



Our Lady & St. Francis Primary School
& Nursery Class



August 2016 Newsletter

Welcome



Welcome back to our new school year. The children all look fantastic in their school uniforms - they are a credit to you and your commitment to our school. Can we please remind you to mark your child's name on jumpers, jackets etc. if you've not already done so. We will be using our outdoor area as much as possible for learning so please ensure that your child always has their jacket in school.

No Nut Policy

Can we please remind you that we have children in our school with severe nut allergies, and in line with North Lanarkshire policy, our school is a completely nut free zone. This also applies to 'hidden' nuts contained in most chocolate spreads which contain hazelnuts and some Kinder products.



Water in School



Our Parent Council are kindly buying a water bottle for every child in our school and water is available via water coolers throughout the day. Many thanks to them for their generosity.

Breakfast Club

Our school is fortunate enough to have a Breakfast Club which is available to Primary 1 to Primary 7 pupils every morning. If your child is attending the Breakfast Club, please ensure they arrive no earlier than 8.30am and no later than 8.50am. If your child arrives before 8.30am there is no supervision and if they arrive later than 8.50am then it can be difficult to ensure they have finished their breakfast in time for school starting. We thank you for your cooperation with this.



Data Forms

Please complete your child's annual data form and return to the office as soon as possible, if you have not already done so. This is to ensure we have the most up to date information for your child.

HT Blog & Twitter

Remember to check twitter regularly (@olsfschool) and our HT Blog on our school website (<http://www.ourlady-st-francis.n-lanark.sch.uk/>) regularly for updates. We have uploaded an annual calendar with important dates for your diary to our school website under school events.

Head Lice

We are unable to inform parents of outbreaks of head lice so we ask that you are vigilant and check your child's head regularly. If you would like any advice from our Public Health Nurse regarding treatment, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Christmas Pantomime



Christmas may seem a long way off, but we have already booked for all pupils to go to Motherwell Civic Theatre this year to see Peter Pan on the 8th December at 1.15pm.

This will mean a late return to school and further details will be issued nearer the time.

Our Parent Council have very kindly agreed to make a substantial donation towards this which will cover the cost of the buses and will reduce the cost of the tickets per pupil. The ticket price should be £8.50 per child but with the donation from our Parent Council, the cost of the trip will reduce down to £5 per pupil. Massive thanks to our Parent Council for working so hard throughout the year to raise funds for our pupils. Payment for this is due by 18th September.

Primary 1 Yard / Big Yard

We are more than happy for parents to wait in our infant yard in the morning and evening but ask that adults now stay behind the green gates in the morning when the bell rings to give them the opportunity to line up with their peers. This also encourages independence for our new Primary 1 pupils. We are delighted they have settled so well so far - they have been absolute stars! Can we also ask parents of P2 and P3 parents who come round to our 'big' yard in the morning to now either leave the yard before the bell, or wait behind the green gates until the Primary 1 children are in the building. Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this.

Meet the Teacher/Curriculum Evening

Our Meet the Teacher evening is Thursday 15th September at 6.30pm for P1-3 parents and 7.30pm for P4-7 parents. A letter with additional details regarding this evening will be issued nearer the time.

P7 Mass

Our P7 children have been invited to participate in a Year of Mercy Mass at Carfin Grotto on Friday 26th August at 11.30am.



Building Works

As you will probably be aware, our school has undergone a summer 'makeover'! It has been a lot of work on everyone's part, and I personally want to extend my thanks to the staff for their exceptional hard work (and senses of humour) over the last week to make sure the school was ready for our children starting on Wednesday.

Choir Performance

Our choir have been asked to perform at the Civic Centre on Saturday 3rd September at 12pm at the Civic Centre. A letter will follow to choir members with further information.