



Our Lady & St. Francis Primary School & Nursery Class



August 2018 Newsletter

Welcome



Welcome back to our new school year. The children all look fantastic in their school uniforms - they are a credit to you and your commitment to our school. Can we please remind you to mark your child's name on jumpers, jackets etc. if you've not already done so. We will be using our outdoor area as much as possible for learning so please ensure that your child always has their jacket in school.

No Nut Policy

Can we please remind you that we have children in our school with severe nut allergies, and in line with North Lanarkshire policy, our school is a completely nut free zone. This also applies to 'hidden' nuts contained in most chocolate spreads which contain hazelnuts and some Kinder products.



Water in School



Our Parent Council have kindly bought a water bottle for every child in our school and water is available via water coolers throughout the day. Many thanks to them for their generosity.

Breakfast Club

As you know, our school offers a Breakfast Club and this is available in the dining hall each morning between 8:30 a.m. and 8:50 a.m. It is staffed by a Breakfast Supervisor and Kitchen staff. Children coming to the breakfast service should enter via the main door. There is no adult supervision in the playground at that time so no children should be in the playground before 8:30am. The price of this has increased to:



One child £1, 2 children £1.50, 3 children £1.80, and 4 children £2.10.

Please note that North Lanarkshire Council sets the pricing for breakfast club services.

Children in receipt of Free School Meal entitlement will also be entitled to a free breakfast, but if you know that your child is in receipt of this but you have not applied for it because they are in P1-P3, then you should go to a One Stop Shop and make a free school meal application. Please note, that free breakfast entitlement will only begin once this award is made, so it's important that this is done as soon as possible.

Data Forms

Please complete your child's annual data form and return to the office as soon as possible, if you have not already done so. This is to ensure we have the most up to date information for your child.

HT Blog, Twitter and Emails

Remember to check Twitter regularly (@olsfschool) and our HT Blog on our school website (<http://www.ourlady-st-francis.n-lanark.sch.uk/>) regularly for updates. We have uploaded an annual calendar with important dates for your diary to our school website under school events. Our preferred means of communication is by email therefore we ask that you provide us with an email address so that we can issue letters electronically as this is the most effective and cost effective means.

Head Lice

We are unable to inform parents of outbreaks of head lice so we ask that you are vigilant and check your child's head regularly. If you would like any advice from our Public Health Nurse regarding treatment, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Christmas Pantomime



Christmas may seem a long way off, but we have already booked for all pupils to go to Motherwell Civic Theatre this year to see Aladdin on the 4th December at 1.15pm. This will mean a late return to school and further details will be issued nearer the time. Our Parent Council have very kindly agreed to make a substantial donation towards this which will cover the cost of the buses and will reduce the cost of the tickets to £5 per pupil.

Massive thanks to our Parent Council for working so hard throughout the year to raise funds for our pupils. Payment for this is due by 15th September.

Primary 1 Yard & 'Big' Yard

We are more than happy for parents to wait in our infant yard in the morning and evening but ask that adults now stay behind the green gates in the morning when the bell rings to give them the opportunity to line up with their peers. This also encourages independence for our new Primary 1 pupils. We are delighted they have settled so well so far - they have been absolute stars! Can we also ask parents of P2 and P3 parents who come round to our 'big' yard in the morning to now either leave the yard before the bell, or wait behind the green gates until the Primary 1 children are in the building. Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this.

Parking



Parking is an issue for our school and we ask that parents park responsibly and safely when dropping off and picking up children. We are very fortunate to have the use of the Holy Ghost Fathers car park and the Grotto, and we ask that you use these for parking. Please use these car parks considerately and avoid double parking etc.

Meet the Teacher/Curriculum Evening

Our Meet the Teacher evening is Wednesday 19th September at 6.30pm for P1-3 parents and 7.30pm for P4-7 parents. A letter with additional details regarding this evening will be issued nearer the time.

Welcome back Mass and First Friday Mass/Coffee Morning

Our whole school will attend Mass on Friday 24th August at 1130am in St. Francis Xavier Church to celebrate the beginning of a new school year as a faith community. We will also be celebrating first Friday Mass on Friday 7th September at St. Francis Xavier Church at 10am. P7 will lead the liturgy at this Mass and will also lead the coffee morning afterwards in our school hall. As always, we are looking for donations of shop bought baking and biscuits (nut free, please) and raffle prizes.



© www.ClipartCity.com