



Our Lady & St. Francis Primary School  
& Nursery Class



## October 2017 Newsletter

### First Friday Mass/Coffee Morning

We will be celebrating first Friday Mass on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October at St. Francis Xavier Church at 10am. P6/7 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 Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October for our P7 pupils. For eight weeks our P7 pupils will enjoy participating in subjects including Maths, ICT, Science and Music.

### Parents' Evening

Don't forget  
Parents'  
Evening!

Parents' Evening is Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October. You are welcome to include your child in the discussion with teachers if you wish. You have all been given the opportunity to book an appointment through our new online booking system; the last date for booking an appointment online is Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October. 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.***

### Book Fair

A travelling book fair will be in school for the duration of parents' evening. Please pop along to Room 4 if you want to see what they have on offer.



## Twitter

Please remember that *twitter is our main form of communication* out to parents. 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. You can also turn on notifications on twitter from us so that you don't miss any important messages.



## Halloween Parade



This year our Halloween Parade will take place on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Halloween Disco

Our Parent Council are in the process of organising a Halloween Disco for Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2017. A separate letter will be issued with details of this nearer the time.



## Curriculum Rationale

We have had a disappointingly low response regarding our curriculum rationale consultation. We value your views and hope that you will take the time to return these questionnaires as soon as possible.

## Time Keeping



We have noticed that time keeping continues to be a problem for our school, and a significant number of children are regularly not getting to school before the 9am bell. 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.

## Easyfundraising

Do you do Christmas shopping online? If so, collect FREE donations for Our Lady & St. Francis Primary by using the Easyfundraising site to redirect you to your favourite online retailers. Please register at: <https://easyfundraising.org.uk/olsfparents/>

## October Break



School and nursery will close to pupils and staff on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October at the usual times for our October break. School and nursery will reopen to pupils on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October. We hope you all have a restful break.