

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JIM GILHOOLY**

**Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School**

**Head Teacher: Mrs Eileen Brady**

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 **August 2016**

Dates for your

Diary

**August:**

22nd – P1s in full day (Flying Start)

24th – EK News in: P1 Photographs

**September:**

13th – Child Smile for P1

13th – P1 Curriculum Evening 6.30-7.30pm

*23rd & 26th – September Weekend*

28th – Individual & Family Photographs

**October:**

*17th-21st – October Week Holiday*

*28th – Hallowe’en discos*

**November:**

1st – All Saints’ Day Mass

9th – Interim Reports to parents

10th – 23rd Nov – Book Fair

16th – Parents’ Evening 6.00-8.00pm

17th – Parents’ Evening 3.20-5.20pm

*21st – In-service Day (Closed to pupils)*

**December:**

4th – Christmas Fayre

22nd – School closes at 2.30pm

*23rd – 8th* ***Jan –*** *Christmas Holidays*

**Key dates in 2017**

**February:**

6th – P7 Confirmation

**March:**

27th-30th – P7 Residential Visit

**May**

10th – Parents’ Evening 6.00-8.00pm

11th – Parents’ Evening 3.20-5.20pm

Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome back to our new school session!

After a long summer break, the children seem very happy

to be back at school and ready to continue on their journey

to becoming successful learners, confident individuals,

responsible citizens and effective contributors. A special

welcome to our new Primary 1 pupils who have already

settled very well into our school. May they have many happy years of learning in Our Lady of Lourdes Primary!

On a personal note, many thanks to all of the children,

staff and parents who have made me feel so welcome

during my first few days at Our Lady of Lourdes: I am very

privileged to have taken up the post of head teacher in this

school and look forward to working in partnership with all of you in the years to come.

Yours sincerely

Eileen Brady

Head Teacher

***PARENT VOICE:*** *We are always interested in listening to any comments that you have about our school. As part of our ongoing consultation process, if you have any suggestions to help move our school forward, please complete and tear off the speech bubble below and give it to your child to return to their class teacher. Thank you!*

**Our Lady of Lourdes: Parent Voice**

I suggest…

Parent of\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ P\_\_\_ Rm \_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**January 2017:**

1st-8th – Christmas/New Year Holidays

**February:**

13th & 14th – February break

15th – In-service day (school closed to pupils)

**March:**

31st – School closes at **2.30pm**

**April:**

3rd-17th – Spring break/Easter

**May:**

1st – May Day Holiday

4th – In-service day (school closed to pupils)

26th & 29th – Local holiday

**June:**

27th – School closes at **1pm** for summer break

**August 2016:**

11th & 12th - In-service days (school closed to pupils)

**September:**

23rd – September Weekend Holiday

26th – September Weekend Holiday

**October:**

17th-21st – October Week Holiday

**November:**

21st – In-service Day (School closed to pupils)

**December:**

22nd – School closes at **2.30pm**

23rd–8th **Jan –** Christmas/New Year Holidays

**Holiday Dates for Session 2016/2017**

**Staffing**

A warm welcome to our new staff:

- *Miss Gemma Carroll (P2)*

*- Miss Kirsty Talent (CCC*

 *teacher for non-class contact)*

*- Mr Marco Otolini – Area cover*

 *teacher*

**Classes 2016/17**

P1 Rm 1 Mrs Jack P4/5 Rm 9 Mrs Fusi/Mrs Richmond

P1 Rm 2 Miss Burns P5 Rm 10 Miss Docherty

P2 Rm 3 Miss Carroll P5/6 Rm 11 Mrs McMenemy

P2/3 Rm 5 Miss Shields P6 Rm 12 Miss Maguire

P3 Rm 6 Mrs Bell P7 Rm 13 Mr McLaughlin

P3/4 Rm 8 Miss Boyle P7 Rm 14 Mrs Perez

**School Uniform (Label all items please)**

The children have returned to school very smartly in their school uniform:

- *Light blue shirt;*

*- School tie;*

*- Navy trousers/skirt/pinafore;*

*- Navy V-neck jumper/cardigan.*

Supplier: *www.logoxpresschoolwear.co.uk/*

**Improvement Plan Priorities 2016/17**

The improvement plan priorities for the coming session are as follows:

* Formalise the approach to the teaching of spelling and grammar;
* Develop writing across the school;
* Update Numeracy and Maths planners;
* Promote moving image in the classroom;
* Implement French from Primary 1 to 7.





**School Reminders for the New Session:**

* Please complete and return the annual data and permission forms given out today as soon as possible.
* Absence reporting: please phone in before 9.30am if your child is going to be absent from school. In the interest of your child’s safety, you will receive a phone call from the school office if we have not heard from you. Phone again on the 3rd or 4th day if the absence continues. When your child returns to school, they should bring their class teacher a note.
* All medicines need to be kept at the school office and parents should complete the relevant form for allowing medicines to be administered to your child.
* Pupils are allowed to bring plain water every day for class and one healthy snack for interval.
* The school is a nut free zone (please remember that this includes peanut butter sandwiches).
* After school clubs will start early in September – more information to follow.
* We are always looking for parent helpers to help with various outings etc. If you wish to put your name forward, please contact the school office for a PVG form.
* The Parent Council and Fundraising Group are always looking for new members – contact the school office if you are interested in attending a meeting or helping out at an event. All welcome!!
* And so another year begins…

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