

# January Newsletter, 2023

## Happy New Year!!

### Main Dates and Events for your Diary Term 2!!

- School Admissions for P1  
September 2023

**Tuesday 10 January 2023**  
(opens 12 noon) and  
**Close Friday 27 January 2023**  
**At 12 noon.**

Please see final page for further details.

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### **Catholic Schools Week**

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January**

**Grandparents' Day**  
**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January**  
**10:00am - 11:30am**  
**School Hall.**

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- Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2023**  
**3:00pm in St Patrick's Church,**  
**Clonoe**

**Confirmation**  
**For all Parish P7 children.**

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**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2023**  
**11:00am**  
**St Patrick's PS**  
**First Holy Communion**

Additional dates for the celebration of  
First Confession for P4 pupils and for  
The Service of Light for P7 pupils of  
Clonoe parish will be issued nearer the  
time of each ceremony.

### February Mid-Term Break

**SCHOOL CLOSED.**

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>  
February 2022 (inclusive)

(Re-opens Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February.)

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### St Patrick's Day Break

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March & Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March

**School Closed for all pupils**

St Patrick's Day Holiday on Friday 17<sup>th</sup>  
Staff Only Day on Monday 20<sup>th</sup>.

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### Easter Holidays

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April - Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2023**  
(Inclusive)

**Early closure for 11:00 am: Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>**

**April 2023**

School re-opens Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023  
for Term 3.

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### Ulster GAA Football Coach.

It is hoped Liam will resume sessions on  
Wednesdays for P5 - P7 pupils.

Confirmation of dates will be issued when  
available.

### Healthy Kidz School Sessions

Thanks to funding through Morning and After School club, we have been able to book Healthy Kidz for all P1 - P4 classes each Thursday Morning until Easter beginning next week, 12<sup>th</sup> January. Please remember, children must be in suitable footwear to take part in the sessions.

### Swimming Sessions.

#### Primary 4

Monday from 27<sup>th</sup> February - Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2023 for 4 weeks.

Permission slips will be issued nearer the time.

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### Mobile Phones and Electronic Devices.

Please note that it is against school policy for any child to bring in a mobile phone, i-pad, DS or any electronic device to school. They are too expensive and precious a gift to run the risk of them being broken or going missing.

**The school will not accept any responsibility for such item if brought in.**

Policy available on school website

[www.stpatricksannaghmore.com](http://www.stpatricksannaghmore.com)

If discovered, they will be taken to the office for safe keeping and sent home at the end of the school day.

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**All visitors, Parents & Guardians to the school are respectfully requested to switch off or silence phones while inside the school building and while on school grounds.**

**Please do not take offence if asked to do so.**

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### Traffic outside the school

Please ensure that when parking, that residents are not blocked into or out of their driveways in the mornings or at pick-up times in the afternoon. A sincere 'Thank You' to all parents who are supporting the appeal to always leave clear access at the school gate when parking.

Please do not hold conversations at the school gates.

It is essential that when dropping children off at the school you move on as quickly as possible to reduce serious congestion from traffic on the Annaghmore Road.

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### Visitors to the school.

We continue to ask all visitors must ring into the school and speak to secretary from the school gate. Meetings with staff will be after 3pm. Sanitising facilities are available on entry.

Work continues at the school and all children will follow the procedures in place from December when coming into and leaving the school.

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### Santa Gifts and Toys.

Please ensure all toys and gifts stay at home for safe keeping for every child.

We cannot accept any responsibility for these and ask that they remain at home for when children return each afternoon.

## **Admissions to Primary 1 & Post Primary in September 2023.**

For more information, please view the Primary school admissions User Guide available on Education Authority website and copied to parent information page on our school website.

[www.eani.org.uk/admissions](http://www.eani.org.uk/admissions)

### **PRIMARY 1 process:**

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January:** P1 Application procedure OPENS with Online Portal available.

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January:** 12:00 noon Online Portal will close, and all further applications will be treated as late.

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April:** Applicants will receive notification of outcome of outcome of application.

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### **PRIMARY 7 Transition process to Secondary Education:**

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February:** 12:00 noon Post Primary Application Process OPENS with online portal available from 12noon for applicants to apply for Year 8 admission.

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February:** Online portal closes at 4:00pm for Year 8 post-primary applications.

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May:** Applicants receive notification of outcome of application via email or by letter.

**Please do not hesitate to contact us if you need any support or help with the application processes.**