

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JIM GILHOOLY**

**Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School**

**Head Teacher: Mrs Eileen Brady**

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 **September 2016**

Liturgical Dates for your Diary

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

* 7th October
* 1st November (All Saints’ Day)
* 2nd December
* 10th February
* 1st March (Ash Wednesday)
* 5th May
* 25th May (Ascension Thursday)
* 2nd June

**Sacramental Arrangements:**

* **Sacrament of Confirmation**

8th Nov - 7pm Parent Meeting in Our Lady of Lourdes Church

20th Nov – 11am Mass of Commitment

6th Feb – Sacrament of Confirmation **(P6 & P7)**

* **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

18th Jan – 6.30pm Parent Meeting

14th Mar – Sacrament of Reconciliation (P3)

* **Sacrament of the Eucharist**

27th Nov, 4th Dec, 19th Feb & 26th Feb – Children’s Liturgy

18th Jan – 7pm Parent Meeting

9th May – Rehearsal

13th May – 11am or 1pm Sacrament of the Eucharist Masses (P4)

Dear Parents and Carers,

All of our pupils have settled very well into their new classes and have had a busy first few weeks in Our Lady of Lourdes. The children have been discussing school and class rules and responsibilities and how they can help keep our school a safe, healthy and happy learning environment.

As part of keeping the curriculum relevant, classes have been learning about the Olympic Games as well as finding out about the canonization of Blessed Saint Teresa of Calcutta.

I look forward to continuing our partnership throughout the school year.

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

**Pupil Council Representatives**

P1 Rms 1 & 2: *P1 will be invited to join next term.*

P2 Rm 3: Laura Hanlon

P2/3 Rm 5: Harry Blakemore

P3 Rm 6: Millie McCann

P3/4 Rm 8: Riley Crockett

P4/5 Rm 9: Charlotte Johnston

P5 Rm 10: Christopher Kealy

P5/6 Rm 11: Luke McAuslin

P6 Rm 12: Amy Oliver

P7 Rm 13: Aidan McCall

P7 Rm 14: Ava Barrett

**Eco Committee Representatives**

P1 Rms 1 & 2: *P1 will be invited to join next term.*

P2 Rm 3: Alfie Martin

P2/3 Rm 5: Erin Clark

P3 Rm 6: Millie Frew

P3/4 Rm 8: Robert Browning

P4/5 Rm 9: Joe Clarke

P5 Rm 10: Rachel Hanlon

P5/6 Rm 11: Maria McNulty

P6 Rm 12: Matthew McFadden

P7 Rm 13: Kerry Haider

P7 Rm 14: Olivia McLaughlin

**Pupil Committees**



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

Rm 13:Dylan JohnstonRm 14: Joshua Simhi

**School Uniform**

Thank you for presenting your children so well in their school uniform including a **shirt and a tie** (other than PE days). Please remember to **label** every

piece of uniform (even for the older children)

as many items are found but never claimed.

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**Confirmation**

In a change to previous years, due to a request from Bishop Toal, both our **Primary 6 and Primary 7** children will be making their Confirmation on Monday 6th February 2017. More information to follow.



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**Active Schools’ Lunchtime Clubs**

In order that all pupils within our school benefit from clubs and activities, I have started to arrange a programme of lunchtime ‘Multisports’ clubs for some of our younger children in the school starting with P5 and followed by P4. These clubs are supported by links with our Active Schools’ Coordinator Michelle Turnbull. I will continue this programme of clubs for our infants early in 2017.

* Primary 5 Group 1 (mixture of classes): 6th Sep – 27th Sep
* Primary 5 Group 2 (mixture of classes): 4th Oct – 1st Nov
* Primary 4 (altogether): 8th Nov – 29th Nov

**After School Clubs**

Monday: Choir &

 Recorder

Tuesday: Netball

Wednesday: Athletics &

 Gardening

Thursday: Football

**For your information…**

**Annual Data Check:** There are still a few outstanding annual data and permission forms still to be returned. Please can these be given to your child as soon as possible. Thank you for your assistance with this.

**Wet Mornings:** In a change of procedure,only the **junior door** at the front of the school and the **infant door** at the top of the infant yard will be open on wet play mornings. This is to ensure the safety of all of our pupils.

**Barcaple:** Just a reminder that as well as the initial £10, a final deposit of £60 should be paid by 30th September.

**Fundraiser:** There will be a whole school fundraiser on Monday 3rd October to raise money for some new ICT equipment such as digital cameras for the school as well as to subsidize buses for a range of outings etc.

**Car Parking:** The driver of the school bus is finding it increasingly difficult to find a space in the bus bay due to parents parking before 9am and 3pm. This is particularly dangerous when our children cannot get a safe access to the bus. Can I just remind parents that the Evangelical Church allows parents from our school to park there to drop off and pick up their child. Hopefully this helps a little with the congestion.

**Thank you and Well Done:** Thanksto all of the Parent Helpers who came along to walk our children to Mass – your continued support is greatly appreciated. Well done to our children who were a credit to both the school and their parents singing out and saying their prayers.

**Have a terrific September weekend everyone. Thank you for all of your support!**

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