

January 2016 Newsletter

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Happy New Year Everyone!

It is time once again to let you know what is happening in our busy school!

On behalf of the whole school community I would like to thank everyone for their support during term 1. We have much to celebrate and the response from parents was positive and reassuring.

The boys and girls have settled back into the new term and are eager to get back to learning and enjoying the time they spend with their friends at school.

Breakfast Club

Our volunteers will begin again on the 11th January. Thank you ladies-we appreciate it!

<u>Clubs for Term 2</u> An additional letter will be issued regarding clubs for this term.

<u>P1 Applications Reminder</u>

These forms are due back on Wednesday 13th January at 12 noon.

Primary 7

Local secondary schools will visit our P7 class over the next month or so. These visits will highlight some of the opportunities the schools have to offer and also give the boys and girls the chance to ask questions about the school.

Get your child to tell you about what they have found out during these visits.

The visits planned so far include: <u>Friday 8th Jan-10.30am</u> St. Mary's College <u>Monday 11th Jan-11am</u> Oakgrove College <u>Tuesday 12th Jan-10am</u> St. Patrick's & St. Brigid's, Claudy <u>Tuesday 12th Jan-11am</u> St. Brigid's, Carnhill <u>Thursday 14th Jan-11.45am</u> St. Cecilia's College

More visits will be arranged over the next few weeks.

Learning about Recycling

Derry City & Strabane District Council will talk to our P4 classes on Monday 11th January about recycling wood.

<u>Cultural Workshops</u>

Derry City & Strabane District Council will visit the school to deliver workshops on a range of topics.

<u>Monday 18th January-11am</u> P4-Chinese New Year

<u>Tuesday 19th January-9.30am</u> P7-Lilies and Poppies

<u>Wednesday 20th January-9.30am</u> P2-You, Me and Diversity

<u>Welcome</u>

Miss Kerr will host a student teacher Mr. Niall Bradley from the University of Cumbria- beginning on the 6th January for 5 weeks.

We will also be joined by Miss O Mc Guinness (a past pupil) who will undertake a work placement to gain valuable experience in a range of classes. Miss Mc Guinness will work with us from 11th January until 5th February.

Mr Morrison will host a student teacher Miss Anna Quigley from St. Mary's Belfast-beginning 1st February for 8 weeks.

> Thank you Mrs. Bacheta

<u>Health and Safety-Traffic Congestion</u> Since September I have been in contact with a number of people regarding this issue.

Christopher Jackson (local councillor) has made arrangements for a Road Traffic Manager to visit the school on Monday 11th January at 3pm.

From experience I know most schools have issues with the build-up of traffic, just by the nature of their location and the high volume of cars that attend at any one time. For this reason we will really need to demonstrate on Monday how difficult and challenging traffic outside the school is.

If you have any suggestions or points you would like me to raise please contact me so I can pass these on.

I would also be interested to know about the incidents or accidents that have happened outside the school as this is information I do not have.

Thank you for your help with this.

Save the Dates!!

<u>Confirmation</u> Saturday 5th March at 2.30pm

<u>First Confession</u> Tuesday 15th March at 1.30pm

First Communion 28th May at 11.30am