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October/November Diary Dates

Pupils return to school Tuesday 1st

October

- 4th October- First Friday Mass 9.15am- Pope Francis Faith Award (P6 will be leading the Liturgy)
- 4th October- MacMillan Coffee Morning (in school after mass) ALL WELCOME
- 7th October- Parent Council Meeting 6.15pm- St. Lucy's Church- ALL WELCOME!
- 9th October- Photographer in school (Please note- nursery children will not have photos taken today. Family photos will be taken during the photographer's April visit.)
- 10th October- Parents' Evening- 3.30pm- 5.30pm/6pm-9pm- INFORMATION HAS BEEN ISSUED EARLIER
- 11th October- Pride of St. Lucy Assembly (invitations will be sent to those involved)
- Monday 14th -Friday 18th (inclusive) October Week holiday
- 21st October- pupils return to school
- 25th October-Parent Council Halloween Disco
- 27th October- Sacrament of Confirmation Enrolment Mass 10am in Sacred Heart
- 29th October- Meeting for Parents of children preparing for Confirmation- 7pm in Sacred Heart Church
- 1st November- All Saints' Day mass 9.15am in St. Lucy's Church
- 8th Nov- Open Day in St. Lucy's Primary, LCSC and Nursery
- In-Service Days- Monday 18th Nov Tuesday 19th Nov Pupils DO NOT attend on these dates
- 19th November- Sacrament of Confirmation 7pm
- 28th Nov- Christmas Fayre 6pm in St. Lucy's Primary
- 29th Nov- Pantomime Visit

October/November 2019

Dear Parent/Carer,

Well, we certainly have had a very busy start to the new school year!

Thank you to everyone who attended our 'Meet the Teacher' sessions, 'God's Loving Plan' workshop, Parent Council AGM and P1 Welcome Service. Your support is very much appreciated and has a significant impact on our children and school community.

A special welcome to Mrs Nicola McKenna-Mowat and Mrs Paula Dawson who will share the duties of the Chair of our Parent Council, Mrs Roselyn Foster (Treasurer), Dr Jennifer Horan (Secretary) and Mrs Natalie Hutchison (Church Rep). I look forward to working with you all throughout the coming year.

During Term 1 we have welcomed five Work Experience students to the various stages of our school community- Nursery, LCSC and Primaries 4, 5 and 6. We hope they will be guided and inspired during their time in St. Lucy's.

Finally, I would like to express my 'Thanks' to our Primary 7 'Buddies' who have worked very hard to support our Primary 1's transition to school. They have demonstrated kindness and patience throughout Term 1 and helped to develop skills which, hopefully our P1 children will carry out independently now, that the 'Buddies' are returning to their own yard. Well done!

I hope you have a lovely October Week holiday with your families.

If you have any concerns or queries regarding any aspect of our school, LCSC or nursery, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs C. Straub

Acting Head Teacher

Parents' Evening



You should have received information on **Friday 20th September** regarding arrangements for this session's Parents' Evening appointments.

This system will help us in our bid to go paperless. The online booking system is now open for you to select an appointment. Please note this system will close on **Thursday 3rd Oct.**

If you require any further information or support with this please contact our school office on **01236-794852**.

We look forward to seeing you on **Thursday 10th Oct** to discuss your son/daughter's 'Learning Journey' within St. Lucy's

'Cuppa Connect'



We are working in partnership with Barnardo's Scotland to host this event on the first Friday of each month from 9.30am-10.30am. The school will be a lot quieter than usual at this time as most of our children and staff will be celebrating First Friday mass in St. Lucy's Church.

'Cuppa Connect' is an informal opportunity for you to seek advice/support from Fiona regarding subjects which impact your family life and also have a 'cuppa' of course.

This month's 'Cuppa Connect' will take place on **Friday 4th October** at 9.30am in our school.



MacMillan Coffee Morning

This year's MacMillan Coffee morning is on **Friday 4th October** in our school hall after 9.15am mass (10.30am). The children enrolled in the Pope Francis Faith Award scheme will lead this event. Please come along and join us!



Attendance/Late Coming

May I please take this opportunity to remind you that if your son/daughter is unable to attend school could you please contact the school office at your earliest convenience? If we have not heard from you regarding your son/daughter's absence we will send you a text no later than 9.30am.



Administration of Medicine

If your child needs to take medication while at school, even for a short time, you must complete an administration of medicine form which is available from the school office. Please ensure the medication you supply for your child is in date and you have an awareness of the expiration date of it. Many thanks!



Annual Data Check

We still have a number of families who have not yet returned the required paperwork. This information is vital for our records. If this applies to you, could you please arrange for this to be done as soon as possible?

If you require any support in this area, please contact our school office.



Lost Property

Please remember to put your son/daughter's name on all uniform items, i.e.- ties, shoes, coats, jumpers, cardigans etc.

Already we have a number of unclaimed items and these are housed in Mr. Bell's (our Janitor) office.

Infant Yard Gate

Can I please ask parents to keep the Infant Yard gate clear in the mornings? It can become quite crowded around the gate area and as result some of our children are finding it difficult to enter their yard. Many thanks for your support in this area.

REMINDER: Only assistance dogs are allowed in the school grounds and smoking is not permitted in ANY area of our school. Thank you!



Car Park

We continually observe the arrangements within our Car Park and I am pleased to report that they are having a positive impact on the flow of traffic.

Several parents have commented on the difference these arrangements have made. The allocation of space will hopefully through time, continue to ease congestion of traffic for our local residents. During 'Drop Off and Pick Up' times **8.30am-9.15am and 2.30pm-3.15pm**, I would ask parents/carers not to use any section of the car parking areas beyond the double gates in the interest of the Health and Safety of our children. The Health and Safety of all of our children is of paramount importance to us and with the volume of traffic entering the area at this time, we must ensure our measures achieve the safest outcome for all of our school, nursery and LCSC children.

