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NEWSLETTER

January

2024

Happy New Year everyone! We hope that 2024 brings health, happiness and success. I am pleased to report that the children are settling back into the new term. This is a particularly busy time with lots going on so please add dates to your diary.

Staffing

We are delighted to welcome back Miss Emma Hughes who returns after her maternity leave.

Mrs Louisa Binning is also working part time in the school just now.

We have recruited 3 new ASNA's to replace Mrs Catherine Scott, Mrs Jennifer Anderson & Miss Stephanie McConnell. A warm welcome to Mrs Louise Gordon, Miss Lesley Watson & Mrs Claire Thomson.

Parent Council

A big thank you again to our fabulous parent council for their efforts in planning a successful Christmas Fayre, they managed to raise £1,229.87 which will benefit all children in the school.

The school stalls raised £811.85 which would make a grand total of £2,041.72.

We are delighted with this and thank you all again for coming along to support this.

The Parent Council are currently planning more events so watch this space!

SMOS Choir/The Voice Project

Our fabulous choir participated at Princess Square on Tuesday 12th December 2023. Thank you to the parents and carers who came along to support their child. They were marvellous and we received lots of compliments from the public. We are very proud of them.

The children in P3/4, P4, P5 P6, P6/7 & P7 will perform "7 Planets & Cosmic Rock" for parents and carers on Tuesday 26th March @ 2.00pm. A letter will follow.



CLD Sessions

We are delighted that Lesley Davidson our Community Learning Development Officer will be holding a variety of workshops and parent sessions.

Bookbug - Pre-School and Primary 1

Monday 29 th January	1.45pm – 2.30pm
Monday 26 th February	1.45pm – 2.30pm
Monday 25 th March	1.45pm – 2.30pm
Monday 29 th April	1.45pm – 2.30pm



Sleep Workshops

(Lesley is a trained Sleep Scotland Counsellor)

Are you worried about your child's sleeping patterns?

If so these workshops are really worthwhile.



Wednesday 31 st January	1.45pm – 2.45pm	P1 – P3 Sleep Workshop
Wednesday 7 th February	1.45pm – 2.45pm	P4 – P7 Sleep Workshop

Wednesday 21st February 1.45pm – 2.45pm P3/4 LCSC/Former Parents LCSC
"Coping with Change"

Wednesday 28th March 1.45pm – 2.45pm P4 – P7 Anxiety Management

Wednesday 6th March 1.45pm – 2.45pm P1 – P3 Saying Calm & Mindfulness



Parental Appointments

We will be holding our next parental appointments on Thursday 21st March. Your appointment letter will be issued shortly.

World of Work Event

We are having our "World of Work Day" on Thursday 22nd February and we are looking to recruit volunteers to talk to our children or do a wee demo of the kind of work that they do.

Do you have a job or set of skills that you could share?

If this is something you can help us with and you would like to participate in the event, please contact Mrs Dempsey at the School Office on 01236 632102.

P5 Swimming Programme



Our P5 children will attend their block of swimming on a Wednesday morning from Wednesday 6th March 2024 for a twelve week block.

Please ensure that your son/daughter has their swimming trunks/suit and towel each Wednesday as well as a £1 coin for a locker. Please note that bikini/two piece are not suitable.

Transition

P6 will have a visit to Our Lady's High School on Friday 1st March @ 9.30 -12.00.

Primary 3 LCSC Transition

The children will receive visits from the receiving school staff during January and February followed on with See-Saw transition days in February and March, where the children will experience being included in their new school and class two days per week.

Class Mass Dates

Primary 6/7	26 th January 2025	Primary 5	2 nd February 2024
Primary 4	9 th February 2024	Primary 3/4	23 rd February 2024
Primary 2/3	1 st March 2024	Primary 1/2	8 th March 2024
Primary 1	15 th March 2024	Primary 6	22 nd March 2024



These masses take place in St Joseph's Parish Church at 10.00am. You are all very welcome to attend.

Sacramental Preparation

Please see below our Sacramental Timetable for 2023.

