



NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers and friends of St. John Paul II,

As we head towards the end of the school year, I wanted to send you some important information so that you know what to expect. This has been yet another challenging year, but we have almost reached the finish line!

As you know, there have been many hurdles to overcome this year, not least levels of absence due to COVID-19, continually changing restrictions, variants and peaks in numbers - all things which we as a school community have had to navigate together. Without your support and understanding, this school year could have been so much more of a challenge.

However, we have so much to celebrate this year and a gradual return to more normal times has allowed us to do so much more! It was wonderful to have our After School Clubs, in-person Parents' Night and transition events for P7, Nursery and P1. The Class Trips were a huge success too!

I want to thank all of our Parents/Carers and our wider community for the support you have given. It is truly appreciated!

I am proud to be the Head Teacher of this school! I am even more proud to lead a team of dedicated individuals who strive for the best for our pupils and your children. They have worked tirelessly this year and they have pulled together in so many ways.

Finally, thanks to our children! They have had such a difficult few years and they have demonstrated resilience in so many ways. It has been wonderful to see them continue to thrive and make progress this year.

Please take note of the information in this final Newsletter for this school year.

With renewed prayers and good wishes,

Mr Thomas
Head Teacher



THANK YOU TO OUR STAFF

So many Parents/Carers have commented throughout the year on their appreciation of our staff team and all that they have done, particularly relating to the pandemic. It is always great to receive feedback from our Parents/Carers.

I would like to publicly add my own thanks to yours and to say how immensely proud I am of every member of our staff. They have been professional, committed and resilient under difficult circumstances. They have been innovative and enthusiastic when leading the children in their learning. They have been dedicated and nurturing and they have done all of this with love and with the needs of our children at the fore. As Head Teacher, I feel very privileged to lead such a team and I thank them for everything they have done to support not only the children and their families, but me as their Head Teacher.

They have earned their holidays and will, I have no doubt, return ready, refreshed and prepared for the challenges of a new school year!

NEW CLASSES/TEACHERS

This year has been no different to others in some ways! We have been awaiting confirmation of our Teaching Staff for the next school year, which means we have been delayed in issuing new classes and new Teachers. By now, you should have received notification of who your child's Teacher will be next year.

As always, we have consulted current Teachers and we have taken into account our assessment evidence to ensure that children are in a class with an appropriate working Literacy group. The Pandemic has changed things for some classes and so, we have made some changes. We always try to keep friendship groups in mind, but it is important to try and balance academic and friendship needs.

The children will be involved in Meet the Teacher events on Thursday 23rd June and Monday 27th June. For children with specific needs, their new Teacher will make every effort to meet with them over and above these times. Extensive Transition Discussions take place between current and receiving Teachers which allows the receiving Teacher to plan ahead for the next school year. Of course, we are happy to discuss any concerns you may have regarding your child's progress.

PRIMARY 7 LEAVERS

Saying farewell to Primary 7 children is always a difficult thing to do! Most of them have been with us since Nursery or Primary 1.

Our Primary 7 children this year have worked so hard. We are very proud of them and they should be proud of themselves!

We are looking forward to celebrating with P7, particularly on **Monday 27th June at 6pm in the Assembly Hall** for their Graduation Mass and Ceremony. **Children should wear full school uniform for the Mass/Ceremony** and they can change for their Pizza Party after that.

Please make sure that you have sent us your RSVP for Graduation.

P7 INFORMATION FOR LAST DAY

We very much hope that the children will join us on the last day of term. It will be their last as a pupil of St. John Paul II!

Please remember...

- School Uniform should be worn on the last day.
- We know that some pupils will have Limos, etc., picking them up. ***These are not permitted in the school grounds as they pose a health & safety risk.*** Please arrange for these vehicles to arrive once the rest of the school has cleared - preferably at around 1:10pm

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN!

On Friday of this week, our Nursery children from our own Nursery Class will celebrate their Graduation. We are delighted to be celebrating with them!

The staff have worked so hard to ensure our pre-school children have a great transition experience as well as all of the other learning opportunities throughout the children's time in Nursery. I thank them for their hard work and dedication.

We wish all of our children the very best of luck in Primary One!



ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE LAST DAY OF TERM

The last day of term is Wednesday 29th June 2022 and school finishes at 1pm.

Children should dress in School Uniform.

Snacks to go will be on offer at lunchtime and children will be asked to pre-order these on Tuesday 28th. Lunch will be served at 11:45am.

School Closes at 1pm for P1-6 children. Staff will line the pathway to the school gates as a Guard of Honour for our Primary 7 children.

Primary 7 will be dismissed at around *slightly after the rest of the school* to avoid unnecessary over crowding at the gate and to allow the traffic to clear. Again - please - no limos or other hired vehicles in the school car park.



MASS FOR THE FEAST OF ST PETER & ST PAUL

The last day of term, 29th June is a Holy Day of Obligation and we will be attending Mass in St. Columba's Church. During this Mass, our Primary 6 children will be presented with their new P7 School Ties. These are a sign of their leadership in our school and a call to them to be a great example to the other children.

Since the renovations of St. Columba's, the seating capacity is smaller and we therefore are unable to invite Parents/Carers to join us for Mass.

WHEN ORDERING SCHOOL UNIFORM FOR NEXT YEAR...

Please remember that the wearing of school uniform is our tradition at St. John Paul II. We have an agreed uniform and I would really appreciate your support in continuing this tradition. This includes the wearing of **Black Shoes**.

Our uniform is black trousers/skirt/pinafore, blue shirt and school tie. You can also purchase blue sweatshirts/jumpers/cardigans/tops and it is entirely your choice if you buy them with the school badge on them. There are a number of providers in the area.

