



Our Lady & St. Francis Primary School
& Nursery Class



October 2016 Newsletter

First Friday Mass/Coffee Morning

We will be celebrating first Friday Mass on Friday 7th October at St. Francis Xavier Church at 10am. P7a will lead the liturgy at this Mass and will also lead the coffee morning afterwards in our school hall. As always, we are looking for donations of shop bought baking and biscuits (nut free, please) and raffle prizes.



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Continuity Programme

This very worthwhile transition programme starts on Monday 31st October for our P7 pupils. For eight weeks our pupils will enjoy participating in subjects including Maths, Physical Education, ICT and Home Economics at Taylor High School. P7 parents are invited to join their children on Monday 28th November to observe them in their subject areas.

Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening is Wednesday 12th October. Please return your slip as soon as possible if you haven't already done so as appointments are being issued soon. 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. Please note, however, we cannot rearrange a missed parents' evening appointment due to family holidays during term time.

Twitter

Our twitter account continues to be a big hit with our parents and is a very quick and easy means of communication. Please sign up for twitter (if you haven't already done so) and follow us at [@olsfschool](https://twitter.com/olsfschool). You can also turn on notifications on twitter from us so that you don't miss any important messages.



Staffing Update

We are delighted to announce that Miss Claire Lewis was successful at interview last week and will be taking up the post of Acting Depute Head Teacher at Our Lady and St. Francis following the October break. Mrs Eulalia Ayton has also been successful at interview for the post of Principal Teacher at St. Joseph's Primary, Stepps. Although we are devastated to be losing such a valued member of our team, we wish her every happiness and success in her new post.

Car Parking

In the interests of Health and Safety the school car park is solely for the use of staff employed in the school, or official visitors to the school. Parents / carers must park elsewhere when picking up or dropping off children either for primary or nursery. Please do not 'cut through' the car park, particularly with children, as this is unsafe.

Halloween Parade



This year our Halloween Parade will take place on Friday 28th October in the afternoon. Children should come dressed for school as normal in the morning and change at lunch time. We appreciate that many of our parents work and are unable to take their children home for lunch; if you are unable to make arrangements for your child to go home at lunch time, please send in your child's costume and a member of staff will assist with changing your child for their afternoon parade.

Kilbowie Information Afternoon

Our Primary 7 pupils are heading off to Oban on Monday 19th December until Thursday 22nd December this year. We have planned a Kilbowie Information Afternoon on Wednesday 5th October at 2.15pm where you will get the opportunity to find out more information about this residential trip.

Time Keeping



We have noticed that a number of children are regularly not getting to school before the 9am bell. ***On Thursday and Friday of last week, a total of 72 children were late to school.*** 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.

October Break



School will close to pupils and staff on Friday 14th October at 3.00pm for our October break. School will reopen to pupils on Monday 24th at 9.00am.

We hope you all have a restful break.