



Our Lady & St. Francis Primary & Nursery Class



January 2018 Newsletter

Welcome Back



Welcome back to our new school term. As ever we will be busy throughout this term, please remember that newsletters are published at the beginning of every month and contain the most up to date information regarding activities within the school. We always post a copy of these on our school website as a point of reference.

Thank You

As always, our Parent Council work tirelessly to fundraise for much needed resources for our school. Last year all of our children enjoyed a trip to the pantomime; our sacramental children all received a gift, and every child received a water bottle. Additionally, we are planning on upgrading the sound system in our hall using money raised from our Day of Dance. We can only do this due to the hard work and effort of our Parent Council, and the generosity of our whole school community throughout the year. Thank you!



First Friday Mass



There will be no first Friday Mass in January as Father McGachey is on holiday. Our next first Friday Mass will be on Friday 2nd February at 10am in St. Francis Xavier Church. P5 will be leading this Mass and the coffee morning afterwards. As always, we will be looking for donations of shop bought baking (nut free, please) and raffle prizes. The Parent Council will also be announcing the 200 Club winner on Friday 2nd February at the coffee morning.

Infant Registration

Children who reach the age of 5 between 1st March 2018 and 28th February 2019 should register for school during week beginning January 15th. Registration will be available daily from Monday to Friday from 1:30 to 3:00. Parents who wish to register should bring along the child's birth certificate, council tax bill and baptismal certificate where available. Please note that all children should enrol in their designated catchment area school where advice will be given regarding placing requests.



Sacramental Information

First Reconciliation will take place for P3 pupils on Tuesday 20th March at 7pm and First Holy Communion for P4 pupils will take place on Saturday 12th and Saturday 19th May at 11am in St. Francis Xavier Church. An information evening for parents whose children will be making the Sacrament of Reconciliation will take place on Wednesday 10th January in the school Hall at 6.30pm. A meeting for First Holy Communion parents will also take place on Wednesday 10th January in the school hall at 7pm.



Tesco Bags of Help Scheme

Our school is one of three locally that have been shortlisted for the Tesco Bags of Help Scheme Award. If we are successful, we win £4000 to develop our outdoors area. If you are shopping in Tesco during January and February, please ask for your token(s) and vote for OLSF. This applies in all local Tesco stores, including Carfin, Tesco Extra in Wishaw, Tesco Express in Coltness Road in Wishaw, Motherwell and Bellshill. Please ask all of your friends and families to vote for us too. Happy shopping and fingers crossed!



Post-Christmas Clear Out?

Our two year old nursery playroom is looking for any unwanted costume jewellery, purses, wallet, handbags and light scarves. We are also looking for additional items for our infant playroom; if you have any unwanted arts and crafts materials, cushions, small rugs, beanbags or material, please hand them in to the school office.

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.

Parents' Evening

Our second parents' evening of this session has been arranged for Wednesday 7th February. You are welcome to include your child in the discussion with teachers if you wish. You will all be given the opportunity to book an appointment through our new online booking system and a letter with details of this will be issued separately. 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.***

Don't forget
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