



Our Lady & St. Francis Primary School & Nursery Class



June 2017 Newsletter

Sports' Day



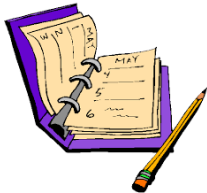
Our annual Sports' Day will take place on Friday 2nd June. This will take a new format this year and a separate letter has been issued with details. As ever, you are warmly invited to come along in the afternoon and see the children participate in their events and we are hoping for a dry day! The school will take lots of photographs on the day and they will be uploaded to Twitter. We ask that parents/carers do not take photographs, as not all families have given their permission for this. We will also be looking for parent helpers for this event; if you can assist, please contact the school office.

Primary 7

Primary 7 have a Leavers' Mass on Friday 23rd June at 10am in St. Francis Xavier Church. This will be followed by a Primary 7 Leavers' Assembly in the school hall and all Primary 7 parents and carers are welcome to attend. Their busy month will finish with a trip to Hollywood Bowl on Monday 26th June. The price for this is £5 per pupil. Our Parent Council have met the cost of buses for this, and the school has subsidised the admission cost from school funds. Many thanks to our Parent Council for this.



Appointments



We pride ourselves in our open door policy here in Our Lady & St. Francis Primary School and wherever possible, a member of the senior management team will meet with you on the spot if you have a query or concern. Staffing shortages at present may mean that this is not always possible; in such situations staff in the office will be happy to agree a mutually convenient day and time for an appointment. I would thank you for your understanding and support with this and I am sure you already know that we will always try and respond quickly to any request or contact we receive.

Confirmations

Our P6 and P7 pupils will make the Sacrament of Confirmation on Monday 5th June at 7pm in St. Francis Xavier Church. Due to the large number of children involved we ask that you are mindful of the amount of family members that you invite to this service. A separate letter will be issued to pupils nearer the time.



Parent Council Summer Discos

Our Parent Council are hosting summer discos for all pupils on Monday 12th June. A separate letter will be issued with full details nearer the time.

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.

Dinner Cards



We understand that from time to time some parents may not have change, or may have overlooked the fact that their child has insufficient funds on their dinner cards for a school meal. However, a number of children are regularly coming for a school dinner and do not have money on their cards. You can check your child's balance online now, or your child can also check the balance in school. Please ensure your child has sufficient funds for their dinner and/or breakfast club each day.

Uniform for August

Here in Our Lady & St. Francis Primary School, we pride ourselves on our beautiful school uniform. When renewing uniform items over the holidays, please remember it is grey trousers, skirts or pinafores and that all footwear should be black. Our children are regularly commented on when representing our school at events and we want to ensure our uniform standards continue to be high. Please also remember that in line with North Lanarkshire policy, no football colours or logos should be included in school items, including school bags, lunch boxes etc. We thank you for your support with this.



School Holidays



School will close to pupils and staff on Wednesday 28th June at 1.00pm for our summer break. School will reopen to pupils on Thursday 17th August at 9.00am. Primary 1 pupils should attend at 10.00am on Thursday 17th August. We would like to take the opportunity to thank you for all of your support throughout the year and wish you a very happy and enjoyable summer break.

Dates for the Diary

Friday 2 nd June	Sports' Day
Monday 5 th June	Sacrament of Confirmation
Thursday 8 th June	In-Service Day (General Election)
Friday 9 th June	Non-Uniform Day
Monday 12 th June	Parent Council Summer Discos
Friday 23 rd June	P7 Leavers' Mass and Graduation
Thursday 22 nd June	Nursery Graduation
Monday 26 th June	P7 Trip to Hollywood Bowl
Wednesday 28 th June	School closes at 1pm
Thursday 17 th August	School reopens to pupils at 9am.