



Our Lady of Peace



'Let us not grow tired of doing good.' Pope's message for Lent 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are all managing to avoid what seems to be a rise in Covid-19 cases. Our Lady of Peace, like some other schools, is experiencing high levels of both staff and child absence due to testing positive. In spite of this, we are managing to maintain continuity of teaching and learning, as our priority for the children.

Covid-19

Our arrangements for entry and 3pm exit must be respected and almost all parents are helping us with this. Your support in keeping everyone safe is very much appreciated, thank you.

Reminder: no one should attend school if symptomatic/feel unwell with suspected Covid-19 and he/she should notify the school as soon as possible

Please:

- Keep a distance from others when in the school playground at the drop off and pick up times.
- Reduce footfall: e.g. One person only should collect a child/children, if safe to do so.
- Wait in the playground at the allocated areas only. A clear path must be left for the P4 children to get to the gate.
- Continue wait outside the gates for P4-7 children
- Leave the playground and school gate areas immediately after your child has been collected.
- Email/call the school if you have a query and we will do everything we can to help. Engaging the staff in conversations in the playground is a risk to both you and the staff member.
- Avoid going to the office/main entrance as the school is closed to adults unless a visit has been prearranged by the Headteacher.
- Keep to the school day 9am-3pm unless you have an urgent appointment.

Breakfast Club

This opens from 8.00am-8.45am. The last entry is 8.35am. The children attending must take breakfast and behave safely. The Breakfast Club is staffed by Cordia staff and not teaching staff.

Sacraments


Our Primary 3 children will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturdays of 19th and 26th March at 10.00am at St Jude's Parish. Please keep them in your prayers and thank you for helping with their preparations.

Wee Write Festival

Primaries 4a and 4b attended the festival to see Dermot O'Leary who has ventured into the world of children's books with Toto the Ninja Cat. I am sure they had great fun! Finally starting to get out and about.

The Scottish Parliament Education Service

It has just resumed its hugely popular Outreach sessions in schools, and will be visiting us too. The Programme involves an interactive workshop about the Parliament voting with an Education



Officer, and the potential to follow it up with a visit from local MSPs. P5, P6/5 and P6 will participate in school on 30th March.

ParentPay- Meal selection

ParentPay will be going live with meal selection in Our Lady of Peace very soon – date to be confirmed.

School Lunches – Pre-Ordering – Meal Selection

Hopefully, you have already activated your ParentPay account. However, if you have not already done so, please do so as soon as possible. Advice has already been issued but is on our website too.

All lunches must be paid for and pre-ordered via ParentPay.

You will be able to order meals until 8.00am each morning or alternatively, you can order up to four weeks in advance.

Meal selection should be available to you from 6pm on Tuesday 22 March 2022 on your ParentPay account.

A guidance note on how to pre order meals on **will be posted on our Twitter, sent via Group call/text and stored on the School website.**

*Breakfasts - for any child who is in receipt of UFSM (universal free school meal) but still needs to pay for breakfasts, parents must still pay for this via ParentPay, as well as all parents who pay for meals. Breakfast choices are not available to pre-order – only lunches.

Soccer4

There will be an upcoming block of Soccer4 football coaching for the Primary 4s which starts w/c 25th April 2022 and will run for 6 weeks. More details will follow.

Reporting on progress- Parents' Evenings

Unfortunately, there will be no face to face parents' appointments at the end of Term 3 as was the usual case, pre-Covid. The rise in Covid-19 infections in the past month has been well reported upon, in the media. This is being closely monitored for an eventual safe return to this format. You will receive the end of year Report Card in June. If you would like a telephone appointment with your child's class teacher please let us know via gw17olopoffice@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk or by calling the school office and we will get back to you with an offer of a suitable time.

First Holy Communion dresses

ApparelXchange CIC

This is a donation opportunity to parents and carers to offer previously worn dresses/outfits for First Holy Communion. Please see our Twitter for more information and get in touch via

www.apparelxchange.co.uk

Lenten Fundraising

Our wonderful P6 class will lead our Lenten Fundraising this year. The plans include the sale of raffles at 50p for P1-3 and P4-7 Easter hampers. All monies raised will go to Ukraine via the Sciaf appeal. **Tickets will be available from Monday 21st March until Wednesday 30th, which is when the raffle will be drawn to 2 lucky winners. Good Luck!**

A donation of £ 100 has also been made from the children to Comic Relief's Red Nose and Spoon Race 2022. This was to Spina Bifida Hydrocephalus (SBH) Scotland's representative as seen on The One Show, Sean Carr, who will be taking part in the challenge. Sean visited the school previously for an assembly.

Dental Inspection P1 & P2 has now been rescheduled to **27th April 2022 at 9.30am.**

Primary 7 visitors

St Andrew's Secondary staff led the teaching and learning this morning for our P7 children and all went very well...apart from the Fire Alarm going off mid lesson! Never a dull moment but glad to say it was a false alarm!

Pe entrants

We can't wait to welcome our new Primary 1 children in August and have already reached our cap. We have scheduled preliminary dates for May 12th and May 19th for visits to school. More detail to follow, in due course.

Strike Action

You may have seen recently in the media, the planned strike action linked to the Equal Pay settlement. This is on Tuesday 29th March and Wednesday 30th March 2021. I will update you if/when I receive any further information and the situation changes.

Finally, thank you for your incredible support and please keep safe.

Yours sincerely, Mrs A M McDonald Headteacher
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Please follow us on Twitter for a great insight to the children's busy days at school!

Safe

Ready

Respectful

