



St. Lucy's Primary, LCSC and Nursery

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Diary Dates (Jan/Feb/Mar 20)

- 14th Jan- P4-7 Parent Workshop 1.30pm
- 15th Jan- P1-3 Parent Workshop 1.30pm
- 20th Jan- Book Bank begins to help save for Book Fair in March.
- 22nd Jan- P1 & P7 Dental Inspections
- 24th Jan- Scottish Day Celebrations (pupils may wear tartan to school/nursery)
- 27th Jan- Parent Council meeting 6.15pm in St. Lucy's Church.
- 28th Jan- P6 visit to OLHS
- 7th Feb- Pride of St. Lucy's Assembly in school 11am (more info to follow)
- 7th Feb- Golden Ticket Tea Party with Mrs Straub
- 10th & 11th Feb- Mid-term break- HOLIDAY
- 12th & 13th Feb- In-service Day- pupils should not attend
- WB 24th Feb- Fairtrade Wk
- 26th Feb- Ash Wednesday- Mass in St. Lucy's Church 9.15am
- 28th Feb- Stations of the Cross 8.30am in St. Lucy's School Hall (every Friday throughout Lent)
- WB 2nd March- Book Week
- 4th March- Silent prayer/reflection from 8.30am in St. Lucy's School Hall (every Wed in Lent)
- 5th March- World Book Day- pupils may come to school/nursery dressed as a character from a book
- 15th Mar- Enrolment Mass for Sacraments- 11.30am St. Lucy's Church
- 18th Mar- P5 Swimming begins
- 25th Mar- Daff Tea -1.30pm
- WB 30th March- Autism Awareness Week
- 31st March- Sacrament of Reconciliation 6pm in St. Lucy's Church
- 2nd April- Parents' Evening

Spring Break- Monday 6th April- Friday 17th Inclusive

January/February 2020



Dear Parent/Carer,

A warm welcome back to everyone in our school community. I hope you all had a lovely time with your families over the festive period!

We had great fun preparing for Christmas and celebrating St. Lucy's day on the 13th December.

Events included a visit from a very 'Cheeky' Elf, a ride on a reindeer and a visit from Callum from Clyde 1 to record us singing the Clyde 1 Christmas Song (aired on Friday 20th Dec 2019- see our twitter page/website for the link).

We reminded everyone of the true meaning of Christmas during our Christmas Concert and at our very emotive Carol Service.

Thank you to everyone who attended these events. Your support, as always is very much appreciated by children and staff.

Well done to everyone who was lucky enough to win a prize. Many thanks to all who contributed items for the hampers and to our Parent Council who organised the raffle prizes.

2020 in St. Lucy's is going to be filled with 'plenty' of exciting and challenging learning experiences for our children. We look forward to sharing these with you and encourage all parents/carers to continue adopting an active role in the life of our school.

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 Head Teacher (Acting)



Enrolment for P1 - Aug 2020

Children who reach the age of 5 between 1st March 2020 and 28th February 2021 should be registered for school during the week of 13th-17th Jan to begin Primary 1 in August 2020.

**Enrolment Meetings in St.Lucy's will be on-
Monday 13th Jan- 1pm-4pm**

Tues 14th Jan-11.30am 12.30pm

Wed 15th Jan- 11.30am- 12.30pm

Thurs 16th Jan- 9.15am- 12.00pm

Fri 17th Jan- 9.15am-12.00pm

Parents/carers wishing to enrol their child for school should bring their Child's Full Birth Certificate, Proof of Address (*Council Tax bill*) and Child's Baptismal Certificate (*if applicable*) to the enrolment meeting.

I look forward to welcoming our new pupils!



This Is Our Faith

Sacramental Information 2020

Throughout the coming weeks, our Primary 3 children will be beginning their preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Mass to enrol your son/daughter for the Sacraments will take place on Sunday 15th March at 11.30am mass in St.Lucy's Church.

A Catechesis Session will take place on **Tuesday 24th March at 7pm** in St.Lucy's Church. **PARENTS AND CHILDREN TO ATTEND TOGETHER.**

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated at 6pm in St.Lucy's Church on Tuesday 31st March 2020.



Lent 2020

Ash Wednesday on the 26th February marks the beginning of **Lent 2020**. We will attend mass as a school at 9.15am in St.Lucy's Church on Ash Wednesday.

Throughout Lent, every Wednesday there will be an area set up in St.Lucy's School Hall for silent prayer/reflection for parents and children. Stations of the Cross will be conducted by our Pope Francis Faith Award children every Friday, again in St.Lucy's School Hall.

Please join us at these events throughout this season of reflection and preparation before the celebration of Easter.

Workshops for Parents

This term our workshops for parents will focus on how to support children at home with Literacy and Numeracy activities.

Throughout these workshops, parents will work with their children and be supported by staff to participate in various Literacy and Numeracy activities. Digital Technology is a priority for improvement within our school this year and Staff will incorporate the use of digital technologies during the workshops.

P4-7 Parent Workshop- Tues 14th Jan @ 1.30pm

P1-3 Parent Workshop - Wed 15th Jan @ 1.30pm

Please complete and return the slip attached the letter you received last week.

I look forward to seeing you all then as we continue working in partnership to achieve better outcomes for our children.



