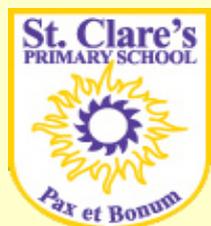


St. Clare's Primary School Newsletter

May 2019

Mr. C O'Doherty, Principal



A very warm welcome back for our third term which is packed full of exciting opportunities

Please note our Election Closure Dates

Our school is used as a polling station and as such the school will be closed for the local council elections this Thursday 2nd May and again on Thursday 23rd May for the European elections. On both occasions the school will reopen on the Friday morning as usual.



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NSPCC Parent Awareness Talk Around Keeping Safe Online

On Thursday 9th May, representatives from the NSPCC will be visiting the school offering a 45minute presentation around the area of safety online, how to protect your child around social media. We are encouraging all our parents to come along to hear the presentation as we know many have real concerns surrounding how to keep their children safe on social media and online. The presentation will begin at 9.20am and will conclude by 10.00am. More details will be sent via text next week. However, keep this date in your diary as it is a rather important event.

First Holy Communion



On Saturday 18th May, our P4 pupils will celebrate the sacrament of First Holy Communion at 11.00am at St. Paul's church. Much more information will be given to all parents in the next week or so. The pupils will be preparing both in school and at the church in the coming days and weeks. We ask all parents to keep them in their prayers as they reach this most important stage of their faith development.

Keep Up to Date

There are many ways to keep up to date with what is going on in the school. Visit our website at www.stclaresps.com or visit our Friends of St. Clare's Facebook page. Make sure we have your most up to date phone number so you can receive all our texts and seesaw communications.

Sports Day 2019

We have selected two days this year for Sports Day and we are hoping to hold these in the new playing facilities at Davitts GAA club. At this stage we wish to emphasize that these dates are provisional as the weather will undoubtedly dictate proceedings. However, we are proposing that P1-P4 Sports Day will take place on Wednesday 22nd May and P5-P7 Sports Day will take place on Friday 24th May. More information will be given out in the coming weeks. We are also sending out this week a list of important forthcoming dates for the diary to remind all parents of what is happening in and around the school. You can also log in to our website and Friends of St. Clare's Facebook page for more details and photographs of the various events taking place.

Trocaire

We would like to thank all our parents and Friends for their most generous support of this year's Trocaire Lenten Campaign here in the school. We raised a magnificent total of £1,787.93. We will be in contact with Trocaire and ask them to come to the school for a special presentation of our money. What has been most satisfying about this year's campaign has been the degree to which our pupils organised and took control of the various events. This says a lot about children's social awareness and generosity.

Book Fair



Our Annual BookFair from Scholastic is beginning Monday 13th May and will run for the whole week. This is a great opportunity to purchase some great reading material for your child while also helping the school resource important literacy equipment. A sheet will go out next week with all the details of times parents can visit the fair. Every class will also be able to visit the fair during the day at school at some stage during that week.

P4 Swimming Lessons Begin



Please note that Primary 4 classes will begin swimming lessons on Wednesday 1st May at Falls Swim Centre.

Please ensure your child comes to school on time with £1.85, swimming gear, swimming cap (if their hair is long), goggles, towel and wearing their school tracksuit.

School Show

Lights, Camera, Action!! This year's big P7 production is 'Alice the Musical'. It is an adaption of the Lewis Carroll's story of Alice in Wonderland. Rehearsals are now well underway. The nighttime performances are already penciled in for Tuesday 11th June and Wednesday 12th June with curtain up at 7.00pm. Tickets will go on sale at the beginning of June.

123 Club

Parents are reminded that we are asking for pre-payment each week for children attending the club. This should be paid at the beginning of every week. Don't forget this week and the week of the 19th May will be a shortened week because of elections (i.e. £3 on these occasions for a full week).

Mid-Term Break

As advertised in our flyer at the beginning of the year, the school will be closed on Monday 6th May to allow for staff training (Bank Holiday Monday) and will also be closed for the mid-term break for the full week beginning Monday 27th May. School will resume as normal for all classes on Monday 3rd June at the normal time. There will be no non-uniform day this week or during the month of May as there are already so many activities being planned. As always we are so appreciative of your support for the school and we look forward to seeing you at many of the events in the coming weeks.