



NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers and community of Our Lady's RC Primary School,

We have had a busy first term and it's not over yet!

Our Primary 1s and other new pupils across the school have settled in to Our Lady's well and we are really enjoying having them as part of our school community.

Thank you to all parents and carers for supporting the children to wear their school uniform and ties every day. This is an important aspect of supporting the children to feel a part of their school community.

We would love to have parents and family members coming in to support our school. If you are available for any length of time to help in classrooms or with displays or to share your talents with us please contact the school office to arrange. No matter how big or small it would be great to have your help!

We will be focussing on our school values during Assemblies this session by awarding certificates to learners who demonstrate **LOVE, RESPECT, FAIRNESS** and **ACHIEVEMENT**. Keep an eye on seesaw to see if your child has received one!

Thank you for your support of our school. Mrs Brown, the staff and myself look forward to working with you all over the coming terms.

Mrs Lynne Mendes
Headteacher



ATTENDANCE

Perth & Kinross Council is committed to improving the life chances of all school pupils and to working in partnership with parents to enable their children to achieve success at school and in their future lives. We have a shared duty of care and commitment to keep our children and young people safe, secure and healthy.

It is a parent's legal duty to provide an efficient education, suitable to age, ability and aptitude either by sending the child to school or by other means. If your child attends school, it is an offence for him/her to be absent without reasonable excuse.



At Our Lady's we want to work with parents/carers to improve pupils' attendance and lateness at school. There are many reasons why children and young people do not attend school, but we are committed to finding solutions to any barriers.

We will be closely monitoring attendance and lateness of all children to ensure they have the best opportunity to learn and succeed for their future. Children who currently have an attendance rate of less than 92% or a significant number of lates will receive a letter early next term alerting their parent/carer and inviting you to discuss solutions to improve attendance. Perth & Kinross Council have an attendance target rate of 96%.

STAFFING UPDATE

At the end of this term we will say a very fond farewell to Miss Ellie Walker, Pupil Support Assistant. Miss Walker has been a valuable member of our school team and she will be greatly missed by staff and pupils alike. We wish her all the very best of luck for her new role at PKAVS.



CLASS LED ASSEMBLIES

We look forward to inviting you in to school for Class Assemblies. Times will be communicated by the Class teacher. Dates are as follows:

P1— Wed 18th March 2020

P1/2— Wed 6th May 2020

P2 — Wed 5th February 2020

P3— Wed 4th December 2019

P3/4— Wed 3rd June 2020

P4— Wed 22nd January 2020

P5— Wed 19th February 2020

P6— Wed 6th November 2019

P7 Leavers' Assembly— June—date TBC

We look forward to having you join us!



CLASS MASSES

Thank you to our Primary 1s who attended Mass this term. It was lovely to see them all looking so smart in their uniforms!

The dates for the remaining classes are as follows:

P2— Sunday 8th December 2019

P3— Sunday 23rd February 2020

P4— Sunday 2nd February 2020

P5— Sunday 24th November 2019

P6— Sunday 22nd March 2020

P7 – Wednesday 1st July at 11am



A reminder that all children are invited to join us at Mass, regardless of their faith background.

THEATRE VISIT

A CHRISTMAS CAROL

Thank you to everyone who has paid for their child's theatre ticket. We will be watching 'A Christmas Carol' on Friday 13th December at Pitlochry Theatre. The performance will not finish until 4.30/5.00 pm so we expect to return to school around 6.00pm. We appreciate this can be a costly event, however, I am pleased to advise the Festival Theatre has agreed to 20% of the cost of transport with Parent Council applying for funding for the remaining transport costs. **This will therefore mean a cost of £7.50 per child.**



MYSTERY BOX

At the start of term a Mystery Box arrived in school along with a series of letters. The box contained a strange wooden object and the children have been using this to lead their own learning. They have all been very creative in their ideas which has led to them all taking different directions:

P1— Woodland Animals

P1/2 & P2 — Pirates

P3— Wood and Wizards

P3/4— Vikings

P4— Kitchen Utensils

P5— Victorian Objects

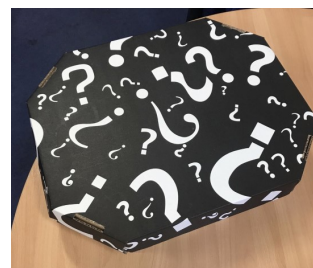
P6— Vampires

P7— Forensic Investigation

P7s have been particularly busy taking finger prints, creating suspect profiles and interviewing to see if they can determine who left the letters and box.

So far, the mystery person has alluded them!

A video also arrived promising us a prize ... we will wait and see!



GLEE

We are excited to let you know that Mrs Wilkie and Miss Knight will be leading our Choir in this year's GLEE. This is a competitive primary school singing and dancing competition involving schools from across Scotland.

Our heats are expected to take place in March 2020 but we await confirmed dates.



THE GOLDEN BOX

We love to celebrate success at Our Lady's and will be continuing with our 'Golden Box' this session. If your child has an achievement they are proud of, please encourage them to post a note of this into the Golden Box, displayed in the main foyer. Wider achievements can be anything from a swimming certificate to riding their bike without stabilisers. These achievements will be shared at Assembly.



Please take note of the following dates. We will keep you informed of any changes and update you of new dates early in the new term.

Date	Day	Event
03.10.19	Thursday	Bike Breakfast
04.10.19	Friday	In-Service Day—School closed to pupils End of Term 1
21.10.19	Monday	Start of Term 2
22.10.19	Tuesday	P5 Boys Dance Project (runs for 8 weeks)
24.10.19	Thursday	P5 Curling at Dewars
28.10.19	Monday	P4 Swimming at Kilgraston commences—details will follow
31.10.19	Thursday	P5 Curling at Dewars
10.11.19	Sunday	P7 Confirmation
12 & 13.11.19	Tue/Wed	Parent Contact Evenings
14 & 15.11.19	Thurs/Fri	In-Service Days—School closed to pupils
24.11.19	Sunday	P5 Class Mass Catholic Education Week Begins
27.11.19	Wednesday	SJA P7 Transition Afternoon—optional
28.11.19	Thursday	P7s—Show Racism the Red Card Event
04.12.19	Wednesday	P3 Assembly
05.12.19	Thursday	Flu Vaccinations
08.12.19	Sunday	P2 Mass
10.12.19	Tuesday	Christmas Lunch
13.12.19	Friday	P1-P7 to Pitlochry Theatre for Pantomime (return approx. 6pm)
20.12.19	Friday	11.00 Whole School Mass 12 noon—School Closes for end of Term 2
06.01.20	Monday	Start of Term 3

Arrangements for Christmas Concert and Parties will be communicated separately.

SEESAW

Seesaw is a quick and easy method to allow us to give you a snapshot of your child's day and to let you see how their learning is progressing.

It is lovely to see so many 'likes' on the children's work but it would be great if you could comment on your child's learning too—to give them a little encouragement or praise for their hard work! Some suggestions for this are:

- Wow! I like this because ...
- This made me think of ...
- I'm proud of you because ...
- You have worked hard on ...



Some helpful info can be found here—<https://web.seesaw.me/families>. Let us know if there is anything we can help with!

PARENTPAY

A gentle reminder that Parent Pay should be checked regularly as this is where our permissions for trips, outings and clubs are to be completed. We also email the information and add it to the App to prompt you. This enables us to be more eco friendly as try not to issue paper permissions.



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