



Holy Family Primary School

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Dear Parent/Carers,

We are coming into a very busy season in school and hopefully this newsletter will keep you fully informed.

Catholic Education Week

Catholic Education focus begins on the Feast of St Margaret 16th November through to St Andrew's day 30th November. The theme this year is *Communion, Participation, and Mission*.

To launch this we will be holding a prayer breakfast on the 16th November, more details to follow.

Children will also take part in the Parish masses on the weekend of the 20th November.



Sacraments

The following dates have been confirmed with Father Brown:

First Reconciliation Tuesday 7th March at 7pm

Confirmation Thursday 27th April at 7pm

First Holy Communion Saturday 20th May at 11am

When the preparation for these Sacraments begins teaching staff will be in touch with parents to let them know.

Parent Council

Our Parent Council would like to thank all the volunteers that helped at our recent Halloween discos. A Christmas Coffee Morning will be held after our First Friday Mass on 2nd December in the school, we will be selling Christmas crafts and St Andrew's Hospice will also have items for sale and raffles too. Next Parent Council meeting will take place on November 10th at 6.30pm in the Parish Centre, all are welcome.

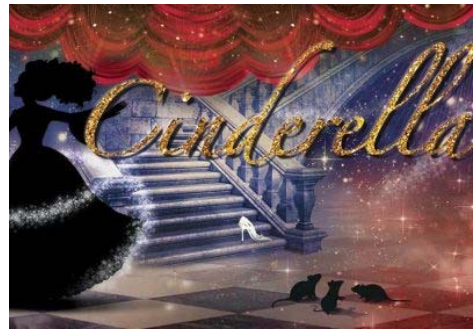


PE

We are asking that the children wear full school uniform every day. Children will have time to change for PE lessons and should bring their PE kit, a yellow t-shirt and navy or dark shorts or jogging bottoms/leggings. If you do not have a yellow t-shirt a dark plain t-shirt would be suitable, no football tops please. Jewellery should not be worn on PE days.

Name Labels

Can you please ensure your child's name is on their belongings so that we can try our best to reunite children with their lost property having names on items left helps us to get it back to you promptly?



Pantomime

The whole school will be attending Cinderella at Motherwell Concert Hall and Theatre on the afternoon of Wednesday 30th November. As this is St Andrew's day all children can wear something tartan with their uniform. Bus costs will be supplemented from school fund and the Parent Council.

General Childhood Illnesses

Now all restrictions are lifted we are seeing an increase in the incidence of childhood illnesses across the school, as we would expect. NLC are encouraging all children to attend school as often as is possible; Covid restrictions no longer apply. Please also be aware of the need to check for head lice as this is often prevalent wherever there are groups of children.

Water Bottles

Please ensure your child has a suitable water bottle with them every day with sufficient supply to last them all through the day. Children are able to refill their bottles.



Allergies

Please remember that we are a nut free school when you are giving your child their snack or packed lunch. Your co-operation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Communication



We have a growing number of followers on twitter - @holyfamily_ps and would ask if you could please follow us in order to keep up to date with news and events. The school website is an excellent source of communication also as it is regularly updated <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/nl/holyfamily/>. We will continue to communicate through the e-mail system and ask that you check this regularly to keep up to date.

Thinking Circles

Thinking circles have recommenced, these take place on a Friday from 11.15 to 11.45am we would welcome any volunteers to help take part in these, please contact the school office.

Simply Soup Lunch, Everyone Welcome

Our Simply Soup lunch is back at long last!

Where: Holy Family Church Hall

When: After 12noon Mass (approx. 12.30pm-2.00pm) on 4 Tuesdays:

Tuesday 22nd & 29th November, 6th & 20th December

Due to the rising cost of living and energy bills we are offering a warm space to everyone in our community along with a free lunch - a bowl of soup with a roll followed by tea/coffee, biscuits and cakes.

As usual, there will be a raffle. You will get 1 free strip of raffle tickets with the opportunity to buy more. All money raised from the raffle will be split between MacMillan Cancer Care & Mary's Meals.

Donations of soup, home baking, raffle prizes and help on the day will be gratefully appreciated.

Please contact Eileen on 07525 246365 if you are able to help.

We look forward to seeing you there

Important Dates

Poppy Day

Friday 11th November 2022

Book Week Scotland

14th November – 20th November 2022

Catholic Education Week

16th November – 30th November 2022

Pantomime

30th November 2022

Christmas Coffee Morning

Friday 2nd December after First Friday Mass.

Santa Dash

13th December 2022 Sponsored Santa Dash in conjunction with Mossend.

Nativity

Dress Rehearsal Monday 5th December 2022

Shows 6th and 7th December 2022

Christmas Parties

Friday 16th December P7

Monday 19th December P6 and P5

Tuesday 20th December P3 and P4

Wednesday 21st December P1 and P2

Carol Service

Wednesday 21st December 9.30am

As always if there is anything in this newsletter that you would like to discuss or indeed any aspect of school life, please contact via enquiries-@-hollyfamily@northlan.org.uk

Yours sincerely
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