

March 2020 Newsletter

Our Lady of Peace RC Primary

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Dear Parents/Carers, families and friends,

Welcome to our March newsletter. The term is progressing at a steady, successful pace and our lovely school is as busy as ever!

Busy Bees



Some of our recent and forthcoming events:

- 26/02/20 Basketball for our P7's at Oakwood Primary
- 27/02/20 Euro Quiz at Langside Primary
- 28/02/20 Family learning 6 week block for P4 -P5 starts 3pm - 4pm Please come along and enjoy a cuppa!
- 28/02/20 Super 7's Athletics competition at the Emirates Arena- Good Luck!
- 05/03/20 World Book Day activities
- 05/03/20 Primary 7 children's Confirmation at St Thomas', Riddrie at 7pm- information has been issued separately. Please pray for the children.
- 05/03/20 Rugby 10 week session starting for P7 and P7/6
- 09/03/20 The Lord Provost Road Safety award classes to start for P1 - P7. We will we achieve this!
- 18/03/20 Sacrament of Reconciliation, 7pm at St Judie's for P3's. Again, please pray for the children.
- 19/03/20 P7's to St Andrew's for transition visit 10.30am - 12.10pm
- 19/03/20 Mother's Day/Special Ladies Celebration by P1 - P3 - a letter will be issued separately.
- 20/03/20 P5's - P4's Science workshops by Edinburgh Science Centre
- 25/03/20 Parents' Evening - appointment slips to follow
- 25/03/20 Scottish Country Dancing at Bellahouston Sports Centre, 12pm - 2.30pm for our Dancers in P4/P5
- 26/03/20 P7's to St Andrew's for transition visit - 10.30am - 12.10pm
- 02/04/20 First Thursday Mass
- 03/04/20 Spring Break - Easter Holiday. School closes 2.30pm

Science Centre

We have secured free places for all our children to visit the Science Centre and aim to take up the offer before the end of term. P1-3 will go together then P4-7. The buses cost £1500 approx. I ask that each child pays **£3** towards the cost and the school fund will be used to pay approx. £650. This will make quite a dent in the school fund but the educational outing will be of great value. We will request helpers to accompany us by text.

Kindness Week



Many thanks to Mrs McPhee, Principal Teacher, and the Kindness Group who led this successful event. The children and staff were most enthusiastic in their 'Random acts of kindness'. We will all work hard to instil this value beyond the focus week. Please help us by encouraging your child to be kind and discourage retaliating. It is a much better feeling to be nice!

Season of Lent



The whole school attended Mass on Ash Wednesday this week to mark the beginning of Lent. This is the most important time for us in the Catholic Church. We aim to work closely with you in supporting the children in their understanding and practice of praying, giving and fasting at Lent.

Sciaf (Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund), visited last week for a special assembly on its important work and our Lenten fundraising will benefit this organisation.

Uniforms

Please encourage your child to wear the full uniform. There are some non-uniform items being worn regularly (joggers, leggings, fashion items). Your support in helping us avoid high standards from slipping is appreciated. Fashion items are to be discouraged. We hope to have reduced cost uniform items for sale, at our next Parents' Evening.

Health & Safety matters

Some clarification: false nails, acrylic nails and lengthy nails are not permitted for school. They may compromise safety for both the child wearing them and peers. As is the case with earrings, jewellery, particular hair adornments, etc. such nails are not for school and participation in PE will be compromised.

World Book Day



We have decided to focus more on children creating rather than dressing to maximise the literacy element and hopefully minimise costs to parents and families. The aim is to have some form of 'gallery' to celebrate the children's work. Every child will receive a token equivalent to £1 off the purchase of a book, as provided by the World Book Day organisation. Ask your child what is in store...stories, cookies, juice and much more!

P.E Kits

Sadly, a substantial number of children in almost all classes, are not changing for PE and/bringing a PE kit to school. I aim to start an award for the class which has most children wearing PE kit over a set timescale, e.g. 4-6 weeks. This may give an incentive to bring PE kits to school and the children will all work as a team to get the prize. We really need your help in this area and I ask that you ensure your child has a PE kit on the correct days.

St Valentine's Disco

A huge thank you to the Parent Council for organising this successful event for the children. Everyone had a great time and it was delightful to see the children in all their finery! We have great dancers at Our Lady of Peace and lots enjoy having their photographs taken; the photo stand was busy all night! Thank you to those staff who gave of their own time and helped out.

As always, please just get in touch should you have any matters that you would like to discuss.

Mrs A M McDonald
Headteacher



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