Sacramental Timetable

Sacrament		Place & Time
Reconciliation	Parental Meeting	Thurs 8 th February 2024 6.00pm – SMOS Hall
Reconciliation	Enrolment Mass	Sunday 3 rd March @ 10.00am Sacred Heart Parish
Reconciliation	Enrolment Mass	Sunday 10 th March 2024 @ 11.00 St Joseph's Parish
First Holy Communion	Parental Meeting	Thurs 8 th February 2024 6.25pm – SMOS Hall
Reconciliation	Sacrament of Reconciliation	Wednesday 13 th March 2024 @ 2.00pm – St Joseph's Parish
Reconciliation	Sacrament of Reconciliation	Tuesday 19 th March @ 7.00pm – Sacred Heart Parish
Confirmation	Parental Meeting	Thurs 8 th Feb 2024 @ 6.50pm – SMOS Hall
Confirmation	Sacrament of Confirmation	18 th April 2024 @ 7.00pm St Joseph's Parish
First Holy Communion	Sacrament of First Holy Communion	Sunday 28 th April 2024 @ 10.00am – Sacred Heart Parish
First Holy Communion	Sacrament of First Holy Communion	Sunday 12 th May 2024 @ 12.00am St Joseph's Parish



Class Assemblies

Our class assemblies will take place on the following dates.

P6	Wednesday 31 st January
P4	Wednesday 28 th February
P1, P1A & P1B	Wednesday 27 th March
P6/7	Wednesday 30 th April
P5	Wednesday 14 th May
P7	Wednesday 19 th June

I hope you or a family member can come along to support your child in their learning journey.

SCIAF

This year we will be supporting the "wee box" appeal during Lent.

We are looking for any "loose" change/coppers. Each teacher will have a "wee box" if you would like to contribute.



Make Up /Nail Varnish

Please be aware that the wearing of nail varnish to school is not encouraged.

The wearing of 'make up' is NOT permitted. Any child wearing 'make up' to school will be asked to remove it immediately.

We are noticing that more girls are wearing long false nails and point out that these are not suitable for participating in PE lessons.



Jewellery

For reasons of health and safety jewellery should not be worn to school.

For those children with ears pierced, please note that small studs only are permitted. Children will be asked to remove all other jewellery.

NB. Stud earrings should be removed on PE days and in the case of recently pierced ears then these should be covered with tape.



Once a week take a peek

Can I ask you to check your child's hair and be extra vigilant when brushing, combing or washing.



Sickness and Diaper

Please note that children experiencing these symptoms should not return to school for 48 hours following the last period of sickness/diaper.



IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 29 th January	Bookbug Session 1.45pm – 2.30pm
Wednesday 31 st January	P1 – P3 Sleep Workshop 1.45pm – 2.45pm
Wednesday 7 th February	P4 – P7 Sleep Workshop 1.45pm – 2.45pm
Thursday 8 th February	Sacramental Meetings @ 6.00pm
Monday 12 th & Tuesday 13 th February	Mid Term Break
Wednesday 14 th February	In-Service Day
Wednesday 21 st February	LCSC P3/4 Coping With Change Workshop- 1.45pm – 2.45pm
Thursday 22 nd February	World of Work Day
Monday 26 th February	Bookbug Session 1.45pm – 2.30pm
Wednesday 28 th February	P4 – P7 Anxiety Management Workshop 1.45pm – 2.45pm
Friday 1 st March	P6 Visit to OLHS
Sunday 3 rd March	Sacred Heart Enrolment Mass
Wednesday 6 th March	P1 – P3 Staying Calm & Mindfulness Workshop 1.45pm – 2.45pm
Sunday 10 th March	St Joseph's Enrolment Mass
Wednesday 13 th March	St Joseph's Reconciliation @ 2.00pm
Tuesday 19 th March	Sacred Heart Reconciliation @ 7.00pm
Thursday 21 st March	Parental Appointments
Monday 25 th March	Bookbug Session 1.45pm – 2.30pm
Tuesday 26 th March	7 Planets & Cosmic Rock @ 2.00pm
Thursday 28 th March	School closes at 2.30pm
Friday 29 th March – Friday 12 th April (inclusive)	Easter/Spring Holiday
Thursday 18 th April	Sacrament of Confirmation @ 7.00pm
Sunday 28 th April	Sacred Heart First Holy Communion @ 10.00am
Monday 29 th April	Bookbug Session – 1.45pm – 2.30pm
Sunday 12 th May	St Joseph's First Holy Communion @ 12.00pm

With kind regards and best wishes.

M Love (Miss)

Head Teacher