



Sacred Heart Primary,

Summer 2024

Sacred Heart and Orbiston Nursery class

# NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents /Carers and friends,

We are delighted to be back from our Easter break and although the weather was challenging in North Lanarkshire, we are now looking forward to a very busy Term 4 which leads us right up to the Summer holidays.

We thoroughly enjoyed meeting you before our break at the Parents' evening in March 2024. Staff were able to discuss the successes your child has already achieved and look towards the targets that are still to be achieved. Within Term 4 pupils will be assessed in their work and these will test and finalise their achievements so far. This information will be passed onto the next Class Teacher to inform them of the levels they have achieved so far to date. Any aspects that need more effort will be worked on in their new class in 2024 / 2025.

Staff and pupils continue to delight us all with their new learning each day. Our 'Digital Learning Journals' have been a great success for parents and carers to 'tune in to' to view their pupils in action and show how focused their learning has been and the successes they have in readiness for next year. We have all settled well in our daily routines and we are so proud of our pupils and staff as we engage with them to help pupils progress in all aspects of school life. Our weather has, on the whole been wet but hopefully this will be sunnier and warm so that we can enjoy learning and teaching outdoors.

COVID awareness and sickness symptoms are still an ongoing issue and parents are asked to be vigilant by keeping pupils off school until pupils are well enough, so that we prevent further unnecessary illnesses. This also means that we are still cautious and hope all families know to stay off until symptoms cease, which is a much shorter period of time and then a return to school would be in order, once fit and well. As always keep in touch with the school office if any absences occur or seeking advice.

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 outside the new side gate](#)
- [ALL authorised visitors to follow the guidance from staff when they reach the office 'sign in'](#)
- Pupils are accessing their Zones via any of the open gates;  
Early Years / Nursery classes **RED ZONE**  
P1-7 **YELLOW ZONE**  
**Construction area only GREEN ZONE** (out of bounds to pupils)
- Pupils arriving in their zones at 8.50am—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](#).  
Breakfast Club staff are waiting at the main door of the school every day.
- **PLEASE DO NOT ACCESS THE SCHOOL CARPARK**, this is unsafe for pupils to enter at any time.  
**A SAFE PUPIL WALKWAY from LIBERTY ROAD 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 shirt already on, shorts under skirts / trousers for a quick change. **(no football colours)** Gym shoes to change into from outdoor shoes.

## URGENT ACTION FOR 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, every day.

CNHS Cluster have agreed that improvement for attendance is incredibly important. **Sacred Heart Pr, St Gerard's Pr, Holy Family Pr, St JPil 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 not reported and that keeps our pupils in 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 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 continue to monitor your child's progress in this as you will see reported in the Summer Report.

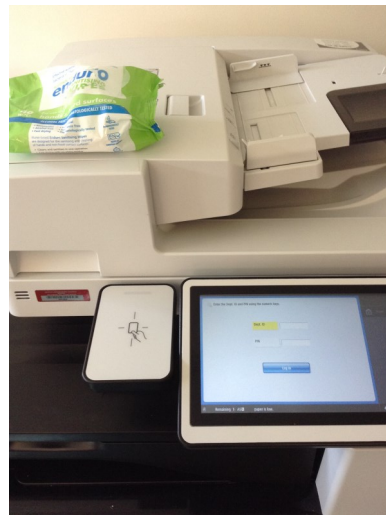
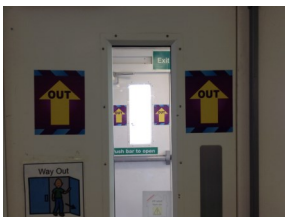


**Medical Room / Isolation Room if someone has symptoms**

**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 RIGHT'S RESPECTING SCHOOL and Nursery class**

We are delighted to share our **SILVER** achievement for RRS and are now working towards **GOLD**. Led by Miss Rossetti and the staff and pupils of our establishments, we are very much looking forward to working with you all in 2024 / 2025 to achieve this final goal.

**WE ARE A STEM SCHOOL and Nursery**

We love STEM time with our Teachers.

We will continue to focus on STEM in our classwork to help us understand **Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics** in the workforce.

We are also a Digital school and in term 4 we are now focussing on our skills in ICT. By looking at the Digital aspects embedded in our every day tasks for all our efforts and appreciating this topic will continue next year with staff and pupils alike, allowing further developments in our skills at SHP.

**Welcome to our new Primary 1 starts in August 2024**



Our Transition programme will start on **Wednesday 15th May 2024 at 1.45pm** in the school hall, inviting all our new P1 Parents and Carers to a presentation with Mrs Somerville HT and Mrs Sinclair ADHT while all new P1 pupils will explore the school and the classrooms and meet their Teacher. We will share information about starting Primary and the things to expect in August. This presentation will also help you understand the important role Parents and Carers have in supporting your child to have a positive engagement.

Invitations are also out for a 'New P1 first lunch taster' in the school with 1 adult supporting on **Friday 17th May at 11am**

In August / September you will be invited to the school to learn; how to support your child in Literacy and Numeracy, successful attendance and much more. Dates to be confirmed in our new term in August 2024.

