



Our Lady & St. Francis Primary School & Nursery Class



September 2017 Newsletter

Primary One



Our Primary One pupils have settled in really well as I am sure you can see from their fabulous line in the morning. They have already learned some sounds and numbers and we are all very proud of them. We must also commend their P7 buddies who have taken such good care of them in their first few weeks at school. A P1 settling-in report will be issued just prior to the September weekend.

Meet the Teacher Evening

I am sure you are keen to find out what your child will be learning this year; in order for us to give as much information as possible we are holding a Meet the Teacher/Curriculum Information Evening on Wednesday 13th September at 6.30pm. You will have the opportunity to participate in a homework workshop and we will also be seeking your views on our curriculum rationale, with a view to updating this. A letter with further details of this will be issued today and we ask that you return this indicating your attendance so that we can plan for numbers.



Parents' Evening



Our Parent/Teacher interviews will take place on Thursday 12th October. You will receive a slip later this month asking you to indicate a time slot; please return these to the school office as soon as possible.

School Uniform

We pride ourselves on our beautiful blue and grey uniform here at Our Lady & St. Francis Primary. **Please note that white shirts/blouses, white polo shirts and white t-shirts are not part of our uniform.** A white t-shirt or polo shirt can be worn for PE only, but this should be brought to school with your child to change into.



OOSHL

Alongside the many out of hours clubs we already offer as a school, NL Active Schools have been in touch and are able to offer additional sporting lunchtime and after school clubs. More details to follow!

Parking



Parking is an ongoing issue and we ask that parents park responsibly and safely when dropping off and picking up children. We are very fortunate to have use of the Holy Ghost Fathers car park and the Grotto, and we ask that you use these for parking, but do so considerately. Please **do not** use our car park to 'cut through' with your children as it is unsafe to do so.

Time Keeping



Time keeping is an ongoing 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. If you are arriving with your child after 9am in the morning, please use the main entrance as all other doors will be locked and alarmed. We thank you in advance for your cooperation with this.

Holy Ghost Father Clubs

A number of after school clubs are now being run in the Holy Ghost Fathers' Hall. The individuals who organise these clubs are making arrangements with parents to collect children from our yard and take them next door. We are delighted that children are being afforded additional opportunities to participate in community led clubs, but must stress that this is an arrangement between parents/carers and the clubs concerned. The school cannot take responsibility for ensuring children go to clubs organised by external agencies.

P7 Welcome Mass



Taylor High School are having a P7 welcome Mass on Wednesday 20th September and we hope that our P7s are represented well at this. Letters will be issued nearer the time with further details.

P1 Photographs

The Motherwell Times will be in our school on Monday 4th September to take pictures of our P1 pupils. We ask that children are dressed in full school uniforms, including shirts and ties for this please.



Water Bottles

We are fortunate that our Parent Council has kindly provided a water bottle for every child in our school. In line with North Lanarkshire Council policy, only water is allowed to be drunk whilst in class; please do not fill water bottles with anything else. We also ask that they are filled with water before leaving the house in the morning so that children can quickly settle in the classroom. Children have the opportunity to fill up their water bottles throughout the day if they need more.

Holiday Dates

Our school will close at 3pm on Thursday 21st September for our September weekend and will reopen at 9am on Tuesday 26th September. October week this year is week commencing Monday 16th October to Friday 20th October inclusive.

