



## May 2021 updates

### Our Lady of Peace RC Primary

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you and your families are well as we head into the summer months. We have lots to be positive about as the country's vaccination programme continues successfully, giving us a chance to get back to normal. I think we all deserve a little lift!

#### **Important dates**

I have included some proposed events/dates taking us to the end of term and further detail will be issued separately.

- Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord
- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May Live Internet Safety online with MP David Linden (P4-7)
- Friday 28<sup>th</sup>-Monday 31<sup>st</sup> Bank Holiday weekend
- Week beginning Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May- P1 for August transition visits
- Late May/early June school sports fundraiser
- Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> June P7 Leaver's celebration
- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June Reports will be issued
- Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June classroom end of year celebrations
- Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June school closes at 1pm

#### **P7 Leavers**

We have no official date for P7s to visit the Secondary schools but will let you know as soon as we are advised of this. A separate text has gone out to let you know of Leavers' Hoodies. These need to be ordered in good time if they are to be available for the end of term. You are asked for a £10 contribution.

We are aiming for a P7 Leavers' celebration on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> June in the afternoon along the lines of a Music Festival theme...our pitch is ideal to host this and we will just need a dry day! If not, a few gazebos, and our wellies will come into good use.

#### **Sacraments**

*Please keep the children in your prayers as they receive these strengthening graces.*

- Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> May Sacrament of Reconciliation
- Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May Sacrament of Reconciliation
- Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> June First Holy Communion at 10am and 12noon
- Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> June First Holy Communion at 10am
- Confirmations will be in September 2021

Thank you to Sister Patricia, the staff and parents who have been supporting and preparing our children in these recent weeks.

## **Staffing and classification 2021-2022**

We have been advised by Glasgow Education Department that we require to create an extra classroom for session August 2021-2022. This is due to predicted future roll increases. Work will start soon to create the new learning spaces in the school (e.g. our nurture room will be relocated).

Next session, we will have 12 classes. I will issue details of you child's class and teacher most likely in June, when numbers and staffing are finalised. We have some vacancies due to retirements and Human Resources are working to fill these vacancies, as I write.

## **Pupil Equity Funding**

The school receives Pupil Equity Funding every year from April. This is to support reducing attainment gaps. The figure for April 2021-March 2022 is £ 137,222.

The school will benefit from a further £32,357 (session 2021-2022) of money issued by the Scottish Executive to support schools after Covid-19 lockdowns and for future recovery plans. Finally, we will be allocated an extra teacher for 3.5 days weekly, when we return in August.

The plans for the spend will be drawn up and incorporated in to the School Improvement Plan for 2021-2022. This will be shared with the parent forum and is due for submission to HQ by the end of June 2021. Historically, extra staffing, new resources and counselling/therapeutic inputs have been made possible with any funding. Please just let me know if you would like to discuss further.

## **Parent Council Meeting**

There will be a Parent Council meeting on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> May from 4.30-5.30pm in the main hall. Please come along if you can. Items such as the Pupil Equity Funding, current staffing, fundraising, etc. can be discussed at such a meeting.

## **Glasgow to host COPC 26: Uniting the World to Tackle Climate Change**

The launch date for Glasgow schools is 12<sup>th</sup> May (see below) and we aim to raise awareness in the children of this important United Nations Climate Change Conference (also known as COP26) which will run in Glasgow from 1-12 November.

*Glasgow's Education Services brings to you the launch of Our Dear Green Place. Our Dear Green Place aims to shine the spotlight on Learning for Sustainability in the run up to COP26. with the launch event kicking it all off. Not sure what climate change is or how to get involved? Join us on the 12th May to find out more.*

Hopefully, over the coming months you may hear your child talk of climate change. Please encourage him/her to explore and learn at home too...I am sure we have a few budding Greta Thunbergs at Our Lady of Peace!

## **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord**

*This is celebrated 39 days after Easter and marks the ascension of Jesus Christ into heaven. We are still not in a position to attend Mass as a school due to Covid-19 restrictions but do keep our families, in our prayers.*

*As at the Ascension, Father,  
the Apostles looked heavenwards,  
so, help us to look in that direction also,  
and to guide our pupils to do the same,  
so that Catholic Education will not only  
be a preparation for life,  
but also, a preparation for Eternal Life.  
We ask this through  
Our Lord Jesus Christ your Son  
Amen.*

### **Uniforms**

*Thank you for supporting us by sending your child to school in the Our Lady of Peace uniform, helping us maintain high standards.*

*The hooded tops were purchased as a one off to help keep the children warm in school over the winter months, and despite being less smart than the usual uniform, they have served their purpose well.*

*Now that the weather is milder, I see a welcomed and increased return to the school jumper, shirt, tie and dark trousers/skirt. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.*

### **Reporting to parents**

*We aim to issue report cards on June 18<sup>th</sup> and unfortunately there will be no face to face Parents' Meetings. There will be an enclosed form to advise that if you require a telephone appointment/to speak with someone, we will seek to arrange this. The form will ask for the reason for your request, to help us focus the discussion.*

*As always, please just get in touch should you have anything that you would like to discuss and thank you again for your support as we strive to our very best for the children.*

Mrs A M McDonald  
Headteacher



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