

# April Newsletter, 2023

## Easter Holidays

School will close at

11:15am

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2023

P1 - 3 classes (and older siblings)  
finish 11:00am;

P4 - 7 classes finish 11:10am.

**NO BUSES HOME.**

Re-open Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

## 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 absent.

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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 intersection past the school and turn there safely.

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

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2023

At 11:00am

In St. Patrick's Church, Clonoe

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## 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.

Pupils registered for the Club must pay for the number of days the school is open each week as part of their registration.

Morning club and the 2 - 3 Club are both full and unfortunately, no further pupils can be accommodated.

## **MAY HOLIDAYS - School CLOSED**

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May - Bank Holiday**

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May - Coronation Bank Holiday**

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May - Local Elections & school used as a Polling Station**

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May - (Optional Closure)**

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May - Second Bank Holiday**

## **FUNDING.**

As I am sure you are aware, the Department of Education notified all schools that funding for the Engage Programme and for Healthy Hearts and Minds Initiative ceased from 31<sup>st</sup> March this year. The impact of this on the children who received additional support for reading and for Mathematics and for those children who availed of the Art Therapy sessions is unmeasurable as it focused, first and foremost, on children's confidence and fostering an 'I can do' self-belief.

Thank you to the parents who signed up to the schemes and to the staff who supported our children involved. Sadly, both schemes will not be available after Easter onwards.

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Thank you to all for supporting our PTA Easter Raffle - we raised an amazing £524 which will now go towards the fund for i-Pads for the school.

Our next MAJOR goal is to begin the task of replacing out-dated interactive whiteboards in the main school and we will send out details of this in third term.

Have a wonderful Easter and enjoy plenty of family time!  
Please remember to sign up to Healthy Kidz in O'Rahilly's next week (link on our school website).

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