



Our Lady & St. Francis Primary School
& Nursery Class



February 2017 Newsletter

First Friday Mass/Coffee Morning

Our First Friday Mass will take place on Friday 3rd February at 10am in St. Francis Xavier Church. P5 will be leading this Mass and the coffee morning afterwards. As always, we will be looking for donations of shop bought baking (nut free, please) and raffle prizes. The Parent Council will make two draws of the 200 Club on Friday 3rd February at the coffee morning.



Movie Night

Our Parent Council are organising a Movie Night fundraiser on Friday 24th February in St. Francis Xavier Hall. We will be surveying the children soon to see what their preferences are for which movie will be shown. Tickets will be going on sale for this soon and usually sell out fast, so please keep your eye on twitter!

Ash Wednesday/Morning Masses during Lent

Ash Wednesday this year is on Wednesday 1st March. Our whole school community will attend 10am Mass on that day. Father McGachey will also celebrate Mass on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday mornings during Lent at 8.25am and we hope that as many children and families as possible can make it along to these Masses. It is a wonderful way to start each day and helps pupils make their own Lenten journey.



Enrolment Masses

Father McGachey has requested that the dates of our enrolment Masses change. Due to our large number of pupils, and the limited capacity over at the Church, it isn't possible to accommodate enrolment Masses during Sunday Masses. The date for the enrolment Mass for ALL children making a Sacrament this year (P3, P4, P6 and P7) will be **Friday 17th February at 10am**. All children making the Sacrament of Reconciliation, First Holy Communion or Confirmation will attend Mass on 17th February, and parents and carers are welcome to attend. We apologise in advance for any inconvenience this may cause.

Catholic Education Week Mass

Taylor High School have organised a cluster Mass in St. Teresa's Church on Thursday 23rd February at 7pm. Pupils and parents from all associated Primary Schools are invited to attend this Mass to celebrate Catholic Education week. Tea and coffee will be served in St. Teresa's Hall following Mass. We hope to see you there.

Parents' Evening

Our second parents' evening of this academic session has been arranged for Wednesday 8th February 2017. Letters have been issued asking parents for their preference of time slot. If you cannot make it along to parents' evening for any reason, please contact the school office and we will endeavour to make a separate appointment time for you, where possible. Please note, however, we cannot rearrange a missed parents' evening appointment due to family holidays during term time.

Health Fortnight

Health Fortnight begins on the 28th of February this year. The focus this year will be social and emotional well-being and is being led by the 'Rookie Rock Stars'. More details to follow, watch this space.....

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.

Holiday Weekend



School will be closed to pupils and staff on Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th February. Wednesday 15th February is an in-service day and school and nursery are closed to pupils. We wish you all a restful break.