ **Telephone : SHP, SHN and Orb N— office 01698 274903**



Free School Meal and Clothing Grant Applications for NLC 2022 / 2023

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

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.

Dates to look out for-PARENTS' night—29th March 2023 Letters to follow.

CNHS senior pupils will train our Senior pupils in 'Sport Leadership' with Jenny. This will run up until Easter Break.

SUSTAINABILITY—4 pupils have ben selected to represent SHP at a conference in the Civic Centre on Tuesday 7th February 2023.



TEMPEST photography will be visiting the school to take class pictures on Wednesday 8th February 2023. We have no worries about reminding everyone about wearing a full school uniform as this task is very well received every day. Thank you for supporting school uniforms. We still have lots of uniforms left in our lost property box if you wish to take a look again. Every one without a name.

Ash Wednesday falls on the 22nd February. Each Friday until the Easter break will be a 'Dress Down Day' asking for £1 for our Charity funds. Please support us. We are also planning to schedule 'Sacred Heart's Got Talent' too which we love and the children and staff love too. Another busy term....as always