

January 2020 Newsletter

Our Lady of Peace RC Primary



Dear Parents/Carers, families and friends,

Welcome back to the new term which will take us through to the end of March with the usual mid-term break in February. Term 3 is always a great one for getting lots of learning completed so you may find your children a little tired after a day of hard work!

Activities

Please encourage your child/children to join in a range of activities on offer this term:

- ❖ Sumdog Lunchtime club P5s - Miss Lindsay
- ❖ Scottish Country Dancing P4-5 - Mrs Sweeney
- ❖ Euro Quiz Team- P6-7 Mr Vornic
- ❖ Basketball- League P5- P7 on Mondays
- ❖ Mini Football- P2-4 on Tuesdays
- ❖ Football Team- Wednesdays
- ❖ Gardening Club- P2-3 Mrs Hughes PT
- ❖ Choir- P4-7 Miss Holly
- ❖ Football coaching at Lunchtime - Rangers coaches P4-7
- ❖ Breakfast Games Club P1-3 Fridays 8.00am -9.00am
- ❖ Badminton Lunchtime- upper school Mrs Connolly
- ❖ Games Club- upper school Mrs Connolly
- ❖ Homework Club for children and parents- P1-3 Mrs McPhee PT

Further details will be issued as these clubs commence. We hope to introduce Bike ability in the near future led by Mrs Connolly.

Thank you to staffs who give of their time to allow for these important opportunities.

Parent Council

The Parent Council will meet on Tuesday 27th January from 4.45-5.45pm. Please come along and support our continued focus on forging strong parent partnership. Among other items, we will discuss the planned Valentine's Disco on Thursday 13th February.

Litter

Unfortunately, and despite our very best and repeated efforts, too many children are discarding litter in the playground. This leads to dozens upon dozens of gulls and other birds flying down. It can be very alarming. I ask that you too discuss the anti-social nature of being a litter bug. I have ordered additional bins, at great cost, and a huge thank you to our volunteer Litter Pickers. They are stars!

Health matters

The gulls get a great feed after play and lunch times! The majority of children are still eating more than one, small snack item and this does not help the situation. The children are discouraged from bringing to school more than one item and preferably, this should be fruit. No fizzy and high sugar drinks are allowed. Staff will continue to monitor the situation. Please support us in this.

Scottish Nutrition Action Group

Mrs McPhee, our new Principal Teacher will establish such a group this term and this should help in efforts to teach about healthy attitudes to food. We wish to raise the profile of being a Health Promoting School.

Parking

Apologies for having to raise this again. There have been a few incidents of dangerous practice in the Car Park since our return last week.

- ❖ Vehicle gates will be closed from 8.45-9.15am and 2.45-3.15pm as from Monday 20th January.
- ❖ Signage to advise of this will be erected. It has been ordered and we await a date for fitting.
- ❖ No parking is allowed in the area to the right hand side of the vehicle gate, adjacent to the pedestrian gate.
- ❖ Abuse to staff will not be tolerated under any circumstances
- ❖ Please respect the correct use of the Disabled Spaces

Primary 7 proposed residential

A short meeting will be held on January 22nd if you would like to find out more about a proposed visit to Manor Adventure in Lockerbie, around mid-March 2020. All welcome!

Dates reminders

February 6th	Whole school attending 9.30am Mass
February 7th	In Service Day
February 10 th and 11 th	Mid Term holiday
February 12th	In Service Day
February 13th	Valentine Disco
February 25th	Shrove Tuesday
February 26 th	Ash Wednesday Whole school attending 9.30am Mass
March 1st	First Sunday of Lent
March 5 th	Primary 7 Sacrament of Confirmation Mass 7pm
March 18th	Primary 3 Sacrament of Reconciliation Mass 7pm
March 20 th	Mother's Day & Special Ladies celebration 2.15pm (details to follow)
March 25th	Parents' Evening
March 26 th	Primary 7 visit to St Andrew's High School

Late coming and requests to leave early

Both are impacting negatively on the smooth running of the school and children's quality of learning. All requests to leave before 3pm for appointments should be accompanied with an appointment card/letter to the teacher that morning. I understand there can be extenuating circumstances when children do need to be collected at short notice and these need to be accommodated. It should be an emergency/urgent/unexpected situation and not a regular occurrence. If we can be of help with absence, late coming and avoiding taking children early out of school, please just let me know.

Debt Aware

Mr Souter from Debt Aware will visit P6-7 on 22nd January to continue worthwhile advice on money matters. On the same subject, a big thank you to our Credit Union Team in Our Lady of Peace encouraging money management too!

I PAD deployment Wednesday 19th February

There will be a meeting for parents and carers of our P 6 and 7 children to discuss the necessary arrangements for issuing I pads for home use. This involves the signing of contracts and agreements, etc. Please come along if you wish your child to be allowed an iPad home for learning opportunities.

Thank you for your continued support and your trust in us, in educating your children.

Mrs A M McDonald
Headteacher