



Newsletter 3
October-November 2019
Our Lady of Peace Primary

Dear Parents/Carers, families and friends,

Welcome back after our October week holiday; I hope it was enjoyable! We are most certainly into the darker mornings and nights as we head into the colder weather!

Photographer

Tempus photography will be with us on *Wednesday 30th October* for class photos. This will alternate with individual portraits, next time. If you do not wish your child to participate, just advise through the school office.

Sports Silver Award

Our Lady of Peace Primary has been recognised for its participation in a wide variety of sports and after school active clubs. Well done to everyone involved in achieving this. We are now aiming for the Gold Award which is achievable with lots of effort and increased participation in all of the clubs on offer. Our Sports Captains and Sports Leaders deserve a big round of applause!

PE Kits

Sadly, many of the children are coming to school without the correct attire for Physical Education lessons. On one recent check, more than a third of the class had no kit. This can be unsafe if participating with inappropriate footwear and taking PE in school uniform may be unhygienic, especially for the older children. No one is allowed to sit out as PE is a crucial part of the curriculum.

PE kits should be brought to school, in a drawstring bag/similar on a Monday and taken home for washing on a Friday. Please label all items and the bag.

Indoor shoes

These must be worn by all children for their own comfort and to keep the school indoor environment clean.

Water bottles

We encourage the children to keep hydrated and there are fresh water fountains to facilitate this. Please provide a water bottle for this purpose.

The children are asked to come to school in the morning with the bottle filled to minimise disruptions to teaching and learning.

Anti-Bullying show for P4-7 (£1 contribution requested)

This will be on *Thursday 31st October* with follow up workshops for P4-P5 stages. It will help support our health and wellbeing curriculum and I am sure the children will enjoy the performance. We continue to focus on teaching the children about the importance of respect and kindness and your support with this is much appreciated.

Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Reconciliation

Please note the dates: Reconciliation 18th March at 7pm. First Communions are scheduled for May 31st and June 7th at 10.00am but this is to be confirmed.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Our P7 pupils are preparing to receive this sacrament at St Thomas' Parish, Riddrie on Thursday 5th March at 7.00pm. The Mass of Enrolment will take place on Sunday 10th November and all parents should have confirmed with Father Francis their intention to present their child for this sacrament. The children will be attending a rehearsal and more information will follow, as it becomes available.



Hallowe'en

On Wednesday **30th October** we will have a Hallowe'en Parade at 1.45pm in the hall with juice and treats in classes, afterwards. The children can change into costumes after lunch time. They should not come to school dressed for Hallowe'en in the morning. Face paints can be worn in the afternoon only. No pupils should be taken out of school at lunchtime if at all possible, as this disrupts very busy, lunchtime arrangements. Our younger children, who bring their costumes with them to school, will get help to dress for the parade.



Parent Council

Thank you to those parents and carers who came along to one of the meetings to establish a new Parent Council. We will meet again on Wednesday 30th October at 5pm to finalise the roles, etc. Please come along if you can, even if you could not manage along initially.

Parent- Carer Evening

This was very well attended and I thank you for the highly positive feedback on the evaluations which many of you completed. Your appreciation of the hardworking staff and our service to the children and families is encouraging. I have taken note of your comments for our self-evaluation procedures.

Please continue to keep in touch should you have any suggestions for improving our communication with you. On that note, watch out for Twitter developments which Miss Reynolds (Primary 1 teacher) has kindly offered to coordinate.

Learning Showcases

Each class will continue to be involved in sharing its learning with parents and carers at a 'Learning Showcase' over the school session. Please look out for an invitation from your child's class to attend this special event over the coming school year.

Pitch developments

The shaky goal posts have been removed and the children have access to the pitch, once again. This has been fairly allocated to all classes over the course of the week. Suitable footwear is required when playing football on the pitch. This will help keep our school clean and save shoes from wear and tear!

Solemnity of All Saints 1st November

As this is a Holy Day of Obligation, when we remember and pray to all saints, we will attend Mass on Friday 1st November at St Jude's church. Please join us, if you can.

All Souls Day 2nd November

Month of the Holy Souls During the month of November we remember and offer prayers for the faithful departed especially our family members and friends. There will be Remembrance book in the school foyer to which you are invited to add names of departed loved ones. We can include names on your behalf if you would like to email me or communicate through the school office.

Eternal rest, grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Primary 1 enrolment

Enrolment for starting school in August 2020 will be during week beginning 4th November 2019. This is completed online at <https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/article/18007/Starting-Primary-School>

'Playing with sounds'

These sessions have started for our Primary 1 children so please, please come along to this important learning opportunity! Every Wednesday in the hall from 3.00pm with Miss Degnan and Mrs Hughes, our Principal Teachers. Refreshments provided.

Stay, Play and Learn sessions

Another great opportunity to engage in your child's learning, led by the expertise of Early Years Scotland staff. Every Wednesday at 3.15pm in the dining hall. For P1-3 children and families

Mobile phones

Some of our older children are using phones in the playground before the 9.00am bell. Please remind your child this is not permitted and it breaches school rules as well as having serious safety implications. Children who ignore this strict rule will have the mobile removed to a secure place and an adult would be asked to collect it.

Lost Property

Many items were picked up on Parents' Evening however, a substantial amount remains. You are most welcome to pop in and have a rummage; the Lost Property box is at the school office area. It contains a wide range of school wear and other items.

In Service Day 5

The children should not attend school on Friday, 29th November as it is a training day for staff.

Christmas arrangements

Dates and events for Christmas will be issued separately. It is appropriate to keep Christmas and our preparations for baby Jesus, in December! For the moment, we will continue to focus on progress in learning and teaching.

In anticipation of a great term ahead, I thank you for your continued support.

Kindest regards,

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