

Respectful
Ready
Safe

September 2019 Newsletter

Our Lady of Peace



❖ Parent Council

As you may know, Our Lady of Peace does not have a Parent Council. I am seeking the support of any parents/carers who would like to help us in establishing one. Schools in which parents play an active role in school life can benefit greatly from such partnership.

Please consider coming along to meet with me, over a cuppa, on **Thursday 19th September** at 9.15-9.45am or **Tuesday 24th September** at 5.00-5.30pm. Your help would be warmly welcomed.

❖ Communication

Please follow us on Facebook or the school website (which is being updated currently). I can be contacted via the School Office on 0141 773 0550 or by email headteacher@ourladyofpeace-pri.glasgow.sch.uk

I ask that class teachers are not engaged in conversations when bringing in the lines and also kept to a minimum, at 3pm exit. Appointments can be made to meet at a more convenient time when we will be happy to accommodate.

You can follow, comment and like us on the **school Facebook and Twitter pages @OLOPPr**.

Our school website is active at <https://www.olop.co.uk>

❖ Busy Bees!

Our Lady of Peace is always a busy place and this session is proving the same! We have had the benefit of numerous visitors and activities so far, in helping us provide exciting learning experiences for our children:

- *Society for the Protection of Cruelty to Animals assembly and workshops*
- *Determined to Dance coaching for our P3s*
- *Music and singing from Youth Music Initiative (YMI) for P1 and P7/6*
- *Creative Therapies continue valuable work in Drama Therapy*
- *Dance coaching for P4-7s every Monday Lunchtime*
- *Fun Football for P2-P4s every Tuesday*
- *Football League games and training have started*
- *Alice in Wonderland whole school pantomime*
- *Holy Mass at St Jude & St John Ogilvie's church*
- *Breakfast Games club on a Friday 8.00-9.00am*
- *Credit Union weekly to encourage lots of saving!*
- *Debt Awareness workshops for the upper school*
- *Stay, Play and Learn sessions for P1s...we need more to join in though*
- *Roots of Empathy starting next week for P3*
- *English as an additional language (EAL) staff to support our gifted bi lingual children*
- *Junior Road Safety officers visited the City Chambers for the launch of this year's JRSO work*
- *Soft Start for Primary One*

❖ i Pad deployment

Glasgow Education Department's rollout of new technology will be with us around November. Exciting times for the children and staff! There will be new i pads and Apple T.V. to enhance teaching and learning. There will be a Parent/Carer information session nearer the time to explain how the initiative will work.

❖ Respectful, ready and safe

We are now well into the new school session and it is very encouraging that '**Respectful, Ready and Safe**' is shown by the majority of our children. The children know that physical fighting, disrespect to adults, using swear words and refusing to follow adults' instructions are all very wrong and unacceptable.

Our practices in managing challenging behaviours are under review and will be shared with you, soon. There will be opportunity to give feedback before finalising; I would encourage you to share your thoughts.

I thank parents and carers who have given support, so far, when I have had to contact them about disruptions to teaching and learning and unsafe behaviours. By working together, we can make Our Lady of Peace the best it can be.

❖ **Pupil Equity Funding April 2019- March 2020**

Pupil Equity Funding is given to schools by the Scottish Executive to close poverty related attainment gaps. So far this year, the funding has been spent on:

- ❖ Creative Therapies supporting children's health and wellbeing
- ❖ Family Learning through Stay, Play and Learn
- ❖ Additional staffing (Three Support for Learning workers)

I hope to employ also, a PEF teacher/Principal teacher to further this aim of supporting attainment. This will go to advert over the next few weeks.

❖ **Lost Property**

Truly, we could open a shop! There are many costly uniform items within two Lost Property boxes in the school. These will be available in the Reception area for a few weeks. Please pop in and have a rummage!

A P5 girl's blazer has been missing for a few weeks and yet to be returned. We think it may have been taken home in error. Please check at home and if found, return to the School Office, thank you.

❖ **Dates**

Friday 27/09/18 – Monday, 30/09/18 - School closed – September Weekend

Thursday 10/10/19 Flu vaccinations for children

Friday 11/10/18 – School closed to pupils – In Service Day 3

Monday 14/10/18 – Friday, 18/10/18 – School closed – Holiday Week

❖ **PE Kits**

We are fortunate to have the specialist skills of Mrs Connolly to teach PE across all stages. All children must bring a PE kit and suitable footwear, in order to participate. Around a quarter of children from each class do not bring a kit. Please help us in developing the children's health and fitness. Participating is much more fun than sitting on the bench spectating.

❖ **Water Bottles**

We have water cooler provision in school corridors. The children require a water bottle to refill during the course of the day. Please provide one to avoid spillages from children using cups when they have no sealed bottle.

❖ **Sumdog at home**

This is a fantastic, fun resource to help children get better at numeracy. The school has paid £2 per child from P2-P7 (£500 approximately) to access Sumdog and they have a log in/password to visit the site at home. I appreciate that not everyone will have internet- computer access but if you do, it will benefit your child to use it regularly.

❖ **P1-3 Lines**

Our younger children are managing to line up well and independently within a few weeks of starting back. Your support is sought in giving them and their teachers space to do so; please stand well away from the lines at all times, thank you.

❖ **Coming our way!**

Miss Holly will be starting The OLOP choir soon. Mrs Connolly will be offering Friday afternoon football skills sessions. Mr McFadden is looking for digital/ technology talent, for special digital projects. Miss McGuire is scouting for dancers (Term 2) and Miss Linning will be soon seeking out STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) stars!

❖ **Uniform**

It is delightful to see so many children in full uniform showing that they value being excellent ambassadors for Our Lady of Peace Primary. I ask that all children wear the uniform to help us uphold the high standards we wish to maintain, in this area of school life. Dress smartly to succeed!

Yours sincerely,

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