



Our Lady & St. Francis Primary School
& Nursery Class



March 2019 Newsletter

Morning Masses/Confessions during Lent

Just a reminder that Father is celebrating 8.25am Mass every morning during Lent, right up until school finishes on Friday 29th March. He will begin these morning Masses on Thursday 7th March. It is a lovely way to start the day and we hope you can make it along. Father will also be hearing confessions from P4-P7 during Lent. **Please note there will be no First Friday Mass this week, as we will be attending Mass next Wednesday for Ash Wednesday.**

Parents' Evening

Our recent parents' evening had a massive 96.7% of expected attendance and overwhelmingly positive feedback. We thank you for your continued support.

RagBag Collection

Having a spring clean soon? If so, our Parent Council have organised a RagBag Collection on 7 March 2019. Bags will be sent home soon for you to fill, but you can also add extra bags to it if you are having a bigger clear out. This is a great fundraiser for our school and it's a good excuse to tackle those cupboards/drawers!

Glasgow Music Festival



Our choir have been very busy rehearsing for our upcoming Glasgow Music Festival which takes place on the afternoon of Monday 11th March. A letter with full details will be issued to parents of choir members. We will be looking for parent helpers to come along and assist at this event, so if you can help out please contact the school office.

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.

Glee Choir

Mrs Cahill and Miss Newall have been working with some of our infant pupils in the 'Glee Choir'. They will be performing at the Civic Centre on Wednesday 6th March 2019. A letter has been issued with full details to parents of children in the Glee Choir.

School Uniform

We are proud to have a beautiful, smart school uniform that all of our children wear each day. Our children are easily identifiable as ambassadors for our school and wear their uniforms with pride. Increasingly we have noticed that some of our senior pupils have been coming to school with 'adornments' that are not appropriate for a Primary School setting including long false nails and large pieces of jewellery. We respectfully ask that you support us in discouraging these 'extras' which distract from our beautiful uniform. We also respectfully ask that you do not encourage your child to wear 'Fitbits' to school as they are expensive and could potentially get lost or damaged during physical activity.



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.



Lenten Arrangements

Our children have spoken - we asked our children what themed Fridays they would like during Lent at our recent 'Big Question' and they have voted that we have one full fun day during Lent instead of Themed Fridays. To this end, we are in the midst of organising a Lenten Fun Day for Thursday 28th March. Further details will be issued nearer the time.

Dates for the Diary

Mon 4 th - Fri 8 th March	Book Week
Wednesday 6 th March	Whole school Mass at 10am for Ash Wednesday
Thursday 7 th March	RagBag Collection
Monday 11 th March	SSPCA visit school
Tuesday 12 th March	Cross Country Finals
Thursday 14 th March	Mr Doris (THS Maths Dept) to visit P7
Tuesday 19 th March	Fluoride Varnishing programme (P1 and P2 pupils)
Tuesday 19 th March	First Reconciliation for P3 pupils
Wednesday 20 th March	Primary Reading Quiz
Wednesday 27 th March	Confirmation Information Evening - P6 and P7 parents
Friday 29 th March	School closes at 2.30pm for Spring Break.
Monday 15 th April	School reopens at 9am / Nursery reopens at 8.40am