



St. Lucy's Primary, LCSC and Nursery

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Diary Dates (Jan/Feb/Mar 20)

- 14th Feb- Golden Ticket Tea Party with Mrs Straub
- WB 24th Feb- Fairtrade Week
- 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
- 2nd March - Parent Council Meeting 6.15pm in St. Lucy's Church
- 4th March- Silent prayer/reflection at 8.30am in St. Lucy's School Hall (every Wed throughout Lent)
- 5th March- World Book Day- pupils may come to school/nursery dressed as a character from a book
- 15th March- Enrolment for Sacraments- 11.30am mass in St. Lucy's Church
- 18th March- P5 Swimming begins
- 18th March- P6/7 Song Writing Competition 7.30pm in Motherwell Civic Concert Hall
- 25th March- P7 Maths Competition on OLHS
- 25th March- Daffodil Tea - 1.30pm
- WB 30th March- Autism Awareness Week
- 31st March- Reconciliation 6pm in St. Lucy's Church
- 1st April- P1 Height and Weight Measurement- P1 Assessment Team visiting
- 2nd April- Parents' Evening
- 3rd April- School closes at 2.30pm for Spring Break

Spring Break

Monday 6th April-Friday 17th April

- 20th April- School reopens
- 20th April- Gardening Club begins- further information will be given to relevant children.

February/March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

The first couple of months back at St. Lucy's after Christmas have been very busy for us!

Registration for children beginning P1 in August is now complete and preparations for 1140 hours within our nursery class are well underway. Application forms are now available from our school office.

As outlined in previous correspondence, Mr Bell our Janitor has gone into hospital and Mr Rennie has taken on his duties until he recovers at home. We hope Mr Bell feels better soon and hope Mr Rennie enjoys his time with us!

We have also welcomed Miss McGurk, a teaching student to Primary 5. Miss McGurk will be working alongside Miss Smith to support our P5 learners.

Mrs Caggiano, one of our P6 Teachers has very recently welcomed two beautiful baby boys into the world. We send all the family our congratulations and we can't wait to meet the newest members of St. Lucy's family.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Mullen from St. Lucy's Parish for all of the hard work and effort he has put in to support our readers when preparing them for Sunday masses. Mr Mullen will no longer be carrying out this role. Mrs McKenna- Mowat has kindly offered to support and prepare the children for the liturgy. Many thanks for this and the children are looking forward to working with her, however, will miss seeing Mr Mullen in school every week and hearing his fascinating stories.

We have noticed the number of parents/carers attending our workshops has decreased. With this in mind, we will shortly be issuing a questionnaire to gather your views on suitable timings. We ask for your continued support in this area and look forward to receiving the completed questionnaires.

Your suggestions will be used to inform our future events.

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)

Scottish Day Celebrations



On Friday 24th January we celebrated all things Scottish. We had a wonderful day being entertained by our children reciting Scottish poems, singing songs and we even had some traditional Scottish dancing. Each class has also taken inspiration from various Scottish artists and recreated pieces of artwork to display in our hall. Well done to everyone! **'You wur pure dead brilliant!'**



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. We launched the Xpressions app in January. 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.

If you have not already downloaded the Xpressions app I would encourage you to please do so following the steps above.

Paperless Communication

Parents Portal, another method of paperless communication will be launched in schools throughout Cumbernauld on 17th February as per North Lanarkshire Council.

At present Parents Portal information is not available in app form and there are no plans for this in the near future.

Further information can be found on

[https:// parentsportal.scot/home/](https://parentsportal.scot/home/)

Please note we will continue using Xpressions app to communicate with you.

You are able to access information from both systems.

NLC Song Writing Competition

Throughout the past few weeks P6 and P7 children have been working hard with Mrs Ewart, our visiting music specialist to write and record a song. **They are invited to attend the Song Writing Competition on Wednesday 18th March in Motherwell Civic Concert Hall at 7.30pm.**

The children have a sound check rehearsal at 6pm in Motherwell Civic Concert Hall with the concert beginning at 7.30pm. It will finish at approx. 9pm

To afford all children the opportunity to participate in this wonderful experience we have organised a bus to transport children to and from the event.

