



# Our Lady & St. Francis Primary School & Nursery Class



## June 2018 Newsletter

### Sports' Day



Our annual Sports' Day will take place on Friday 1st June. The format will be the same as last year and as ever, you are warmly invited to come along in the afternoon and see the children participate in their events (let's pray for a dry day!) The cost will be £1 per pupil to help towards the costs of sports coaches. Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately in sports wear (no football colours, please) and has no jewellery on. Please also pray for good weather; if it is raining heavily we will move whatever activities we can into the school hall. The school will take lots of photographs on the day and they will be uploaded to Twitter. We ask that parents/carers do not take photographs, as not all families have given their permission for this. We will also be looking for parent helpers for this event; if you can assist, please contact the school office.

### Primary 7 & Their Very Busy Month.....

Primary 7 will participate in the Wear Yellow Walk at Strathclyde Park in aid of St. Andrew's Hospice on 6<sup>th</sup> June. They then have a Leavers' Mass on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June at 10am in St. Francis Xavier Church. This will be followed by a Primary 7 Leavers' Assembly in the school hall and all Primary 7 parents and carers are welcome to attend. Kilbowie is next; from Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June until Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June. Their busy month will finish with a trip to Hollywood Bowl on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June. The price for this is £10 per pupil; separate letters have been issued regarding this.



### National Schools' Mass

This year marks the centenary for Catholic Schools in Scotland, and as part of the centenary celebrations, all schools are invited to attend a National Schools' Mass on 14<sup>th</sup> June. Schools from the Taylor High cluster will attend this and each school has been allocated 20 tickets. We will be involving Pope Francis Faith Award pupils for this and any child involved will be lettered separately.

### 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.

## Madagascar

Rehearsals for this are being finalised and our upper school children have been rehearsing hard. The performances will take place on the 5<sup>th</sup> and the 6<sup>th</sup> of June and a separate letter has been issued regarding tickets.

## Dinner Cards



We understand that from time to time some parents may not have change, or may have overlooked the fact that their child has insufficient funds on their dinner cards for a school meal. However, a number of children are regularly coming for a school dinner and do not have money on their cards. You can check your child's balance online now, or your child can also check the balance in school. Please ensure your child has sufficient funds for their dinner and/or breakfast club each day.

## Uniform for August

Here in Our Lady & St. Francis Primary School, we pride ourselves on our beautiful school uniform. Please note that polo shirts should only be worn on PE days. When renewing uniform items over the holidays, please remember it is grey trousers, skirts or pinafores, grey socks and grey tights, and all footwear should be black. Our children are regularly commented on when representing our school at events and we want to ensure our uniform standards continue to be high. Please also remember that in line with North Lanarkshire policy, no football colours or logos should be included in school items, including school bags, lunch boxes etc. We thank you for your support with this.



## School Holidays



School will close to pupils and staff on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June at 1.00pm for our summer break. School will reopen to pupils on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> August at 9.00am. Primary 1 pupils should attend at 10.00am on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> August. We would like to take the opportunity to thank you for all of your support throughout the year and wish you a very happy and enjoyable summer break.

## Dates for the Diary

Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Sports' Day
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Madagascar afternoon & evening performances
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Madagascar afternoon & evening performances
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	CEOP Event for P6 & P7 Parents
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Transition Afternoon
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	National Schools' Mass
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	P7 Mass & Graduation
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> -Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Kilbowie for P7 Parents
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Nursery Graduation
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	P7 to Hollywood Bowl
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	School & Nursery close for summer holidays
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> August	School reopens to pupils at 9am.