



Our Lady & St. Francis Primary School & Nursery Class



February 2018 Newsletter

First Friday Mass/Coffee Morning

Our First Friday Mass will take place 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 draw the 200 Club on Friday 2nd February at the coffee morning.



Movie Night

Our Parent Council are organising a Movie Night fundraiser on Friday 23rd February in St. Francis Xavier Hall. We have an active poll on twitter at present, asking the children what their preferences are for which movie to be shown. Tickets will be going on sale for this on Friday 9th February and will be available to buy from the school office.

Morning Masses during Lent

During Lent, Father McGachey will celebrate Mass on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings during Lent at 8.25am and we hope that as many children and families as possible can make it along to these Masses. It is a wonderful way to start each day and helps pupils make their own Lenten journey.



Enrolment Masses

Father McGachey has confirmed that the date of this year's Enrolment Mass is Monday 19th February at 7pm in St. Francis Xavier Church. This is for all children in P3 and P4 who will be making the Sacraments of Reconciliation or First Holy Communion. Parents and carers of P3 and P4 pupils are welcome to attend this Mass and children should wear full school uniforms. A separate letter with seating plan has been issued with details of this.

Catholic Education Week Mass

Taylor High School have organised a cluster Mass in St. Francis Xavier Church on Thursday 1st February at 11am to celebrate Catholic Education Week. Representative pupils and staff from all associated Primary Schools will attend this Mass to celebrate Catholic Education week.

Parents' Evening

Our second parents' evening of this academic session has been arranged for Wednesday 7th February 2017. Our online booking system is now closed – thank you to all who have booked appointments. 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.

Fairtrade Focus

Fairtrade Focus week is week beginning 26th February this year. We will be raising awareness of all things Fairtrade during this time.

Time Keeping



As you know, we monitor various aspects of school life in pursuit of excellence. Every month we review absence and late-coming data, and if attendance falls below 90% we letter parents to advise. Persistent late-coming is disruptive to learning and teaching and can be unsettling to the child and class concerned. Did you know that if a child is 5 minutes late to school every day they will have missed the equivalent of 3.5 school days or 20 lessons over the year?

Twitter

As you know we were recently advised to close all North Lanarkshire schools early due to severe weather warnings in place for snow. We issued a text to parents immediately with this information, but due to the volume of texts being issued by all North Lanarkshire Schools, we know there was a delay in some parents receiving this. It is really important therefore, that the school have up to date mobile numbers and email addresses. It is also really important, particularly in instances like this, that as many parents as possible sign up for our twitter account, and turn notifications on. A separate help sheet is attached to this newsletter with instructions; please contact the school office if you require assistance with this.

Holiday Weekend



School will be closed to pupils and staff on Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th February. Wednesday 14th February is an in-service day and school and nursery are closed to pupils. We wish you all a restful break.