

# March 2021 updates

## Our Lady of Peace RC Primary

**LENT**  
Pray + Fast + Give



Dear Parents/Carers, families and friends,

I hope you are well and looking forward to the Easter holidays even though they will be a bit more local than usual, for many! It has been wonderful to have all the children back and they have returned with lots of enthusiasm. It is a credit to everyone that things have gone smoothly.

### Important dates

- Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April School closes at **2.30pm** for the Easter holidays
- Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April Good Friday
- Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April Easter Sunday
- Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April School reopens for Term 4.
- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May Holiday
- Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May In Service Day (coinciding with the Scottish Parliament elections)
- Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> May Sacrament of Reconciliation
- Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord
- Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May Sacrament of Reconciliation
- Friday 28<sup>th</sup>-Monday 31<sup>st</sup> Bank Holiday weekend
- Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> June First Holy Communion at 10am and 12noon
- Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> June First Holy Communion at 10am
- Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June school closes at 1pm

### Easter Eggs



The Lord Provost of Glasgow, Mr Philip Braat personally delivered a chocolate egg for every child in the school, just recently. What a really thoughtful and kind gesture and thank you very much!

### PE coaching

We will have the services of our Active schools coordinator for the whole of Term 4 (April-June). The coaching activities will take place outdoors, weather permitting, and all classes will get to enjoy the benefits of Mrs McAdam's expertise. This will include playtime and lunchtime support.

### Season of Lent



Lent has been very different for us this year due to the restrictions but we have continued to keep it at the forefront of our minds and highlight its importance as a time for renewal and prayer. We have plenty visuals around the school to help us remember this special season. This is Holy Week and the teachers will be discussing the significance of this with the children; in partnership with the school, we appreciate your support in this.

Being charitable is a focus during Lent; if you could send your child to school with £1 this week we will add to all your donations with a sum of money from the school fund then choose a charity with the children to help those less fortunate than ourselves. Thank you

### Calling all sewers/machinists

Our school hall curtains are looking a bit drab! If you could help in replacing them by running up eight new, brightly coloured ones, please get in touch...we need your help. 84 inch drop!

## **Uniforms**

Please, please, please encourage your child to wear the full uniform. There are some non-uniform items being worn regularly (joggers, sports leggings, impractical shoes and skirts, etc.) Your support in helping us avoid high standards from slipping is appreciated. Fashion items and sports logos are to be discouraged.

## **STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Maths)**

A quite considerable sum of money has been spent from this year's budget on STEM resources for the children's learning opportunities. We hope to build on this as time progresses and increase our stock of iPads too. If all goes to plan, we will be able to have a designated STEM room ready for August 2021. Thank you to Miss Linning, acting Principal Teacher for spearheading these developments.

## **Reading, reading and more reading!**

Another big spend recently has been on our P4-7 reading resources and we are now very well stocked with our Big Cats books. We can now turn our attention to the P1-3 reading books and have important plans to bring in new, motivating reading materials for our younger children. If your child brings a book home, please ensure he/she looks after it and returns it when requested; otherwise our stock starts to deplete.

## **Playground developments**

Hopefully, you will soon see more inspiring outdoor spaces in the playground. There will be a new Zen Den construction as well as a Loose Parts Play sheltered area! These developments will support learning outdoors and be of particular use to the upper school children. These will complement our existing

- 📌 Wildlife Garden
- 📌 Sensory Garden Reading area
- 📌 Outdoor café
- 📌 Climbing areas for P1-3 and P4-7

Some of our seated areas could do with a lick of paint so if anyone can help please let us know.

## **Primary 1 August 2021**

The school has reached its cap for the August intake and we will be in touch soon with all our families both existing and new to start the transition to Our Lady of Peace. I know that Mrs Hughes, Principal Teacher has been putting together a lovely little welcome!

We will also have an extra classroom next session to accommodate an increasing, school roll.

## **Reporting to parents**

Under normal circumstances at this time of year, we would be working on reporting on progress. There are on-going discussions at HQ level around how this may look this year. As soon as guidance has been issued, I will advise you accordingly. Thank you for your patience, yet again.

I wish you a lovely, well deserved Easter with some precious family time. Hopefully the sun will give us a nod!

Mrs A M McDonald  
Headteacher

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