

June 2021 updates

Our Lady of Peace RC Primary



Dear Parents/Carers,

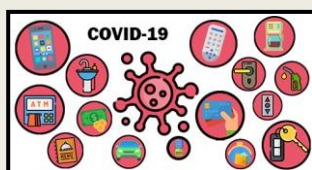
We are now heading towards the summer holiday and still as busy as ever; we continue to try and make up for lost learning time due to the lockdowns and absences. Please ensure your child attends school every day and is on time. It will give him/her the best chance to catch up.

Sports Fundraiser



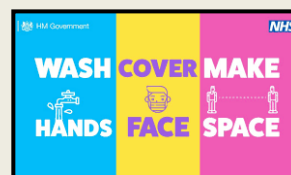
Thank you to Miss Black DHT for coordinating this event and for your much-appreciated generosity. We have had some big amounts of money to help boost our school fund. More than £750 has been given so far. This helps with providing treats and resources for the children, among other things. Please continue to send in any sponsor money/donations to the office – thank you.

School bags/toys



You will know that Covid-19 is still with us, with high cases daily. We are still implementing risk reducing actions such as cutting down items to and from school. This includes school bags. Please do not send your child to school with a school bag and /toy.

Collection times



There has been an increase in the number of parents at 3pm with no mask or not maintaining physical distancing. This is putting others at risk. Your support with helping keep us all safe, is very much appreciated. Hopefully, in the near future, these rules can be relaxed.

P7 Leavers

P7s will visit St Andrew's Secondary school on Wednesday 16th June. The letter detailing the arrangements has been issued. We look forward to hearing about their visit and I am sure they will all be good ambassadors for Our Lady of Peace and have a great day. Mrs Richford from St Andrew's has already popped in to say hello to the children.

Details of the P7s festival on Thursday 17th June have been issued separately and from some of the chat I've heard about their outfits, I am sure they are all looking forward to it! Many thanks to the Parent Council for providing Domino's pizza which should go down a treat.



Pre-Entrants visits

Our new P1s for August 2021 have been visiting Our Lady of Peace and we look forward to seeing them all after the holidays. They came with excitement and lots of skills for school! We can't wait to see them on August 16th in their OLoP uniforms. A letter with more information about the start date will be with parents shortly. Thank you to Mrs Hughes Principal Teacher for organising the visits and Mrs McIntyre, nurture assistant, who was there to support the children during their time here.

Staffing and classification 2021-2022

I await notification from HR on some new staff for August 2021. This impacts on giving you information as to your child's teacher for August. As soon as I have been advised of

- the staff who will be filling the retirement vacancies and
- the extra teachers I have requested, as a result of increased funding,

I will let you know. Fingers crossed, this will be soon!

Pupil Equity Funding-additional funding news

It is important that this funding and spend plans are shared with you, as key stakeholders. I reported in my last newsletter that the school receives Pupil Equity Funding every year. It is to be used to reduce poverty related attainment gaps. I have been told today that the school will receive a further PEF of £20,500. In summary this means the school will have:

- ❖ Pupil Equity Funding of £137,222 (April 2021-March 2022)
- ❖ A further PEF of £20,500
- ❖ An additional £32,357 to support recovery after Covid-19 lockdowns
- ❖ an extra teacher for 3.5 days weekly, when we return in August.

Please just let me know if you would like to discuss further or come along to the next Parent Council meeting.



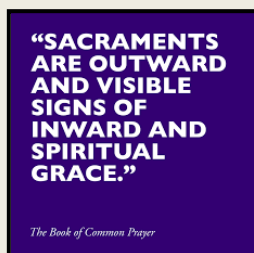
Class Parties- Wednesday 24th June

Each class will have an end of year class celebration on the afternoon of Wednesday 24th June. The children can dress down on this day. They will be involved in drawing up their plans for their party with their teacher. Juice and treats will be provided and hopefully use of the outdoors will be possible, weather permitting! Thank you to Miss McCormack of our clerical staff for shopping for the goodies...a heavy load!

Our altar

Congratulations to our children from P3 and P4 who have/will have received the sacraments of Reconciliation or First Holy Communion.

Here are some beside our beautiful altar display, perfectly set up by Miss Holly of Primary 7. Your uniforms are pleasure to behold!



Mental Health month

A fantastic month of exercise, after school clubs and general feel good events. Thank you Mrs McPhee, Principal Teacher, for coming up with the idea and coordinating it so well with all the colleagues who gave of their time freely, for the children.



As always, please just get in touch should you have anything that you would like to discuss and thank you again for your support over this challenging session. It has all been made easier with your patience and understanding.

School closes on Thursday 24th June at 1.00pm and I wish you and your families a great summer and lovely times together.

Kindest regards,

Mrs A M McDonald Headteacher

