

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TONY MCDAID**

**Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School**

**Head Teacher: Mrs Eileen Brady**

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 **October 2017**

Dates for your diary

**November:**

1st – Holy Day of Obligation: All Saints’ Day Mass at 10am (All welcome)

2nd – Primary 7 Rm 13 Science Lesson 2 of 3

8th – 6.30pm-7.30pm Homework/Thinking Hats Curriculum Evening led by the Parent Council

9th – Primary 7 Rm 13 Science Lessons 3 of 3 (at St. Andrew’s and St. Bride’s)

9th – P7 Welcome Mass at St. Andrew’s and St. Brides (7pm)

13th – Anti-Bullying Week

14th – 2.15pm Pope Francis Faith Award Enrolment Service (in school) for Pupils and Parents

**14th - 6.30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation Meeting (in church)**

**14th - 7.15pm Sacrament of the Eucharist Meeting (in church)**

15th – Room 5 Educational Outing to Stirling Castle

15th – Football Festival

16th – Netball Festival

20th – INSERVICE DAY – NO PUPILS IN

21st – Rm 8 Educational Outing to Kelvingrove

22nd – Hopscotch Theatre Company in – Christmas Pantomime (Wizard of Oz)

23rd – Rm 13 Educational Outing to The People’s Palace

24th – Athletics

27th – 10am Mass – P6 and P7 only (40 hrs adoration)

27th – 11am P4 Visit to OLOL Church

28th – St. Andrew’s and St. Bride’s Parents’ Information Evening

29th – P1-7 Immunisation

29th – 6.30pm Barcaple Information Evening in school hall

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the end of October draws near, we reflect back on our successful and busy term and look forward with anticipation to the new term which brings with it the joyful preparations for Christmas time.

As you may have noticed, our pitch has been completed and the children have been enjoying their time spent on our lovely new surface. One of the first things that the children ever asked me for was a set of goal posts and (even though it has taken a while) we got there in the end! Good things come to those who wait!

I look forward to continuing to work with you this coming term and I hope to see you at the many events that we have planned in the run up to Christmas!

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: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**November:**

22nd – Hopscotch Theatre Company in – Christmas Pantomime (Wizard of Oz)

**December:**

1st – P3 ‘Christmas Cracker’ at Westwoodhill Evangelical Church

1st – Christmas Fayre

5th – 11am-12noon Choir singing at the Town Centre for ‘Ronald McDonald’

8th – 1.30pm-2pm Choir singing at Hairmyres **(still to be confirmed)**

11th – Christmas Concert Rehearsal (School only)

12th – pm Performance of Christmas Concert

13th – am Performance of Christmas Concert

15th – Coffee Morning

19th – Choir at Westwood Parish Church 1.15pm

22nd – School Closes at **2.30pm (Please note early finish)**

**Christmas Parties in December**

18th – P6 & P7 Party

19th – P4 & P5 Party

20th – P3 Party

21st – P1 & P2 Party

*(Any further Christmas dates will be added in the newsletter at the end of November)*

**Christmas Diary Dates so far…**



**Active Fundraiser**

Thank you to Miss Boyle and to Active Schools who led our Active Fundraiser before the October break. The children thoroughly enjoyed their day.

Please hand in any outstanding sponsor money by the 10th November. Thank you for your generosity.

**Sacramental Meetings**

The Sacrament of Reconciliation meeting will take place in **Our Lady of Lourdes Church** at 6.30pm on Tuesday 14th November.

The Sacrament of the Eucharist Meeting will follow this in the **church** at 7.15pm.

**Cycle Shelter**

**Parent Voice:** You said, we listened.

In response to a request from the Parent Council, we have been successful in managing to get a Cycle Shelter free of charge for the school.

Our thanks go to the

School Travel Plan Coordinator, Marion Shearer for her help with this.

**Rosary**

Praying the Rosary is very important to us in Our Lady of Lourdes Primary and, during the month of October, we regularly prayed the Rosary to allow the children to come together and pray for their special intentions.

A special thanks to the Legion of Mary who came along to our school once a week to lead the children in prayer.





**For your information…**

**Hallowe’en Discos –** Thank you to the PTA for their organisation of the Hallowe’en Discos. As ever, they were very successful and all the children had a terror-ific night.

**Playground Games:** The playground games were due to be painted during the October break but this was put on hold due to the weather. Hopefully they will appear in the yard shortly!

**Car Parking:** Can I continue to remind you not to park in the bus bay before 9am and before 3pm to allow the school bus to access the stop and ensure our children’s safety. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

**Oh the weather outside is frightful…** As we approach the winter months, please ensure that your child comes to school wearing an outdoor jacket. A hat, scarf and gloves are also preferable at this time of year.

**Hallowe’en:** I hope that everyone has a happy and safe Hallowe’en!

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