**Sports' Day and Summer Disco, Dress Down Days**



**SPORTS' DAY**  
Weather permitting  
Thursday 20th June 2024

**Sacred Heart's Got Talent 'Dress Down Day'**

Thursday 21st June 2024

No football colours



**SUMMER DISCO**



Friday 7th June 2024

Rm 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 13 1.30pm - 2.15pm

Rm 12, 14, 15, 16 2.15pm - 3pm

**EDUCATIONAL OUTINGS 2024**



- Primary 5 and 6**  
Forth Road Bridge Visit  
Monday 22nd April 2024
- Primary 6**  
STEM Open Day  
Thursday 25th April 2024
- Primary 7**  
Edinburgh Playhouse  
Friday 26th April 2024
- Primary 4**  
Colzium Museum  
Monday 13th May 2024
- Room 9 & 10**  
Clyde Valley Farm Park  
Monday 3rd June 2024
- Room 14, 15 & 16**  
Glasgow Science Centre  
Tuesday 4th June 2024
- Room 6 & 7**  
Museum of Rural Life  
Thursday 7th June 2024
- Primary 7 Fun Day**  
TBC
- Thank you for all your support.

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**IMPORTANT DATES 2024**

- Primary 1 Assembly**  
Wednesday 1st May 2024
- Primary 7**  
Wear Yellow Day  
Wednesday 1st May 2024
- Madagascar School Show**  
Wednesday 8th May 2024  
1.30pm & 6.30pm
- Madagascar School Show**  
Thursday 9th May 2024  
1.30pm & 6.30pm
- Room 6 & 7**  
Teddy Bear Picnic  
Friday 10th May 2024
- Primary 7**  
CNHS Full Day Visit  
Thursday 16th May & Friday 17th May
- Communion**  
Saint Gerard's Church  
Saturday 18th May 2024
- Room 9 Assembly**  
Wednesday 29th May 2024
- Primary 7 Leavers Assembly**  
Wednesday 19th June 2024

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## Term 4

As parents and carers, we know you will be focused on the skills to help your child learn through their Homework support from you, 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

### Sports Day—no cost

Sports wear on Thursday 20th June 2024 weather permitting, If weather is unsuitable, please have sports' wear ready in their school bag for better weather.

### Summer Report Cards

Due out to parents week of 24th June 2024.

### Meet the Teacher

An opportunity for each child to meet their new teacher will happen at the end of term.

Date to be confirmed.

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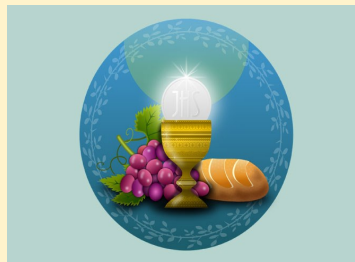
## St Gerard's Church

### First Holy Communion

P4 pupils are making their First Holy Communion on Saturday 18th May 2024 at the 11am Mass with Fr Parkes. Thank you to all our P4 pupils, their families, Mr Carroll; the organist and our staff for all their support and guidance to make this event the most memorable of days.

All pupils to be at St Gerard's Church House no later than 10.40 am prompt

God Bless you all



### Lenten Charity Totals

Thank you to our P7 Staff and pupils for designing their Lunchtime Games and raising money.

Including our £1 Dress Down Days on Fridays, we raised with your help  
**£646.00**

Thank you for your support.  
Cheques to be sent to;

MISSIO

SCIAF

St Andrew's Hospice

Let the children Live

£161.50 each

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**.

### Packed lunches, uniforms, school bags, coats and belongings

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

Please support a very busy school.

### Primary 7

#### Transition Days at Secondary schools

There are a few Secondary schools hosting transitions for our P7 pupils and these are well underway.

**2 Day visits for P7 pupils to CNHS;**

**Thursday 16th May 9am -3pm**

**Friday 17th May 9am - 3pm**

A letter from CNHS will inform families of the details.

Good luck to all our P7 pupils with their Transition meetings and I know their good behaviour and attitude will be appreciated by all receiving staff.

## BE SUN SMART

- Put on a Shirt
- Put on Sunscreen
- Wear a Hat
- Wear Sunglasses
- Stay in the Shade



SHARE THE SUN SAFE STORY WITH YOUR CHILD



North Lanarkshire Council ; Term dates and Holiday

May 2024

In-service day: Thursday 2nd May 2024

May holiday: Monday 6th May 2024

May weekend: Friday 24th May 2024 to Monday 27th May 2024 (inclusive)



June 2024

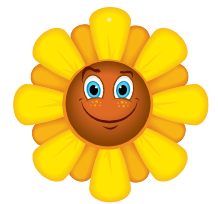
Schools Close: Wednesday 26th June 2024 at 1pm

August 2024

Teachers return and in-service day: Monday 12th August 2024

In-service day: Tuesday 13th August 2024

Pupils return: Wednesday 14th August 2024



September 2024

September weekend: Friday 27th September and Monday 30th September 2024 (inclusive)

October 2024

October week: Monday 14th to Friday 18th October 2024 (inclusive)



November 2024

In-service day: Monday 18th November

December 2024

Schools close: Friday 20th December 2024 at 2.30pm

Christmas and New Year holidays: Monday 23rd December 2024 - Monday 6th January 2024 (inclusive)





2024 / 2025 dates cont...



January 2025

Schools return on Monday 6th January 2024

February 2025

Mid-term break: Monday 17 February and Tuesday 18 February 2025  
In-service day: Wednesday 19th February 2025



April 2025

Schools close: Friday 4th April 2025 at 2.30pm

Spring holiday (Easter): Monday 7th April - Friday 18th April 2025

(Inclusive)

- Good Friday 18th April 2025  
Easter Monday 21st April 2025



May 2025

May holiday: Monday 5th May 2025

In-service day: Thursday 6th May 2025

May weekend: Friday 23rd May 2025 and Monday 26th May 2025 (inclusive)



June 2024

Schools Close: Wednesday 25th June 2024 at 1pm



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