I would appreciate your support in this area and ask you to please adhere to the parking arrangements and work with us to ensure safe passage for all of our children. Thank you!

Junior Road Safety Officers

Our two Junior Road Safety Officers, Jack Collins and Josh McIntyre attended recent training on Road Safety.

They will use the information gained to ensure our school community are fully informed of how to be safe on and around the roads.

Well done boys for representing our school so well and a HUGE congratulations for gaining first place in the competition!

JRSO

Kilbowie Our P7 children and staff had a wonderful time at Kilbowie, despite the weather! I am sure your child has not stopped talking about the many experiences he/she had. I received a very complimentary email from a member of staff from Kilbowie Outdoor Centre, commenting on the behaviour and conduct of our children. Although, I know how wonderful they are, it is lovely to hear it from others! Well done everyone!

A huge 'Thank You' to all staff who accompanied our children to Kilbowie. They really do go 'above and beyond' and this wouldn't have been possible without their commitment and motivation. Thanks again!



Pope Francis Faith Award

I can report with great pride that 19 children from our Primary 6 class have expressed an interest in the Pope Francis Faith Award scheme. They will be enrolled for this during mass on Friday 4th October 9.15am. All welcome to attend. This brings the number of children enrolled in the Pope Francis Award scheme to 33. These children, as well as our P7 pupils recently attended St. Andrew's Cathedral in Glasgow to venerate the relics of St. Therese de Lisieux. It was lovely to be part of such a special occasion in the Church. Again, very positive feedback on the appearance and conduct of our children was received. I am very proud of you all!



Christmas Pantomime

'Oh yes, I did just mention the 'C' word' and I know many of you are probably shrieking, however, I feel it best to share our exciting news!!!!

We have arranged for our school and LCSC children to attend the pantomime 'Rapunzel' in the **MacRobert Centre (Stirling) on Friday 29th November.**

The cost of the trip to the panto will be £7 per child. This cost of this trip has been heavily subsidised by our school and also Parent Council. In order to help spread the cost of the trip, children may bring money into class to help them save up. This may begin as soon as you wish- **daily, weekly or monthly.**

Christmas Fayre

Our annual Christmas Fayre will take place on Thursday 28th November at 6pm. If you wish to hire a table for a stall, please contact Miss McCarthy at school who will provide you with further details.

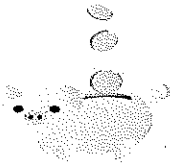
Gardening Event



The Royal Horticultural Society (RHS), the UK's leading gardening charity dedicated to advancing horticulture and promoting good gardening is hosting a training event in our very own school garden on 3rd October. We look forward to welcoming staff from many other establishments.

A special thanks to Mrs Beaton and the children who have worked very hard to prepare our garden. We are very excited to unveil our brand new 'cabin'.

Best Start Grant - School Age Payment



I would like to make you aware of The Best Start Grant- School Age Payment.

The School Age Payment is the third Best Start Grant package of payments that is providing extra money to families in Scotland who are on a low income to help support their child during their early years.

The Best Start Grant does not replace the Clothing Grant offered by North Lanarkshire Council.

The Best Start Grant - School Age Payment from Social Security Scotland is a one off payment of £250 available around the time a child would normally start Primary 1.

The first application window for the School Age Payment will run from 3 June 2019 to 29 Feb 2020 for children who were born from 1 March 2014 to 28 Feb 2015, inclusive will be the right age for their parent/carers to claim.

Further information may be obtained by calling 0800 182 2222 or by visiting www.mygov.scot/best-start-grant.

Paperless Communication

More and more of our communication with parents is done electronically—text message, twitter etc. This seems to be very successful for the majority of parents as it is instantaneous and goes directly to the parent. As outlined in last month's newsletter, all newsletters and any letters which do not need to be signed etc. will be sent electronically, this will not only cut down on cost but is environmentally friendly. We will post a link on our twitter page for you to access an electronic copy of our newsletter.

If any parent/carer still wishes a paper copy please contact the school office.

Parent Council

Here in St.Lucy's, we have a very active Parent Council who are always looking for further support from our parent body.

The next Parent Council Meeting is on **Monday 7th October** is at 6.15pm in St.Lucy's Church Hall. **ALL PARENTS/CARERS WELCOME.**

I hope to see you there!

Points to Remember-

Here are a few pieces of essential information for our new families and a reminder for our existing ones.

School hours -

9am-10.30am

10.30am-10.45am- INTERVAL

12.15pm-1pm- LUNCH

1pm-3pm

Nursery hours-

AM- 8.40am-11.50am

PM- 12.45pm-3.55pm

- No child should bring food/drinks containing nuts or nut products such as Nutella to school/nursery
- Fizzy drinks are not permitted in school/nursery
- Class drinking bottles should be filled with PLAIN WATER ONLY
- No football strips/logos are permitted in school, this includes lunch boxes and school bags
- During school hours, mobile phones will be stored securely in the school office
- Parents should 'drop' children off at the relevant yard gates. Members of staff will supervise the yards each morning from 8.50am
- Shirts and ties should be worn EVERY day
- A change of shoes should be kept in school
- Any child going home for lunch should be collected from the Main Office at 12.15pm
- All P1-3 children receive a free school meal at lunch time as per the Scottish Government initiative.
- Children moving from P3 into P4 are no longer automatically entitled to Free School Meals. Applications are required. Relevant information has been submitted to P4.