

April Newsletter, 2024

Term Time Holidays

The Department of Education have decided that family holidays taken during term times cannot be authorised or agreed to by schools. Should you decide to go on holiday during school time your child/ren will be marked as Unauthorised Absent.

Parking and leaving.

Once again, when parking to drop off or pick up pupils check you leave the gates and drive ways of residents across from the school free and do not park and block them in or out of their homes.

Recently, an increasing number of parents are doing 'U-Turns' from the school gates directly across to Annabann on the opposite side of the road.

I am asking everyone not to do this as children and parents are walking across and it is causing unnecessary traffic jams in an already heavily congested road.

PLEASE drive down to the inter-section past the school and turn there safely.

Friday 12th April 2024

P7 'Love for Life Programme'

Starting at 9:30am

Finishing at 12:30pm

ALL consent forms have been returned.

Many thanks for your support with this vital education for your children.

Celebration of First Holy Communion for St. Patrick's PS P4 pupils

Saturday 11th May 2024

At 11:00am

In St. Patrick's Church, Clonoe
with light refreshments back at the school from 12:00 - 1:30pm

Liam Slater & Coaching Opportunity

Liam has kindly offered to take GAA Football on Wednesday mornings for P4s, P6 & P7 pupils beginning Wednesday 17th April.

Please ensure if your child is in any of these Year groups that they come to school in PE gear on Wednesdays.

Alternative Sports - Karol McQuade

Sessions begin on Tuesday 16th April for P6 & P7 pupils. Consent forms have been sent home and need to be returned as soon as possible, please.

The Student Council carried out a survey of what sports the pupils in each class wanted to have this term. P6 & P7 both voted for GAA (Liam Slater will address this) and Soccer was the second top preference choice by pupils. This will be the focus for Alternative Sports for the 8 sessions taking place on Tuesdays.

ALL P6 & P7 pupils should come to school in PE gear for Tuesday & Wednesday sports.

P1 - Main School Dates for Health Appraisals

School Nurse should have confirmed with any parent who wishes to attend their child's Health Appraisal a date and time to do so.

Below are the 4 dates they have given the school for these health checks:-

- Tuesday 9th April
- Thursday 18th April
- Friday 3rd May &
- Monday 20th May.

Your signed consent form has already been received by the Health Care Team in March.

P7 Post-Confirmation Retreat.

Thursday 18th April, 2024

Canon Benny has very kindly organised a retreat for all P7 pupils in the Washingbay Centre along with P7 pupils from St Briget's PS Brocagh. Bus will collect P7s at 9:15am and they will return for 2:45pm at the latest. Please make sure the signed consent form is returned before the trip.

MAY HOLIDAYS - School CLOSED

Monday 6th May - Bank Holiday

Friday 27th May - Second Bank Holiday

Monday 29th May - (Optional Closure)

IN JUNE school closed for all pupils:-

Monday 10th & Tuesday 11th - Staff Days (NO pupils attend)

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