



Sacred Heart Primary,

Autumn 2023

Sacred Heart and Orbiston Nursery class

NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents /Carers and friends,

Staff and pupils continue to delight us all with their new learning each day. We have all settled well in our daily routines and we are so proud of our pupils and staff as we engage with them every day to do their best in all aspects of school life. Our weather has, on the whole been good to us. A few rainclouds but not enough to keep us in. COVID awareness is still very important when you are feeling symptoms or unwell. As always keep in touch with the school office if any absences occur.

We continue to appeal for your support with;

- Parents and carers 'dropping off' and 'picking up' their children beyond the perimeter fence on Liberty Rd or the new back gate
- ALL authorised visitors to follow the guidance from staff
- Pupils are accessing their Zones via any of the open gates;
Early Years / P1-3 **RED ZONE**
P4 –7 **YELLOW ZONE**
GREEN ZONE
Construction area NO ENTRY TO SCHOOL
- Pupils arriving in their zones as near to the 9am start BELL as possible
- Pupils are supervised in all playgrounds by staff and SMT from 8.50am
- Breakfast Club children walk to the main entrance door of the school for 8.20 am on their own as Breakfast Club staff are waiting at the main door of the school.
- **PLEASE DO NOT ACCESS THE SCHOOL CARPARK**, this is unsafe for pupils. We don't want another 'near miss' as there is a **SAFE PUPIL WALKWAY from LIBERTY RD to the school door**
- OUTDOOR LEARNING and PE are still accessed by Staff for their class (weather permitting).
- Please be aware of your child's PE day so that they are ready for the activities ie Polo top already on, shorts under skirts / trousers for a quick change. (no football colours at any time) Gym shoes to change into from outdoor shoes.

WE STILL ARE HEALTH CONSCIOUS

WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER!

PARENTS and CARERS, YOUR COOPERATION IS ESSENTIAL AND MATTERS TO US ALL

RETURN TO NORMALITY

FULL ASSEMBLIES are GO!

BUILDING INCREDIBLE MEMORIES FOR LIFE

URGENT ACTION NEEDED NOW TO ACHIEVE EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE

Your child's ATTENDANCE matters. NLC's target for attendance is 95% or more. This is then an achievement of excellent attendance and consistent days where your child is NOT missing out on Learning and Teaching and can remember from day to day what they have learned. From this daily start, your child will not be worried about lessons missed and will be able to build confidence in what they can achieve and learn more every day.

CNHS Cluster has agreed that improvement of attendance is incredibly important. **Sacred Heart Pr, St Gerard's Pr, Holy Family Pr, St JPll Primary and of course Cardinal Newman High School** will form an attendance panel to monitor closely unauthorised absences, Holidays taken through the school terms and unexplained absences that keep our pupils from their school.

This MUST stop, to help support our pupils through their Educational career, where they achieve academically and feel confident that by excellent attendance and guidance from home, they can confidently build on their skills to fulfil all the tasks teachers diligently and daily plan for them. Every school in our Cluster will work collectively to MONITOR and stamp out frequent absences and **unauthorised Holidays taken in school learning time**. We will be contacting you if we have cause for concern.

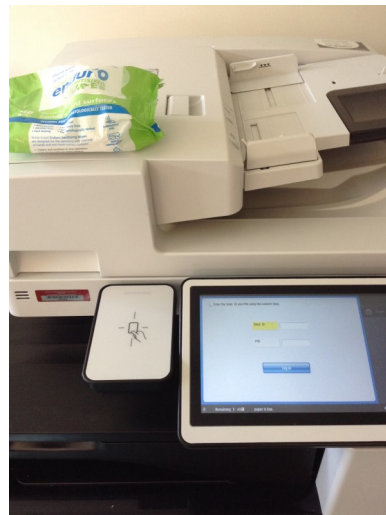
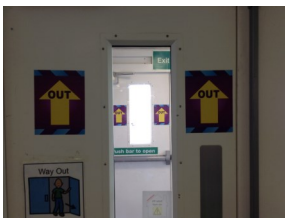


Medical Room / Isolation Room if someone has symptoms

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 RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL and Nursery

We will be working towards our Gold award, led by Miss Rossetti and the staff and pupils of our establishments.

WE ARE A STEM SCHOOL and Nursery

We love STEM time with Mrs Sinclair and our Teachers. We will be focused on STEM which looks at **Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.**

This topic will continue this year for everyone to further develop their skills.



Welcome to our new Primary 1 and any new pupils throughout the school and nursery.

Very quickly our new Nursery children have been visiting Sacred Heart and Orbiston Nursery for their first day and now our establishments are filling up with very inquisitive pupils, loving Early Years.

We now welcome our 2 year olds



Primary 1 are so settled. Their Buddies have been a great help with; Lining up, going messages to the office, organising their jotters and work, visiting the hall for PE, eating their lunches, attending Assemblies and finding their way around the school. We are all very impressed. Well done P1, Mrs Vaugh and Mrs Jaconelli.



