



Our Lady & St. Francis Primary School & Nursery Class



April 2017 Newsletter

Time Keeping



Time keeping continues to be an issue for our school. A significant number of children are not making it into school before the bell every morning. We appreciate that there will be the odd occasion where families will be running a little late for one reason or another but we ask that you endeavour to get children into school on time as valuable teaching time can be missed. In line with North Lanarkshire policy, we must mark children as 'late' if they are not in school for 9am. We thank you in advance for your cooperation with this.

School Uniform

We are proud to have a beautiful, smart school uniform that all of our children wear each day. Our children are easily identifiable as ambassadors for our school and wear their uniforms with pride. Increasingly we have noticed that some of our senior pupils have been coming to school with 'adornments' that are not appropriate for a Primary School setting including make-up, false nails and large pieces of jewellery. We respectfully ask that you support us in discouraging these 'extras' which distract from our beautiful uniform.



Bikes/Scooters in the Yard



We are delighted that so many children are choosing to walk, cycle or 'scoot' to school each morning as this is a great form of exercise and keeping fit. Given how tight our yard is at the front entrance, we are asking all children to refrain from using their bikes or scooters in the school yard as there are often toddlers and grandparents waiting in the yard at home time and we are conscious that they could be easily bumped into. Thank you in advance with your cooperation with this.

Parking



A parent has approached the school to raise concerns about the number of cars that sit with their engines running at home time each day. This obviously causes unnecessary fumes, and both children and adults are being subjected to these as they walk past. Please be considerate when collecting children and switch your engines off whenever your car is not in use.

Lenten Charities

Our Lenten charity fundraisers have been a massive hit this year, and a huge thank you must go to Mrs Taggart and Mrs Crooks for their hard work in organising our themed Fridays. The children have really enjoyed each week, and have participated in a meaningful and fun way in Lenten almsgiving. We have one more day to go, so will be able to reveal the grand total raised in our next newsletter. A huge thank you must also go to our parents and carers for their generosity during Lent.

Staffing Update Term 4

Mrs Balmer continues to be unwell and Miss O'Donnell continues to be responsible for teaching Primary 5. Miss Lewis will remain as Acting Depute Head Teacher until the end of term 4, and Mrs McMahon will continue to deliver music across the school.

Spring Break



Our school closes at 2.30pm on Friday 31st March 2017 and reopens on Tuesday 18th April at 9am. On behalf of all at Our Lady and St. Francis Primary School, we hope you have a happy and restful break.

Dates for the Diary

Friday 31 st March	School closes at 2.30pm for Spring Break
Tuesday 18 th April	School and Nursery reopen
Wednesday 19 th April	Confirmation Information Evening
Monday 1 st May	May bank holiday - School and Nursery closed
Wednesday 3 rd May	Infant Induction Afternoon
Thursday 4 th May	Inset day - School and Nursery closed
Friday 5 th May	First Friday Mass and coffee morning
Tuesday 9 th May	First Holy Communion Retreat
Saturday 13 th May	First Holy Communion for P4 children
Saturday 20 th May	First Holy Communion for P4 Children
Monday 22 nd May	Fairtrade Fortnight begins
Tuesday 23 rd May	Confirmation Retreat
Wednesday 24 th May	Final Parents' Evening
Friday 26 th May	Bank Holiday weekend - School and Nursery closed
Monday 29 th May	Bank Holiday weekend - School and Nursery closed
Wednesday 31 st May	P7 Wear Yellow Walk