



Our Lady & St. Francis Primary & Nursery Class



November 2017 Newsletter

Halloween Disco

Our Parent Council are hosting a Halloween Disco for Monday 30th October 2017. Tickets for this are £2 per child and can be bought from the school office.



Halloween Parade



Our Halloween parade is taking place on **Tuesday 31st October**.

Children should come to school dressed in school uniforms as normal on Tuesday morning and either go home to change at lunch time, or bring in their costumes to change into. Staff/senior pupils will be on hand to assist any younger children who are getting changed at lunch time. Please be mindful that some of our younger children can be frightened by particularly scary costumes, i.e. killer clown masks etc.

Flu Vaccination Programme

The annual flu vaccination programme will take place in school on Monday 27th November. If you haven't already returned the permission letter for this, please do so as soon as possible.

Coffee Morning

As Wednesday 1st November is a holy day of obligation, our whole school will attend Mass at St. Francis Xavier's Church at 10am instead of our usual first Friday. We will also host our coffee morning on Wednesday 1st November, immediately following Mass. P6 will lead the liturgy and coffee morning, and as always, we welcome donations of shop bought baking and raffle prizes. We are also in need of parent helpers for this - if you can spare a few hours, please contact the school office.



Continuity Programme

This very worthwhile programme has started for our P7 pupils. P7 parents are invited to attend Taylor High School on Tuesday 21st November to see their children in situ.

Taylor High Road Show

P7 pupils and parents are invited to attend Our Lady and St. Francis Primary on Thursday 23rd November for an information evening from Taylor High School staff and pupils. Taylor High will be issuing a letter with further details for this separately.

School Photographs



John Wilson, photographers, will be nursery photographs on Thursday 9th of November. They will also be taking full class photographs on this day too - full school uniforms please!

After School Clubs

We are in the process of trying to organise an after school knitting club but need some talented volunteers. If you can knit, or know of a family member or friend who can knit, we need your help. Please contact the school office if you can spare an hour each week for approximately six weeks, as our children would benefit greatly from it. This term, we are in the fortunate position of being able to offer a wide range of after school clubs from week beginning 6th November, including Christmas crafts P4-5, Pope Francis Faith Award P6-7, Dance P4-5 and Mini Movers P1, Cooking P3. NL Active Schools are also offering P2-3 Multisports and P7 badminton. Letters will be issued separately.

House System

Our house system has proved a big hit with our children and they are all 'shining stars', trying to earn their house points. The winning house from term 1 is St. Bernadette's House and they will enjoy an extra play-time to reward them for their efforts.

Day of Dance



This year's day of dance is scheduled for Friday 24th November and letters will be issued with further details. We look forward to seeing you all there and as is traditional, participation is a must!

Inset Day

Please note that the school and nursery will be closed to all pupils on Monday 20th November for in-service training.

Curriculum Rationale

Many thanks for your feedback on parents' evening re our updated curriculum rationale. A copy of this has been 'tweeted' and it can also be found on our school website.

Attendance and Time Keeping

Please ensure you contact the school office by telephone if your child is unwell and unable to come to school. The school will attempt to contact you by 10am if your child hasn't reported for school and we have had no notification from you. Time keeping continues to be a concern for us as a school as a significant number of children are not arriving 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.

