

January 2018 Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Guardians

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.

Our Christmas Fair, Christmas Nativity and Carol Service were a great success and enjoyed by all who attended. The boys and girls were amazing throughout.

After a well-deserved rest the staff and children are already busy setting new learning goals for this term.

Uniform

Please send your child to school in full school uniform daily. Footwear should be black or navy. It is essential that all children bring a warm coat to school. We go outside every day unless it is too wet or unsafe to do so.

Clubs for Term 2-Start on Monday 15th January 2018

We have 2 new AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS-Tin whistle and Irish! These clubs are run by qualified tutors and are a great opportunity to learn new skills. See club letter that was sent home last week. You can also visit our website for more details

Save the Dates!!

Confirmation-Saturday 3rd March at 11.00am

Refreshments served in the parish hall afterwards.

First Confession-P4

Wednesday 7th March-Hall at 1.30pm

First Communion-Saturday 19th May at 11.00am

Refreshments in school hall afterwards.

KEEPING FIT AND HEALTHY

We have registered for the initiative 'Walk a Mile a Day' to encourage more exercise and a healthier lifestyle. The P7 boys and girls are beginning this week, followed by P6 next week and so on. This mile can be indoors or outside so we will be guided by the weather.

I would encourage you to visit https://thedailymile.co.uk to find out more about this programme.

Primary 7-Transfer to Post-primary Sept 2018

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

The Post-primary transfer form was sent home last week. Please sign and return the completed form to us on or before Tuesday 6th February 2018. If you should need any assistance with completing this paperwork you can ring the office to make an appointment. The available dates for appointments are as follows:

- > Monday 29th January
- > Tuesday 30th January
- > Thursday 1st February
- > Friday 2nd February

So what's happening and when?

Thursday 18th January-CULTURE QUARTER WORKSHOPS-'Not So Serious Burns'

P6- 10.00am-11.00am P7- 11.30am-12.30pm

Monday 22nd January-CULTURE QUARTER WORKSHOPS-'Holocaust'

P6- 9.30am-10.30am P7- 11.00am-12.00pm

Thursday 25th January-10.00am-11.30am-Guildhall

P7 Road Safety Quiz (Team of 4)

Thursday 25th & Friday 26th January-CULTURE QUARTER WORKSHOPS- 'Chinese New Year'

Whole school sessions

Monday 29th January-Friday 2nd February

Catholic Schools Week-Grandparents Mass on Friday 2^{nd} February at 1.30pm in the school hall.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for anyone who could help the children to make St. Brigid's crosses in class on Thursday 1st February. Unfortunately, the ability to make a St Brigid's Cross appears to 'dying out' so we would love the children to learn about this tradition.