P2-7 have also settled well, making sure they are helping out wherever they can. Learning and teaching is quickly starting off as we mean to go on. Letters noting last years finishing absences will be sent to your home for this year's action. NL target for attendance is 95% or more. Let's all make improvements.

Thank you to all our pupils who have turned out beautifully in their school uniform. We take great pride in our school uniform and always need your help to make sure cardigans, packed lunch boxes and bags all get back to the right person if lost. You can imagine how difficult it is to keep track of hundreds of items of clothing etc.

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE take two minutes to write your child's name on jackets, Cardigans, jumpers, bags and packed lunches. IT HELPS!



Tying laces. So many children are coming in to the school with long laces untied. If you haven't bought Velcro fasteners for your child's shoes, please take some time to help them learn to tie their laces. Untied laces are a huge hazard in schools for tripping and falling. Once you learn to tie your lace, you never forget it. **PLEASE HELP!**

School Lunches. Please remember to read over the menu to help your child know what lunch is suitable for them. This help can be a couple of minutes time and it always reassures pupils

CLASS ASSEMBLY DATES

Room 12 Wednesday 8th November 2023	Room 14 Wednesday 29th November 2023	Room 10 Wednesday 24th January 2024
Room 15 Wednesday 21st February 2024	WELCOME 	Room 11 Wednesday 20th March 2024
Primary 1- Room 6 & 7 Wednesday 1st May 2024	Room 9 Wednesday 29th May 2024	Primary 7 Leavers Assembly Wednesday 19th June 2024

We look forward to welcoming you and your family to our school.



Class Assembly

PARENTS' NIGHT—Wednesday 20th September 2023

You will be contacted regarding our first Parents' Night, **FACE TO FACE** with your child's new Class Teacher. This will be an important meeting with our Parents and will set up a partnership that we rely on to help support our pupils at home and in school. Meetings are 8 mins long and need to be adhered to in order to fit in all parents on the schedule. Huge importance will be ;

Excellent attendance

Homework

Behaviour, attitude in class and around the school

Parents' help at home

We look forward to meeting all our new Parents to the school and welcome back our established parents too.

Staff and pupils are moving on with their learning to cover their pathways and build up their skills to complete their stage and Levels. **GREAT ATTENDANCE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR WILL SUPPORT SUCCESS.** As parents and carers, we know you will be focused on the skills to help your child learn through their Homework, such as learning;

Reading, spelling, common words, mental agility in times tables and number bonds, preparing 'show and tell' topics, research with digital learning and accessing GLOW, NL Digital Learning etc

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Sacramental news will be out soon from Fr Parkes as we organise First Reconciliation at P3, First Holy Communion at P4 and our P7's Confirmation on Thursday 9th November 2023 at 7pm in St Gerard's Church, Bellshill.

URGENT—When signing out a child for any appointment, please show ; the letter , card or details to verify the absence from school, so we can mark this as an authorised absence for our details. Thank you





Healthy Snacks for Kids



P1 invites for Parents and Carers

We are inviting all Parents and Carers of P1 to visit the classrooms and meet the class teacher. This opportunity will let you see inside the classroom and note all the resources and methodology we use to teach P1 pupils.

Focus will be on Literacy and Numeracy, helping you to support homework.

**Tuesday 12th September
1.30pm—2.45pm**

'Drop in' to meet the Class Teacher and see the Classroom

P2– P7 parents and carers are invited to visit your child's class on Wednesday 13th September at 2.30pm. You will see the organisation within the classroom and look at the resources used to teach your child. You can also view the jotters that your child uses.

Parents with several classes to visit, will manage their time to complete all visits.

This will be most helpful to understand homework, resources and layout of a classroom.

We are a health promoting school and Nursery Class. We have many **fresh chilled water fonts** and encourage staff and pupils to refresh themselves throughout the day. Please **encourage fruit and healthy snacks for breaks**.

We are also a **NUT FREE Establishment**. Please check biscuits and spreads that they do **NOT contain NUTS**. THIS IS LIFE SAVING FOR pupils

Packed lunch boxes, uniforms and bags

Please label all belongings to ensure that they will be matched back to their owners if left behind. So many pupils find it hard to look after their belongings. Without a label or name tag, it is very difficult and time consuming to reunite the owner with their property. With 240 pupils, all wearing the same uniform, they can misplace cardigans, jumpers and coats easily.

2 minutes to help. Thank you to everyone who has managed to label belongings...your items don't get lost.



CHRISTMAS PANTO at Motherwell Civic Centre

Jack and the Beanstalk £10 per person

Friday 17th November

Rm 12, 14, 16

Thursday 23rd November

Rm 9, Rm 10 and Rm 15

Friday 24th November

Rm 6, Rm 7, Rm 11

Snacks will be provided.

Full school uniform is required for clear pupil identification at outings.

This cost is subsidised by the school



School holidays 2023/2024

<https://www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-holidays-and-term-dates>



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

