



# Our Lady & St. Francis Primary & Nursery Class



## January 2019 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 subsidised trip to the pantomime and a goody bag; our sacramental children all received a gift, and every P1 child received a homework bag (to name but a few things!). Additionally, we are continuing to upgrade the sound system in our hall using money raised by our Parent Council. 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> February at the coffee morning.

### Infant Registration

Children who reach the age of 5 between 1st March 2019 and 28th February 2020 should register for school during week beginning January 14<sup>th</sup>. 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 19<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm and First Holy Communion for P4 pupils will take place on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> January in the school Hall at 6.30pm. A meeting for First Holy Communion parents will also take place on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January in the school hall at 7pm.



## Changes to the Senior Leadership Team

An opportunity for an acting Principal Teacher post has arisen within the school and we are delighted to announce that Mr Chris Maxwell has been successful at interview. He joins the senior leadership team from January to June, in the first instance.

## Meet Joe!

This is Joe, Mrs Shearer's adorable and very friendly cocker spaniel. In line with North Lanarkshire Policy, she will never be able to bring Joe to work, or even into the playground. North Lanarkshire have a very strict policy that only assistance dogs are permitted in any school property for health and safety reasons. Therefore we must ask that no dogs are brought into the school playground, even if they are as good natured as Joe. This includes dogs being carried, and on leads. Please feel free to wait outside the school gates for your child if you are bringing your dog along for a walk. Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this.



## Day of Dance



This year's day of dance is scheduled for Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January to coincide with Burns Day. Letters will be issued with further details. We look forward to seeing you all there and as is traditional, participation is a must!

## Parents' Evening

Our second parents' evening of this session has been arranged for Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> 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  
Parents'  
Evening!