



December 2019 Newsletter

Our Lady of Peace RC Primary



Dear Parents/Carers, families and friends,

Please find below some dates and information as we head towards a very busy time of Christmas activities. The children are sensibly carrying on with their learning, knowing that Santa is just around the corner. Perhaps they have heard, ' You'd better watch out...!!! '

Staff

Mrs C McPhee has been appointed as new Principal Teacher and is due to start in January 2020, all going well. Her remit is yet to be finalised but her work will involve the Health and wellbeing curriculum and addressing attainment gaps. Her post is Pupil Equity Funded.

Playground developments

We have plans to install a Hideaway Café, Wildlife Garden and Basketball Area. Hopefully, this will be funded through grant applications and the Pupil Equity Funding. A football coach will coordinate lunchtime football on the pitch from Monday-Thursday.

Christmas Concert 5th and 6th December

You are in for a treat! Tickets are on sale in the main office at £2.00 each. In order to be fair to all, 2 per family for one show only. Any leftover will be sold on a first come, first served basis and we will text and let you know. **Please be aware that we do not have permissions for every child in the school to be photographed or filmed. Data protection cannot be compromised. You are asked to refrain from taking photos/filming any of the performance. Thank you, in anticipation for your courtesy.** Prams can be parked in the designated areas, outside the hall.

Christmas Fair

Many thanks for all donations, including those from local businesses such as the Co-op, Tunnock's, Kastriot's, etc. The generosity was much appreciated. Our Lady of Peace staff has to be commended for the huge efforts in preparing for this key fundraising activity. The teamwork and willingness to help was so encouraging. Santa was most delighted with his Grotto as prepared by Mrs McIntyre and Mrs Martin. Mrs Rae and Mrs McCormack, our clerical staff, did an amazing job in coordinating the Fair and Mrs Dimeo's baking was delicious and most calorific. I could go on and on...thank you to everyone!

School Uniform

We are very proud of our school uniform and how smart the children look, in wearing it. It gives an important sense of identity and belonging to Our Lady of Peace. Thankfully, almost all children come to school, in full uniform. Please encourage your child/children to wear it every day.

- Black skirts or trousers
- White shirt
- **School tie**
- Green school cardigan or jumper
- White t-shirt and black shorts for P.E. (essential)
- Change of shoes for indoors (suitable for gym) and wellies for outdoor learning if possible.
- Polo shirts are for P.E only and not for daily wear in school.

**Respectful
Ready
Safe**

All pupils need to have a change of shoes for indoors.

Parent council

Thank you to all who responded to my request to form a new Parent Council. We have succeeded! Mrs Boyle is Chairperson and we will send out a Parent Council information leaflet in January with details of the Whatsapp group, etc. I am very keen that parents and carers have a genuine locus within Our Lady of Peace Primary to support our work with your children. Your help, in giving positively to school developments will be welcomed, always.

Parking

- ❖ Vehicle gates are closed form 8.45-9.15am and 2.45-3.15pm
- ❖ Signage to advise of this will be erected on the gates soon
- ❖ Please respect that no parking is allowed in the area leading to the vehicle gate
- ❖ Abuse to staff will not be tolerated under any circumstances
- ❖ Please respect the correct use of the Disabled Spaces

School lunches

All pupils in P1, P2, P3 and P4 are entitled to a free school lunch. I ask that you refrain from giving children any energy drinks/fizzy juice and limit sugary snacks. Water and flavoured water are fine. The children are not allowed to eat packed lunches in the playground, (this will be reviewed as the better weather returns). They must go to the Dining Hall. Some children have been skipping lunch and going straight out to play but we are on the look out!

Dates reminders

12th December - school closed for Election
19th December school, closes at 2.30pm for the holidays
6th January school re opens at 9.00am

Primary 7 transition visits

Our Primary 7 children have had one visit to St Andrew's and another will follow on 3rd December. Their feedback from last week's experience was very positive and they were very good ambassadors for Our Lady of Peace. Well done!

The Childsmile Team

Wednesday 4th December for those who gave permissions for tooth varnishing.

Gym Hall

The floor is in need of repair and this will impact on the nature of PE lessons until rectified. Outdoors will be considered at the discretion of the teacher. Your understanding is appreciated.

First Sunday in Advent December 1st

Finally and importantly, we will be focussing on the true significance of Advent as a time of waiting and preparation for the celebration, of the Nativity. 'What are we waiting for?' may be a nice conversation starter with your children to help in the continued understanding of this.

Wishing you and your families, peace and joy, as we approach Christmastime.

Warmest regards,
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