



## Newsletter

November 2023 Our Lady of Peace Primary

### **Dear Parents/Carers,**

Here we are already in term two which is always a very busy one... in the blink of an eye, we will be celebrating the birth of Jesus, at Christmas!

Please remember newsletters will be posted on the school website, emailed to you and a paper copy can be sought, upon request.

### **Twitter**

Our followers are on the increase but we would love more parents to sign in and have a peek. Examples of children's learning in and out of class are tweeted and there are photos of the recent Hallowe'en parties and parade. Thank you to our followers and for 'liking' what you see!

### **Catholic Education Week 2023**

Week beginning 20th November. This year's theme is '*Pilgrims of Faith*' and classes will engage with a host of activities from the Scottish Catholic Education (SCES) website. We will attend 9.30am Mass at St Jude and St John Ogilvie church on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November. Please come along as it is good for the soul to hear the children sing so beautifully.

### **Hallowe'en**

Thank you so much to the Parent Council for the great discos organised for the children this year. The free provision of DJ, photo booth, Ghost Busters, decorations, goodies and much more was amazing. The children had an exciting time and behaved impeccably!

### **Month of Remembrance**

In November we pray for and remember those who have died. We pray that they will find their eternal rest with God. Each class has been given November prayer lists and our lovely altar is dedicated this month to praying for Eternal Rest.

### **The Standards and Quality report**

Please note that this is now available on the school website and hard copies are available upon request.

### **Evening Times P1 photos**

These memorable photos of our delightful P1s will be published on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November in the Evening Times. They are always a treasured keepsake! Details on how to order have already been issued.

### **P7 Secondary Enrolment**

Parents with children transferring from primary to secondary school should have received information on transfer arrangements from CBS (City Business Services) in October. You were to return your choice of secondary pro forma directly to CBS, not the primary school. You will receive further correspondence by the end of November.

### **P1 Enrolment reminder- process already issued**

**P1 Enrolment Week 6-10 November 2023**

**Is your child due to start school in August 2024?**

Any child who will attain the age of 5 years between **1 March 2024 and 28 February 2025** is eligible to start school in August 2024. To register you should now complete and submit an "Online" application by Friday **10<sup>th</sup> November 2023**.

### **P7s to Manor Adventure**

Many of our P7s will set off for Manor Adventure in Lockerbie for a residential experience between Monday 13<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November. We hope they have a great adventure conquering the great outdoors! Details have been issued but please just get in touch should you have any other questions.



## Lunches

Thank you for responding to the school's appeal to cut down on the number of snacks (chocolate, biscuits, crisps, sweets, etc.) which many children are bringing to school, especially in the packed lunch boxes. Treats at special times such as Hallowe'en, Christmas, etc. will feature, as usual. We just have to avoid overdoing things. The P1 and P7 dental checks are this month!

## Early Collection

A polite reminder that the school day is from 9.00am-3.00pm. Unfortunately, too many children are being collected before 3pm, from the office area. This causes disruption to both class and office work. Appointments and emergency situations are legitimate reasons for taking your child out of school but please respect the need to allow your child to exit with his/her peers at 3pm.

## STEM Nation award

Our school is recognised (as per HMIe report in August) as particularly strong and effective in the teaching and learning of STEM; science, technology, engineering and math. This week we received a STEM Nation plaque for this hard work by children and staff. It has been a huge team effort to achieve this and a wonderful achievement. Photos on Twitter!

## Some helpful dates

These dates may help you plan ahead but more detail to follow and subject to change.

13 <sup>th</sup> November	Whole school immunisation
15 <sup>th</sup> November	Interim Reports issued by email to families
16 <sup>th</sup> November	St Margaret of Scotland feast day
17 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent Plans issued by email to families
21 <sup>st</sup> November	9.30am Mass at St Jude and St John Ogilvie's Church
24 <sup>th</sup> November	Photographer visiting- Individual photos
30 <sup>th</sup> November	St Andrew's day
30 <sup>th</sup> November	P7s' Dental inspection
3 <sup>rd</sup> December	First Sunday in Advent
4 <sup>th</sup> December	Almsgiving weeks commence
4 <sup>th</sup> December	CAFOD online assembly (Catholic Agency for Overseas Development)
5 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch for the children
6 <sup>th</sup> December	Carols by Candlelight
7 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Fair 3.15pm- Santa visiting!
8 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper and Movie day
12 <sup>th</sup> December	P1-3 Panto at The Bridge
12 <sup>th</sup> December	St Andrew's school band visiting
13 <sup>th</sup> December	P4-7 Panto at The Bridge
14 <sup>th</sup> December	The Nativity and Christmas show 1.30pm
15 <sup>th</sup> December	The Nativity and Christmas show 9.30am
19 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Parties
21 <sup>st</sup> December	Mass
22 <sup>nd</sup> December	School closes at 2.30pm and re-opens Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January)

*Kindest regards,*

*Mrs McDonald, Headteacher*