



June Newsletter: 2023

ST PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dates for your Diary for June:

Wednesday 7th June, 2023

P7 Leavers' Mass

10:00am

Outside in back yard.

Light Refreshments served for adults afterwards.

Monday 12th June

P1 (September 2023) Induction Evening

6:30pm - 7:30pm

Outdoor Play planned for children

And light refreshments for adults in Hall.

Monday 19th June 2023

Staff Development Day

STAFF ONLY ATTEND.

School closed for all pupils.

Thursday 22nd June, 2023.

Non-Uniform Day.

£2 towards school funds

and wear GAA colours

Morning Club for 2023 - 2024

Club will be £5 per weekly contribution per child.

Once again it will open at 8:00am and all pupils on school premises before 9:00 MUST attend morning club.

Registration form will be available from Monday 26th June and places will be limited to 30 pupils.

Primary 1 pupils can not be registered as they need time to settle into the school and the longer day and new routines first.

All attending the club MUST be registered and **full contributions for the days the school is on each week must be paid by all who are registered.** Non-payment will result in places being reallocated to those on a waiting list.

2 - 3 Club - Starting 4th September 2023.

Arrangements as above for the Morning Club however, **2 - 3 Club is for P2 and P3 pupils ONLY** and is **to allow a single pick-up for families.**

All attending the club MUST be registered and **full contributions for the days the school is on each week must be paid by all who are registered.** Non-payment will result in places being reallocated to those on a waiting list.

School Finishes for Summer

Wednesday 28th June 2023

P1 - P3 children and older siblings finish at 11:30am

All remaining pupils finish at 11:40am

School will close at 12:00noon.

NO BUSES HOME TODAY

NO DINNERS

Success in Nursery Provision results in St Patrick's PS having 2 Special Provision P1 Classes in September 2023!

EA have confirmed that we will have the privilege of having 2 Special Provision Primary 1 classes from September 2023 as our pre-school children move to Specialist Support P1.

This is a truly exciting and wonderful opportunity for our school to extend our provision further to meet the needs of the community we serve.

We welcome, as part of our inclusive Catholic ethos the wonderful children who will enter the doors of St Patrick's PS as Specialist Support P1 classes.

Our P6 pupils have decided to rename the classes as

The Snowdrop Class and The Daffodil Class.

All funding for these two classes does not come from the budget allocated to the main school. Alternatively, EA operate a separate funding process that they manage.

Go Games Activity Morning.

This year followed the same pattern of last two years and the GAA 'Go Games' ethos of 'inclusion and fun' for every child participating. It was a celebration of effort and teamwork through a variety of activities and included every child including the children in our Nursery class!

Thank you sincerely to all you parents, grandparents and childminders who sat on the side lines in the sunshine and cheered them on.

It was a great success, once again and you helped make it so much more with your presence.

To Our P7 of 2023!

Thank you all for the great energy and life you brought to St Patrick's PS over the last year in P7. You have your own unique presence and have led many 'firsts' for our school - not least of all, playing Buddy to our Special Nursery Class ever!!

The entire staff and the Board of Governors of St Patrick's PS, Annaghmore, wish you all every success and happiness as you begin a new chapter in your academic careers at Secondary School Level.

Meet the new and unfamiliar as challenges on the road to greatness,

and know that you will never know how far you can fly until you take that leap of faith and jump.

Best of luck to our P7 Class of 2023!!

And,

"Be the Best You Can Be,

Every day,

In Every Way!"

Then you will remember always, with great pride, where you have come from.

School Re-opens for New School Year

SEE CALENDAR BELOW

Classes and Structure for 2023/24.

