St. Joseph's Primary School

March News Update

Well Done P1-3

A huge congratulations to all of our Primary 1 to 3 children who have made a very positive return to school life. The children have settled quickly to learning and are re-establishing and forming friendships. The children are working hard to follow safety guidance. Homework will continue to be provided on Google Classroom.

Scottish Government's Announcement for P4-7

As a result of the Scottish Government's announcement on 9th of March 2021, Primary 4 to 7 children can now return to school from Monday 15th March 2021. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school and to celebrating their remote learning achievements over the past weeks. Children can continue to access homework on Google Classroom.

'Looking on the Bright Side' Display



Many thanks to our Head Boy, Head Girl and House Captains for providing positive thinking messages for all children on Twitter. We aim to use these positive messages as the basis of a new 'Looking on the Bright Side Display'. We now wish to extend the invitation to all children to share one 'happy' photo showing a proud moment, new learning experience or achievement during the time of remote learning. Parents/ Carers of P1-3 can email photographs to the school on office@st-josephs-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk. Children from P4-7 can upload photographs directly to their Google Classroom Assembly stream for printing by 16th March 2021.

Celebration of Sacraments

Dates for the celebration of First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation will be reviewed as restrictions are eased. Parents/ Carers wishing their child to receive the Sacrament of First Reconciliation should make contact with Fr Lamb directly, at St. Joseph's RC, as soon as possible.

SLC Beat the Street Initiative

'Beat the Street' is a six week game, developed by medics, experts in physical health and Public Health Advisors, to encourage families to get active in Blantyre by walking, running, cycling and scooting. Information packs and resources will be issued on Monday 15th March 2021. The game will start on Wednesday 17th March and end on the 28th April 2021. S OUTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

Education Resources Executive Director: Mr Tony McDaid Head Teacher: Mrs Jacqueline Ross

Timeline March 2021

09.03.21

10.03.21

PTA Meeting 6pm—Google Meet

• 15.03.21

P4-7 Pupils return to school

• 19.03.21

St. Joseph's Feast Day Celebration

• 23.03.21

Parent Council 7pm—Google Meet

01.04..21

School Closes at 2.30pm

• 01.04..21

School Closes at 2.30pm for Spring Break

02.04..21-18.04.21

Spring Break Holiday

19.04..21

School Re-opens—Pupils Return

Please follow NHS Inform, Test and Protect and Contact Tracing Guidance! Please <u>do not attend</u> school if your child or member of your household is experiencing COVID-19 symptoms or if you have been advised by contact tracers to self-isolate.

At least 2m distance <u>must</u> be maintained between adults and children of different households.

All adults <u>must</u> wear face coverings on the school grounds <u>unless</u> medically exempt.

The whole staff team would like to take this opportunity to thank parents/carers for your ongoing support, flexibility and understanding during these challenging times. We hope to continue to work in partnership with our whole school community to provide nurture, care and quality learning experiences for all children and we aim to explore opportunities for communicating with parents/carers regarding your child(ren)'s learning after a period of settlement.

Yours Sincerely Claire-Louise Mullen Depute Head Teacher