

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TONY MCDAID**

**Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School**

**Head Teacher: Mrs Eileen Brady**



**September 2017**

Liturgical Dates for your Diary

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope everyone had a terrific September weekend despite the weather! The children are full of stories detailing their fun days out so it seems that the rain didn’t deter them from enjoying their extra couple of days off.

I am looking forward to the coming month which brings with it our Hallowe’en discos, our whole school fundraiser as well as our Red Carpet Achievement Assembly where we get the chance to celebrate the children’s achievements outwith the school (more information to follow).

I look forward to continuing our partnership throughout the school year and engaging our parents in their children’s learning *(eg see over for information on our Homework Curriculum Evening).*

Yours sincerely

Eileen Brady

Head Teacher

*School Masses:* ***10am*** *in Our Lady of Lourdes Church (weather permitting):*

*• 6th October*

*• 1st November (All Saints’ Day)*

*• 1st December*

*• 2nd February*

*Ash Wednesday is an Inservice Day*

*• 2nd March*

*• 10th May (Ascension Thursday)*

*• 1st June*

*Sacraments:*

*13th Mar – Sacrament of Reconciliation (P3) at 6.30pm*

*12th May – Sacrament of the Eucharist (P4) at 12noon*

**October:**

4th – 11th – Book Fair

5th – Parents’ Evening

6th – 10am First Friday Mass

11th – P1-3 Judo Taster Sessions

11th – PTA Meeting at 7pm ALL WELCOME

12th – Whole School Fundraiser

13th – Red Carpet Achievement Assembly

*16th-20th – October Week (closed)*

26th – Hallowe’en discos

October Dates for your

Diary

***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: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Already our Pupil Council have been very busy consulting with all their classes to create our new school rules:

**Pupil Council Representatives**

P1 Rms 1 & 2: *P1 will be invited to join after the October week.*

P2 Rm 3: Zach Hutcheson

P2/3 Rm 4: Alexis Johnston

P3 Rm 5: Matthew Small

P3/4 Rm 7: Lewis Colquhoun

P4 Rm 8: Jack Ferguson

P4/5 Rm 9: Teagan Giroux

P5/6 Rm 10: Elise Kenny

P6 Rm 11: Paul Chalmers

P6/7 Rm 12: Christopher Brolly

P7 Rm 13: Niamh Alexander

**Eco Committee Representatives**

P1 Rms 1 & 2: *P1 will be invited to join after the October week.*

P2 Rm 3: Rosa Whitelaw

P2/3 Rm 4: Lewis Bingham

P3 Rm 5: James Keyes

P3/4 Rm 7: Sophia Oddio

P4 Rm 8: Emma McFadden

P4/5 Rm 9: Ian Aaron

P5/6 Rm 10: Mirren Gordon

P6 Rm 11: Millie Brooks

P6/7 Rm 12: Robyn Sweeney

P7 Rm 13: Matthew Hanlon

**Junior Road Safety Officers (P7 Only):**

Rm 12:Kate McIntosh

Rm 13: Josh Proudfoot

**Welcome to our new Pupil Committee Members!**

**SCHOOL RULES**



1. Be a good listener.

2. Be kind and polite to everyone.

3. Be positive about yourself, your learning and others.

4. Always walk inside the school: *Behind, beside and be quiet in lines.*

5. Keep hands, feet, objects and unkind words to yourself.

**Active Schools’ Lunchtime Clubs**

In order that all pupils within our school benefit from clubs and activities, I have once again arranged a programme of lunchtime ‘Multisports’ clubs for our younger children. This year, I have extended this to include P1 to P5 *(your child will receive a letter about this throughout the year).* I have also arranged Judo Taster Sessions for our Primary 1-3 children. These clubs are supported by links with our Active Schools’ Coordinator Michelle Turnbull.

**Family Engagement: Homework Curriculum Evening**

We are having a **Homework** **Curriculum Evening** on **Wednesday 8th November** **at 6.30pm** to discuss homework and gather parental views on taking homework forward within our school.

The Parent Council has agreed to lead the groups and to help gather the information discussed during the course of the evening. I look forward to listening to your thoughts on homework with the focus on having a positive impact on our children’s learning.

**Many Thanks to the PTA!**

Huge congratulations to the PTA who raised the fantastic sum of £1200 through their organisation of the ‘Little Mix Magic’ Event. Thank you to everyone (pupils, staff, parents and ‘Little Mix Magic’ themselves) who helped to make this a memorable and fun evening for all. A special thanks to Mr Strain who sponsored the event.

**Whole School Fundraiser**

There will be a whole school fundraiser on Thursday 12th October to help raise money for some active learning resources as well as to help subsidize buses throughout the year for a range of educational outings and after school club outings etc.

More information to follow.

After a large consultation with our **pupils, staff and parents** *(through the Parents’ Audits in June and the Parent Council in September),* we have put together our school’s revised vision and values (see below).

We will endeavour to take account of our vision and values when reviewing our work, implementing improvements and shaping a future direction in order to ensure that there is no gap between our words and our actions. Thank you for your participation in helping to create our forward thinking vision.

**Our Vision:**



**LISTENING, LEADING, LEARNING**

*within a nurturing and inclusive* ***community of faith*** *to* ***meet the******needs*** *and* ***fulfil the******potential*** *of* ***all learners****,*

*enabling the children within Our Lady of Lourdes to become*

***Successful Learners, Confident Individuals, Responsible Citizens*** *and* ***Effective Contributors****.*

*We focus on embedding the Gospel values of* ***love, compassion, joy, fairness, honesty, respect*** *&* ***humility****.*

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