Headteacher's Award- Golden Ticket

The 'HT's Tea Party' in December was a lovely way to celebrate the success of particular children and I thoroughly enjoyed spending time with these children. They particularly enjoyed the golden glitter coming through the post. I am sure their parents shared this opinion!

Our next HT Tea Party is on 7th Feb.

Keep your eyes peeled on your letterboxes for your Golden Ticket!

Staffing

Mrs Clark, our current P4 teacher will now share the class with Mrs Adamson. Mrs Clark will teach the class on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Mrs Adamson will teach the class on a Thursday and Friday. Mrs Adamson will be present at the P4-7 Parent Workshop on Tuesday 14th January.

We look forward to welcoming two new Additional Support Needs Assistants to our LCSC staff later this term.

Book Week 2020

Book Week will be celebrated throughout the week 2nd-6th March. During this week, children will be given the opportunity to visit a Book Fair in school. In order to help them 'save' money for this and develop their understanding and awareness of finance, each class will have a 'Book Bank'. This facility will encourage children to save some money throughout the months leading up to the Book Fair. Children may begin saving **WB 20th Jan 2020**.



Financial Education

To further develop your child's understanding of money why not sign them up to join the local Credit Union. Representatives from the local Credit Union are in our school every Thursday lunchtime. Many of our children are members and come along at this time to pay their money. If you would like further information about this very beneficial service please contact the school office on 01236-794852.

LCSC - Meet the Teacher sessions

As stated in December's newsletter further 'Meet the Teacher' sessions for parents of children within our LCSC who now have a new teacher would be arranged. These sessions will take place today **Monday 13th January 2020**. Further information was contained in your direct correspondence. I look forward to seeing you!

LCSC - Profile Meetings

Profile meetings for LCSC parents will begin on **Wednesday 29th January** and will continue throughout the term. Separate communication will be distributed to relevant parents outlining arrangements for their child's class.

Young Scot Cards

All Primary 7 pupils should have brought home a Young Scot card application form this week. These forms should be completed and returned to school as soon as possible. Thank you!

School Improvement Priorities for 2020

Below is a reminder of the priorities for improvement we will continue working on throughout 2020.

Priority 1	To further develop the physical, emotional, social and spiritual well-being of all learners through a number of targeted interventions to help build resilience and improve well-being.
Priority 2	To improve attainment in literacy and numeracy through assessment and moderation approaches.
Priority 3	To further develop children's skills in and use of STEM subjects (sciences and digital technologies) to improve attainment.



Paperless Communication

As you are aware 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 them. 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. I reported in December's newsletter that we will be launching our new school app this month. This app will provide quick and easy access to information and messages from our school.

Xpressions is completely free of charge to you and can be installed on your mobile phone or tablet. It supports both Apple iOS and Android devices. Alternatively, you can visit xpressions.groupcall.com from any internet browser on your computer, laptop or mobile device.

If you have children in different schools and those schools also use **Groupcall Xpressions**, you will be able to view information on multiple children within the same app and same login.

It is vital we have your correct mobile number and email address on our school database to ensure you can use Xpressions as soon as it is available. You will need these as well to log into Xpressions - we do not issue you username or passwords.

Step 1 Type xpressions.groupcall.com into search engine or **Groupcall Xpressions** into the app store.

Step 2 Enter your email address and phone number (these MUST match the details we have on record for you.)

Step 3 A code will then be emailed to you and you should be good to go!

We will begin using the Xpressions app from Monday 20th January 2020. If you experience any difficulties please contact the office.



Contact Details

Please ensure if you have a new phone number (home/mobile) you inform us of this change. Please contact the school office of your new phone number to ensure we have the most accurate emergency contacts for our children.

May I also please take this opportunity to remind you that if your son/daughter is unwell/unable to attend school, you must 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 asking you to contact us. Many parents/carers do not reply to these texts and I would ask you to please do so.

Inclement Weather

In the event of inclement weather please access our school twitter page and North Lanarkshire's website for up to date information.

REMINDER - First Holy Communion

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will be celebrated in St.Lucy's Church on Sunday 10th May and Sunday 17th May at 11.30am.

Further information will be given nearer the time.



REMINDER - Best Start Grant - School Age Payment

I would like to remind you again 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.

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 27th January 2020 at 6.15pm in St.Lucy's Church Hall. ALL PARENTS/CARERS WELCOME.** I hope to see you there!

Points to Remember-

School hours -

9am-10.30am

10.30am-10.45am- INTERVAL

12.15pm-1pm- LUNCH

1pm-3pm

(children going home for lunch may be collected from the school office at 12.15pm)

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 and NOT enter the yards. Members of staff will supervise the yards each morning from 8.50am**
- **Infant parents may come into the yards at 3pm to collect children. Please stay near to fence to allow safe/clear passage**
- Shirts and ties should be worn **EVERY** day
- Hooded/tracksuit tops do not form part of our school uniform
- A change of shoes should be kept in school
- All P1-3 children receive a free school meal at lunch time as per the Scottish Government initiative
- School Lunches- please ensure children who pay for their lunch have sufficient funds on their cards. Please contact me at school if you are experiencing any difficulties surrounding this and I can discuss possible support with you.