

## ***September Newsletter 2020.***

### **ST PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL**



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Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2020

Dear Parents,

Hard to believe that we are nearing the end of September already and hopefully you are all keeping well.

We wish our Primary 5 Class of 2020/21 every blessing on the celebration of their First Confession on Tuesday evening and that they will have a very special First Holy Communion Day on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October. They are putting so much into preparing for the Sacraments this last few weeks and a special recognition to Mrs Kenwell for all the hard work she has put into preparing them all so brilliantly, evident in the growing confidence and excitement they are showing as their special days arrive.

Thank you all for working alongside us to make our school as safe as it can be to protect the children and staff alike from COVID19 and ensure we remain open for the days and weeks ahead. Without your support, we simply could not achieve this.

To this end, we are promoting a very special drive on reading in the weeks ahead both in school and at home. Please ensure your child does share the readers they bring home each Monday and that they are returned each Friday. It is amazing how 'rusty' even the most proficient reader has become over the last 7 months when school was not functioning as it should. We know our children can reach the highest standards in Literacy and with your continued support at home they can reach this stand again in a short space of time. Teachers will refer you to e-reading texts and on-line books to share with your child in addition to those sent home each week. Please share a book/story with them each night and they will inherit a love of books because you have shown them how important and enjoyable they are to read and specially to share - a beautiful lifetime habit.

**Change in staggered finishing times for some classes.**

From Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September, the following will be the finishing times for classes until further notice:-

P1 Mrs McFall - 1:15pm

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P2 Miss Mc Gahey - **Later time of 1:50pm**

P3 Mrs Nugent - 2:00pm

P4 Mr Hanna - **Later time of 2:40pm**

P5 Mrs Kenwell - **Later time 2:45pm**

P6 Mrs Bradley/Miss Quinn - **Later time 2:50pm**

P7 - Mrs Kinsella/Miss McVeigh - 3:00pm

Once again, please do not hold conversations at the school gate as a quick turnaround is needed for cars between groups.

Should you wish to speak to a member of staff, ring in and request a call back or a meeting can be arranged after 3:00pm;

Email the school on [info@stpatrickspcs.coalisland.ni.sch.uk](mailto:info@stpatrickspcs.coalisland.ni.sch.uk) and you will receive a response as soon as possible the same day.

You can also leave a message for teachers on the response email box on the Home Learning links and staff will get back to you the next day in school.

Please find the October Menu on the school website under Parent Area for downloading. **All dinner monies MUST be paid on a Monday each week for any day(s) your child will be taking dinner** any week. Please place money in a sealed envelope and clearly write on the front the days the child will be taking dinner that week.

Take care and keep well,

With very best wishes,

Anne McGuinness (Principal)

