



Newsletter



Safe Ready Respectful

January 2022

Our Lady of Peace Primary

Dear Parents/Carers,

January is well upon us and a great start has been made to Term 3. Thank you for sending your children to us, ready for school and supporting our work in teaching and learning.

We appreciate too that you instil in the children the importance of positive behaviour as it helps our children to follow the rules of 'Safe, Ready and Respectful'.

I hope you find the following information of help and please remember to get in touch if we can be of any help.

Key Dates

- 18th January Getting ready for sport for P3/2 and P3
- 21st January Hurling starts for our P4s
- Dates for the school football team will continue
- 14th and 15th February Mid Term holiday
- 16th February In service day- school closed to pupils
- 2nd March Ash Wednesday
- 6th March First Sunday of Lent
- 19th and 26th March Sacrament of Reconciliation
- Traditional storytelling visitor for P1-3; various dates during the term
- 1st April school closes at 2.30pm and reopens on Tuesday 19th April

Attendance

Covid related absences aside, there are some concerning absence and late coming levels and I ask that you send your child to school if healthy and well. Regular, repeated absence has such a negative impact on a child's progress. I will issue attendance concern letters in the coming week and if you wish to discuss further, please just get in touch.

Homework

Alongside good attendance at school, it is a proven predictor of success for children when regular homework is completed. We are still trying to help children close gaps in learning from Covid lockdowns. Showbie, Sumdog, the school website and regular reading are some quick and easy to access areas to do a little at home. Please encourage your child to either continue or start the habit.

Support Campaign

The Child Protection Committee [Scotland] is running a campaign to support families around a variety of challenges. The campaign encourages parents to ask for help when they are struggling to cope, have financial pressures, are needing help with care, have challenges in connecting with children or just looking for help with parenting.

The Campaign resources are now live and can be accessed as follows -

Under Pressure campaign webpage

<https://www.childprotection.scot/under-pressure/>

Under Pressure campaign animation on CPS YouTube channel

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCI6P2OE0_lmLGc_iF3VXkRA

Social content is running via @childprotectsco on Twitter, FB and Instagram – please like and share if you can.

[Good Morning Scotland - 12/01/2022 - BBC Sounds](#)

helpful additions/suggestions for learning at home. I hope you get time to have a look.

P1-5 meal entitlement.

The government funded lunch entitlement is now underway for P1-5. This will eventually extend to P6-7. In addition, the children continue to receive free fruit twice weekly.

Please remember to apply for any free meal and clothing grant entitlement as well because this also allows access to the Breakfast Club, additional payments if available and contributes to our staffing and /Pupil Equity Funding total.

Young Persons' Free Bus Travel

How can I apply for the scheme? Can I apply for the scheme now?

Young people aged 5 – 21 will be able to travel using the new free bus scheme from 31 January 2022 using the National Entitlement Card (NEC) or Young Scot branded NEC. Any other queries should be directed to Transport Scotland at concessionarytravel@transport.gov.scot. Or check the Transport Scotland website for updates.

Fundraising

A huge thank you to everyone for supporting the school's Christmas fundraising which amounted to £1232, after all expenses (Santa, panto online, resources, etc.) were paid. This will support us in providing treats for the children, especially as spring approaches and hopefully, restrictions lift.

Covid

Thank you for reporting to the school office if your child/family member is Covid positive. This is very helpful and absolutely necessary if your child is absent with the virus. Please continue to let us know and help keep everyone safe.

Mass visits

We aim to continue class visits to Mass at St Jude's over the term. You will be advised by text when it is your child's date to go. You are warmly invited to attend with us and to help with walking the children safely to and from the church. Just let the office know if you can assist.

Kindest regards and take care,

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