



March 2016 Newsletter



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Dear Parent/Guardian

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

There is much to celebrate during the month of March and we are looking forward to some fun events, not to mention all the Easter treats we will enjoy!!

Thanks to all who attended our Grandparents mass during Catholic School's week. It was a very special occasion in the life of the school.

Our Vision Statement

Thank you for helping us with developing our 'Vision Statement'. We were delighted with the huge numbers of ideas and suggestions you sent in and have been spending time trying to piece together words that best reflect the ethos of our school.

The response was so positive with some parents saying they really enjoyed the 'family homework'.

This is an important piece of work and as yet we have not made a final decision but we hope to have this displayed on our website over the next few weeks.

Class Photos

Michael from Tempest Photos will be in school on Tuesday 1st March to take class photos for Primary 1 and Primary 7.

Reminder-Holidays

School closes at 12.00pm on 16th March and re-opens on Monday 21st March.

Please make a note of these closures and (if not yourself) inform the person who collects your child of the 12.30pm collection on the 16th.

Clubs

There will be no clubs on the following dates:

- 10th March - Prompt collection at 3pm is essential as staff are attending training in another school at 3.15pm.
- 14th, 15th and 16th March

Please make a note of these dates and ensure your child is collected when school finishes on these days. Please also pass this information onto any other person who collects your child on these days.

Lenten Promises

On Ash Wednesday Father Canny distributed ashes and he encouraged the boys and girls to give up their technology for one day each week during Lent. He also asked if all adults in the school could do the same so he set us all a big challenge. I'm sure he will call in to see how we got on after Easter.

Confirmation Arrangements-Saturday 5th March at 2.30pm

Monsignor Mc Canny will be confirming the children this year.

All children making their confirmation should use the side door of the chapel and must be seated in the chapel with their sponsors at 2pm.

Mr Morrison has asked if parents and family members would use the back door of the chapel to avoid congestion at the side door.

There will be a photographer in the chapel to take a photo of each child making their confirmation and also in the parish hall afterwards to take family photographs.

Refreshments will also be served in the parish hall after the service is over. Please come along and join us there.

The Derry News and the Derry Journal will be in school on Monday 7th March to take a class group photo for the papers. Please wear confirmation outfits to school on Monday 7th March.

Enjoy your special day boys and girls!!

World Book Day-3rd March 2016

Our theme for World Book Day 2016 is "Roald Dahl" as he would have been 100 years old this year. The children can come to school dressed as a character from their favourite book or as a character from any Roald Dahl book.

The staff have planned a range of literacy activities to ensure we celebrate this annual event in style and with lots of new learning too. Thanks to Miss Kerr for organising visits to the Library which will add to the experiences for the children.

So what's happening and when?

Wednesday 2nd March.

The Library Service is coming to share Bedtime Stories with the playgroup, P1, P2 and P3. The children are encouraged to come to school in their pyjamas and bring their teddies and 'blankies'.

Thursday 3rd March

P4 Waterside Library visit 10.15 - 11.00

P6 Waterside Library visit 11.00 - 11.45

P5 Central Library visit 10.30 am

P7 Children to read stories throughout the day to Playgroup, P1, P2, and P3-times to be arranged with teachers.

School Website

We are pleased and excited to announce that our website will be launched on 7th March 2016.

We hope you will find the website and the information available both useful and easily accessible. It is hoped it will develop more effective communication measures and reduce our carbon footprint.

School newsletters, policies and other relevant information will be available to view and read 24 hours a day!!

We will be constantly updating and trying to improve the contents so feedback from you as parents would be helpful. If you have any suggestions about the type of additional information you would like to access please do not hesitate to contact us.

Due to the website being hosted by the Education Board we are bound by their Terms and Conditions. For this reason there are some restrictions to the content we can share.

Thanks once again to Mrs Barrett for her time and efforts in getting the website up and running.

Save the Dates!!

Confirmation

Saturday 5th March at 2.30pm

First Confession

Tuesday 15th March at 1.30pm

Parent's Meetings

16th March 2016 from 1pm until 4pm

First Communion

28th May at 11.30am

Mother's Day Breakfast-Friday 4th March

As a special treat for all mummies out there, we would like you to join us for breakfast on Friday morning from 8.30am. All grannies welcome too!! Hope to see you there.

First Confession Arrangements

First Confession will take place in the school hall on the 15th March at 1.30 pm. More details about this special sacrament will follow next week.

Chapel Road PS- Ceile

This year to celebrate St Patrick's Day, we are going to have a CÉILE in the school for all the children. This will take place on the 16th March-9.30am to 11.15 am. Children can wear something green to school on that day.

Mrs Mc Laughlin and Mrs Kelly (parents) have very kindly agreed to help us by teaching the staff and the children some CÉILE dances in preparation for the event. More details about this event will be sent out next week. You are welcome to join us too.

Parent's Meeting

Teachers will be available to meet with parents in the school hall on Wednesday 16th March between 1pm and 4pm. This will be an opportunity to find out about how your child is progressing and if there are ways in which you could support his/her learning between now and June. More details will follow prior to the 16th March. If you have any queries about this meeting please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you

Mrs. Bacheta