Cuts within Education and the dramatic rise in cost of living and running costs have been very well documented in Media circles for several months now. We, like many other schools, must make decisions regarding how we can begin to manage the loss of funding with the rise in running costs. For this reason alone, it is necessary to reduce staffing in the main school and restructure classes from September 2023 as follows:-

P1: - Mrs Quinn

P2: - Mrs Bradley & Anon (job share)

P3: - Mrs Nugent

P4/5a: - Mrs Kinsella

P4/5b: - Mrs Kenwell

P6: - Miss McVeigh

P7: - Mr Hanna

SP-EYF 'Snowdrop Class': - Ms McGilly

SP-EYF 'Daffodil Class': - Miss Hughes

The division of P5 is solely sorted by age in years and complete months and children with SEN were exempt from this process. First Communion and P4 Religion will be covered by Mrs Kinsella and Mrs Kenwell will take P5 Religion. Both P4/5 classes will work in tandem covering same topics and themes and having equal time for any outside providers such as Relax Kids or coaching sessions and trips during the year. Both classes will mix freely on the yard at break and lunch times.

Class Teachers will be attached to each pupil's report and sent out before the end of June for P4/5 classes.

Free School Meals & Uniform Allowances Application Process for School Year 2023/24

We are getting ready to launch applications for Free School Meals & Uniform Allowances for the upcoming school year. We will be in touch in due course with full details on the process - but we wanted to communicate a couple of important points ahead of the launch.

Proof of Benefit Letters

Parents/guardians who are currently in receipt of the below benefits, will need to upload a **Proof of Benefit Letter**, along with their application. Applicants can request this by visiting [this website](#). We ask that you remind your parent community of this requirement, as an application cannot be processed until we receive all supporting documentation for the applicant.

- * Income Support;
- * Income Based Jobseeker's Allowance;
- * Income Related Employment and Support Allowance;
- * Guarantee Element of State Pension Credit.

Social Media Toolkit for Schools

To inform parents and to signpost to further resources, a Social Media Toolkit with graphics and messaging is available to download for those schools who wish to share messages throughout the application process. Click the below link to access the resources.



[Free School Meals & Uniform Allowance Applications Social Media Toolkit](#)

Pupil Lists

Use your most recent EA list of pupils eligible for Free School Meals so you can encourage their parents to submit an early application this year.

Contact us

Meals and Uniforms staff are available to assist parents and schools.

 028 9041 8044

 Parents: mealsanduniform@eani.org.uk

 Schools: mealsanduniformschools@eani.org.uk

We thank you for your continued assistance in relation to the provision of Free School Meals and Uniform Allowances to eligible children.

Further information, including the eligibility criteria for the 2023/24 school year and a list of FAQs to assist with any parental queries can be accessed on our [website](#).

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Holiday List for 2023/24.

Please note that dates below are subject to change according to events across the year that are beyond our control.

We will text any changes necessary at the earliest possibility.

TERM 1: 31st August - 21st December 2023

Thursday 31st & Friday 1st September :-

Thurs. 31st August:- P7 Pupils (9:30am - 1:00pm) & P1 Group 1 ONLY.

Friday 1st Sept:- P7 Pupils FULL day - Dinners will be served & P1 Group 2 ONLY.

Monday 4th September:

ALL P2 - P7 Pupils attend and P1 Group 3 ONLY

Monday 25th September: STAFF ONLY DAY (no pupils attend)

Friday 27th Oct: Parent Meeting - No children attend

Monday 30th October - Friday 3rd November (inclusive) - SCHOOL CLOSED

Friday 22nd December - Wednesday 3rd January (inclusive) - CHRISTMAS HOLS

TERM 2: Thurs 4th January - Friday 29th March 2024.

Thursday 15th - Monday 19th February (inclusive) - SCHOOL CLOSED

Monday 18th March - SCHOOL CLOSED

Friday 29th March - Friday 5th April (inclusive) - EASTER HOLS.

TERM 3: Monday 8th April - Thursday 27th June 2024.

Monday 6th May & Monday 27th & Tuesday 28th May - SCHOOL CLOSED

Monday 10th & Tuesday 11th June: STAFF ONLY DAYS (no pupils attend)

Early Closure for Summer Thursday 27th June 2024.

Dates for First Confession, First Communion and Confirmation will be sent out when given to the schools by Parish Office and by the Archbishop respectfully.