APRIL 2019

Living and Learning, Today and Tomorrow

St. Patrick’s News Update

**\*\*\*DATES TO REMEMBER\*\***

\*\*\*Please note the P4-6 spring concert dates had to be changed to suit the needs of the external music tutors.

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| APRIL 2019 | | |
| 5th |  | Health and Safety Audit |
| 8th |  | P3 and P3/4 Bake Off for Trocaire |
| 9th |  | P7B Coffee & Cakes sale at 10am for Trocaire |
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| 14th | 5pm | Stations of the Cross service P7 |
| 16th |  | P3 trip to Mount Stewart |
| 16th | 1pm | P4-6 Spring Concert |
| 17th | 7pm | P4-6 Spring Concert |
| 17th | 9.15am | P7B Class Assembly |
| 18th School Closes @11am Easter Holidays | | |
| 29th |  | School re opens |



**Sacramental Dates**

**Thursday 9th May @ 7pm**

P7 Classes - Service of Light in St.Colmcille’s Church.

**Friday 17th May @ 6pm**

P7 Sacrament of Confirmation in St.Colmcille’s Church (P6 Pupils will be required for choir duties)*.*  A P7 class celebration will take place on Tuesday 21st in the afternoon.

**Saturday 8th June @ 11am**

P4 Sacrament of First Communion in St.Colmcille’s Church (P5 Pupils will be required for choir duties). The Parents’ Association assisted by P3 parents will provide refreshments in the school hall.

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| MAY 2019 | | |
| 2nd | 9.15 | Merit Assembly & Ten Foundation Visitor |
| 3rd |  | £1 Charity Fundraiser |
| 6th | SCHOOL CLOSED | |
| 9th |  | P1 ACCEPTANCE LETTERS ISSUED |
| 9th | 7pm | Primary 7 Service of Light |
| 14th | 2pm | P6 Transfer Meeting for Parents |
| 17th | 6pm | Primary 7 Confirmation & P6 Pupils for Choir.  All P7 pupils, their siblings and members of the P6 choir will finish at 2pm.  P6 pupils will participate in the CHOIR |
| 20th | 2pm | P1 Induction meeting for new parents |
| 21st |  | P7 photos |
| 22nd | 9.30 | P1-2 Sports day -weather permitting |
| 22nd | 1pm | Primary 1 Sept 2019 Induction day for children |
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| 24th | SCHOOL CLOSED | |
| 27TH | SCHOOL CLOSED | |
| 30th |  | P1A & P1B Assembly |
| 31ST |  | PTA SUMMER FETE |

**Early Morning Club**

**Please note that under our safeguarding, health and safety and supervisory policies and for insurance purposes, that children are not admitted to school before 8:20am, when the Supervisory Assistants start work. Mr. Armour (Ken) is not responsible, for supervising children before this time. Pupils should not be left unsupervised on the school grounds before 8:20am.**

**Parents are welcome to wait with their child up until 8:20.**

**Walking Home Unsupervised.**

**It is a parental responsibility to allow pupils in P6 and P7 to walk home unsupervised. Class teachers can only allow a child to walk home, if the teacher has received a permission letter, signed by a parent.**

**Schools Information Management System (SIMS)**

**This is the system used in school to manage all aspect of information management regarding each pupil. It is very important that parents, inform the school of any changes to details. The most important of these, is a change of address or changes of mobile phone contact numbers, or email address.**

**Please make sure, that you update your contact information with Mrs Blaney, if there have been any changes.**

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| **JUNE 2019** | | |
| 3rd – 5th |  | P7 Residential |
| 6th |  | P2 Assembly |
| 6th |  | Shared Education P3-4 School by the Sea Workshop |
| 8th | 11am | First Communion  P5 Pupils will participate as the school choir , meet at church at 10.40am, in school uniform. |
| 10th |  | Shared Education P 5-6 School by the Sea Workshop |
| 11th |  | P3-7 Sports Day (Weather permitting) |
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| 18th |  | Primary 7 Summer Show @7pm |
| 19th |  | Primary 7 Summer Show @7pm |
| 21st |  | P7 Leavers Assembly |
| 25th |  | SHED P5/6 Celebration- Priory College |
| 27th |  | SHED P3/4 Celebration- Priory College |
| 28th |  | Happy Holiday - School Closes at 11am |

**St Patrick’s ECO Council**

Hopefully from April 9th (or as soon as provision is made by Ards & ND Council),

the Eco –Council will start a programme of recycling in school. This is part of an initiative to reduce waste in school. This will include paper, cardboard, food waste, plastics and glass.

As part of our respect campaign, the level of litter dotted around the school premises is to be managed much better. Some of the litter problem is caused by pupils having wrappers outside, this is not part of our school rules! Please encourage your child not to take wrappers outside.

**School Uniform Update**

**Monitoring**

Thank you to the very positive response to the recent monitoring of our school uniform, especially in P5,6 and 7. It has had a very positive impact throughout the school. Let’s keep up the high standards to June.

**New supplier - School Cardigans, Jumpers & Tie**

The supplier is School Days, 432-434 Newtownards Road, Belfast BT4 1HJ. Tel: (028) 9047 1995. Order online or purchase at the shop.  **Stock is NOW available to purchase in store and online** [**www.schooldaysltd.co.uk**](http://www.schooldaysltd.co.uk/) **(from next week).**

**PE Uniform**

North Down Embroidery – Tel: 028 9042 7471 [www.ndembroidery.co.uk](http://www.ndembroidery.co.uk)

**Promoting Positive Behaviour**

As part of our promoting positive behaviour policy, a number of aspects of behaviour will be monitored for the reminder of the term.

At an assembly on Friday 29th March Mr O’Neill spoke to the P4 to P7 pupils about the different aspects of good behaviour that is required by everyone in school.

The children all agreed that everyone needed to improve at respecting each other, including the teaching staff and support staff.

The children also agreed that we needed to take greater care of our environment and show more respect to those that tidy up each day.

The work of the new eco-council was also discussed as a way to focus on developing a better awareness of our environment.

A review of the promoting good behaviour policy will form part of the new school development plan in September 2019.