The bus will leave St.Lucy's Primary at 5pm sharp to ensure we arrive on time for the sound check rehearsal. The bus will then leave Motherwell when the competition finishes, arriving back at school at approx. 9.45pm.

Separate correspondence will be issued to P6 and P7 children. We would love to see as many children as possible taking part in this.





This Is Our Faith *Sacramental Information 2020*

Preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation is underway in Primary 3. We ask that you support your son/daughter to complete the home sessions. 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.

God's Loving Plan

God's Loving Plan will be taught throughout this term. A list of the key vocabulary being introduced has been sent to you previously for your reference. Please contact the school office if you do not have this.

World Day of Prayer

World Day of Prayer is on **Thursday 12th March**. Miss Cook, RE Co-ordinator has organised for all classes to participate in a class prayer service throughout this day.

Missio Scotland

We are looking forward to welcoming a guest speaker from Missio Scotland to our assembly on **Monday 9th March** to discuss the wonderful work they do.



Book Week

This year we celebrate 'Book Week' from **2nd- 6th March**. Throughout the week your son/daughter will be involved in a raft of experiences to foster/develop a love of reading and books. The 'Book Fair' will be available for children to visit throughout the week and he/she may purchase a book of his/her choice. Please encourage him/her to 'save' his/her money for this by using our 'Book Bank' facility.

If you would to support the 'Book Fair' by helping us throughout 'Book Week' please contact our school office on 01236-794852.

World Book Day is on Thursday 5th March. On this day, children may come to school dressed as a character from a book.

If you have any costumes at home you wish to donate for this event please send them into school by **Tuesday 3rd March**. Children wishing to reuse one of costumes will be given the opportunity to browse. Many thanks for your continued support!

Transition 2020

P6 recent Transition Visit to OLHS was a huge success. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves. I received an email from Mrs Ogilvie complimenting them on their exemplary behaviour and conduct. Well done Primary 6, I am very proud of you!

Children who enrolled in St.Lucy's for P1 beginning in August will soon receive a letter outlining the upcoming transition events. This will begin with a Transition Tea Party on ??????

P7 Transition Visits to the various establishments being attended in August are in place and further information will be given to relevant parents/carers as appropriate.

Parents' Evening - 2nd April

Booking for our forthcoming Parents' Evening will be done via the online booking system used in October. This allows parents/carers to log in and choose specific times for appointments. Bookings can be made from **9th -31st March 2020**. Information on how to book online may be found via Groupcall.

Uniform

An increasing number of children are coming to school with no school tie on. Our school uniform is very important to us and our school tie forms part of this. Our standard of uniform is regularly complimented and I would ask for your continued support to maintain the high standard achieved.

If you have any spare ties at home could you please donate these to school? A box of school ties will be available and children who do not have a tie on will be able to wear one from the box.

Many thanks for your continued support as we work together to help our children demonstrate 'Pride of St.Lucy'.

Pride of St.Lucy's Assembly

Thank you to all invited guests who attended our recent **Pride of St.Lucy's Assembly on Friday 7th February**. It is always a lovely occasion with an atmosphere of true love and pride. Well done to all children who received an award. We are all very proud of your achievements.



Football Festival

Well done to the team who represented our school at the recent football festival on. A great time was had by all despite the weather and goals were scored! Thank you to Mr Cochrane and Mrs MacDougall for accompanying the children.

Good Luck!

Throughout this term representatives from our Senior Department will attend the Rotary Quiz, Euro Quiz and the OLHS Maths Challenge. I am sure you will join me in wishing them all luck! Try your best children- that is all we ask! Have fun!



Inclement Weather

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

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 2nd March 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/phone watches 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**
- 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.**