April Newsletter, 2022

Dates for your Diary!!

Easter Holidays

School will close at
12:00noon
Wednesday 13th April 2022
P1 – 3 classes finish 11:45am;
P4 – 7 classes finish 11:55am.
NO BUSES HOME.
Re-open Monday 25th April 2022.

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Allergy Aware School.

Please remember that St Patrick's PS has children with nut allergies.
Please
Do not give your child Nutella or any sandwich with peanut butter and check the content of bars for nut fillings.
This can be life-threatening for the children with the nut allergy if they should consume anything containing nuts by accident.

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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.

Morning Club.

Morning Club was put into place to support those parents who need to leave their child/ren to school before we start officially each day at 9:05am. It is essential in all schools that all children on the premises at any time are fully supervised for Health and Safety and Child Protection reasons. It is a legal requirement.
No one is paid to supervise Morning Club which begins at 8:00am.
Contribution of £1 a day (£5 per week) go towards resources, prizes for competitions and raffles held at school such as Christmas and Easter raffles, Internet Safety and Anti-Bullying Poster Competitions, reducing travel costs for buses for class trips – the list is endless.

All children coming onto the school premises before 9:05am
must go to the Morning Club as this is where the supervision is to keep them safe.
This is the provision we have put in place to help support all parents who need to leave their child/ren off early to get to work. It includes all and excludes none. We ask payment to be made on the first day of every week for that week and that children are registered for the club so numbers can be monitored and adequate supervision is available at all times.

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

Saturday 14th May 2022

At 11:00am

In St. Patrick's Church, Clonoe

May Holidays – School CLOSED

Thursday 2nd May – Bank Holiday

Thursday 5th May – Local Elections

COVID19 and school.

It is great to see so many things begin to open up again. However, for schools, the Department of Education continue to advise that we put in place all mitigations possible to reduce the spread of the virus within the school community. This is both to reduce pupil and also staff absences as much as possible.

It is still a major challenge for all schools to secure cover for absent colleagues due to sickness.
In light of this, and only when we can find absolutely no alternative, remote learning will remain in place and used as and when necessary for classes. As before, we commit to this being for the shortest number of days possible.
Text message to class or classes affected will be sent at the earliest opportunity and will only be sent to parents of pupils who must stay at home. To this end, please ensure the office has your current mobile number so you can receive texts.

Lucille, our secretary, has worked tirelessly to source a new telephone system that will update the current one we have. It will allow for more than one call in and out of the school at any time and hopefully allow you greater access to the school during the day via telephone. The new system will be in place in the near future and many thanks to Lucille for her invaluable contribution to the day-to-day running of the school since she started.
Please continue to ring in if you have an enquiry or need to collect a child early from class. Lucille will gladly assist you in any way she can and collect your child and bring them to you at the gate.

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Retirement.

Edel has finally taken retirement from her post of Classroom Assistant at St Patrick's PS after many, many dedicated years of service to countless children who attended the school over the years.
We wish Edel good health and happiness to enjoy her retirement and sincerely thank her for all she has given in service to our school.