PLEASE START THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR AS YOU MEAN TO GO ON AND LABEL EACH AND EVERY ITEM YOUR CHILD WEARS OR BRINGS INTO SCHOOL!

Next year, the plan would be to allow the children to come to school dressed in their PE kit on PE Day. However, I have noticed some children with a more casual approach to uniform on the other days! Please support us in sticking to our school uniform and encouraging this every day. We have plenty of opportunities for children to come to school dressed down throughout the school year.

HEALTH & WELLBEING WEEK 2022

The children had a wonderful Health and Wellbeing week! The weather was very kind to us (for the most part) and we were able to fulfill everything on the timetable for each of our classes.

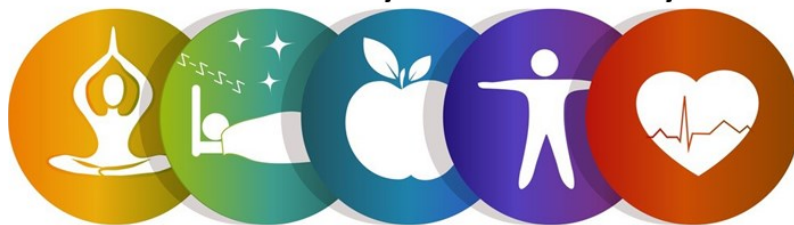
I want to apologise for the fact that we couldn't have our races as planned. I

tried to hold off as long as possible and at the point I made the decision, it was still raining. With almost 400 children, we couldn't expect them to sit on the ground as it was sodden. We would have had to ask them all to carry their chairs out with them and I didn't want to risk that with potentially more rain on the way. There was between 50 and 60% chance of rain depending on which app we looked at!

I am sure some of you were disappointed, but it was the right call at the time. The weather, however, made a fool of me! By the end of the day, there was even a glimmer of blue sky.

I want to thank the staff for their efforts to make this so enjoyable and worthwhile. Particular thanks to Mrs MacFadyen, who put a great deal of effort and planning into this as always. It was a wonderful week, filled with lots of learning, laughter and fun.

St. John Paul II Primary School & Nursery Class



Health & Wellbeing Week | 13th - 17th June 2022

FREE SCHOOL MEALS & CLOTHING GRANTS - *You need to apply every year!*

All children from Nursery, P1, P2, P3 P4 and P5 have been able to order a free school meal every day and they have also been entitled to a free breakfast.

You may have heard that the plan is to extend this to P6 and P7 pupils. No date has been set for this yet, which may mean that children going from P5 to P6 (and obviously those in P7) will be required to pay for their lunch. At the moment, we have around **£700 of unpaid school lunches in P6 and 7**. We will keep you updated of any changes regarding this. However, you may want to keep an eye on social media.

Further information about Clothing Grants and Free School Meals can be found at the link below...

[Free school meals and clothing grants | North Lanarkshire Council](#)

CLUB 365 Summer Activity Programme

North Lanarkshire is offering a Summer Activity Programme which will run every day (including weekends) from 11:30am to 1:30pm. This starts on Thursday 30th June. There is no need to book. Children can just turn up.

The nearest venue for our children will be **St John Paul II Primary School**.

This is a great opportunity for our children to participate in something fun and active. Lunch is provided and they can catch up with friends or meet new people!

What's more, it is taking place right in the middle of our own school community!

Why not encourage your child to take part?



INFORMATION FROM BELLSHILL & MOSSEND YMCA...

School's Out !!!!!!!!

So pop in to our **Cost of Living Event**

Find out about :

- Energy /Heating supports
- Employment Opportunities
- Savings and Loans
- Being an unpaid Carer
- Disability information
- Form filling

**Moshill
Credit Union**

**Citizens
Advice Bureau**

**North Lanarkshire
Disability Forum**

**North Lanarkshire
Carers Together**

**Social Security
Scotland**

Routes To Work

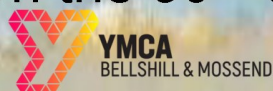
**NHS
Health Information**

Financial Inclusion

**Home Energy
Scotland**

When? On the 30th of June

Where?



Time? 3pm until 7pm

Pop in and have a coffee and a chat with our stall holders.

See you then !!!!!!!

LOST PROPERTY

For the next few days, we will try to return any lost property to those who have names on their items. We will also try and put any un-named items out at the front of the school for you to browse through.

It is only a few weeks since we did this and already the lost property is mounting up again! It is an ongoing issue... we feel like we are painting the Forth Road Bridge! As soon as we finish, we go right back to the start again.

PLEASE label everything in preparation for next year. All clothing and personal belongings.

It would be advisable not to send your child to school in expensive/branded/designer items to avoid these going missing!

AS WE APPROACH THE END OF TERM...

One last thank you to everyone for their continued support of our school throughout another challenging year.

Thank you for the many gifts, cards and good wishes you have offered the staff. Whilst they are never expected they are always appreciated.

We are lucky to be part of this school community! Good luck to all of those leaving us... our prayers and best wishes go with you!

Have a lovely Summer. From all the staff at St. John Paul II.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Please take a look at our school diary and take note of any events that involve you or child. Some dates may be subject to change!

DATE:	EVENT:	DETAIL:
Wednesday 29th June	Last day of term	School closes early at 1pm. P7 will be dismissed slightly after 1pm.
Monday 15th August	INSET DAY	Pupils should not attend
Tuesday 16th August	INSET DAY	Pupils should not attend
Wednesday 17th August	New Term Begins	Breakfast Club opens at 8:15am Nursery opens at 8:40am School starts for P2 - P7 at 9am P1 children will start later at 10am.
Monday 22nd August	Meet the Teacher	3pm—3:30pm Children should be collected at 3pm in the usual way and anyone wishing to Meet the Teacher should enter through the main door. All exit through the playground gates.



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