



February

2018

IMPORTANT DATES

Mon –Fri	Feb 5 th -9 th	Online Safety Week
Thur	Feb 8 th	'Managing Screen Time for Your Children' at 9am in school
Thur	Feb 8 th	P3 Pre-sacramental meeting for parents in school at 5pm
Mon-Fri	Feb 12 th -16 th	Mid- term break (School Closed)
Tue-Fri	Feb 20 th -23 rd	Book Fair in school
Tue	Feb 20 th	Online Safety Talk for parents in school at 9am
Mon	Feb 26 th	<u>Sacrament of Confirmation in Holy Family Church at 4pm (School Closed at 12 noon)</u>
Thur	March 1 st	Sacrament of First Confession in St Therese Church at 1pm
Fri	March 2 nd	World Book Day Celebration
Thur	March 15 th	St Patrick's Day Concert performed by P2, P4 and P5 pupils
Mon	March 19 th	Holiday –school closed
Wed	March 28 th	The Passion Play performed by P6
Thurs	March 29 th	School closing at 12 noon for the Easter holidays
Mon	April 9 th	School reopens for Term 3
Sat	June 2 nd	P4 First Holy Communion in St Therese of Lisieux Church at 10am

ASSEMBLIES

P5 Miss McMullan –Fri Feb 9th at 9.30am

P4 Mrs McDaniel – Fri March 2nd at 9.30am

P3 Mrs Hamill – Fri March 9th at 9.30am

Parents are very welcome to attend.

SHARED EDUCATION

Over the last couple of months, the boys and girls in P2, P5 & P6 have been involved in the Shared Education Programme with our partner school, Cavehill P.S. The children have been enjoying getting to know each other and taking part in different games and activities. The pupils will have opportunities to visit each other's school and to come together to work and play through the different curriculum areas of I.C.T, World Around Us, PE, Literacy and PDMU. We look forward to extending our programme to all the pupils of St. Therese of Lisieux and Cavehill over the next year.

MANAGING SCREEN TIME FOR CHILDREN

Have you ever wondered what prolonged access to tablets, phones, play-stations etc. does to our children's brains and how much screen-time is good for our children? Are you looking for practical ideas on how to cut down on screen-time and help your child engage in other fun and meaningful activities? Join us for a free 45-minutes information session with Elisabeth Öhlböck, Clinical Specialist Occupational Therapist at 9am on Thur. Feb 8th in the school hall.

GRANDPARENTS' DAY

The children welcomed their much loved grandparents into the school for Grandparents' Day. The day provided a lovely opportunity for the children to celebrate the role their grandparents play in their lives and to show how much they are appreciated. We have been simply overwhelmed by the kind words and good wishes expressed by our grandparents during their visit. We hope that their gift from the children will be a treasured reminder of how much they are cherished. We pray for every blessing for our grandparents, now and always. A huge thank you to the staff for all their work in organising this lovely day.

RAINY AND ICY MORNINGS

Please note that the children can come straight into school on rainy mornings at 8.45am and their teachers will be waiting for them in their classrooms. If the playground is icy, a path from the gate at the ramp will be cleared and marked with cones. Children in the Lisieux Building (P5s and P6NR) will enter through the main school first, via the door at the P2 corridor. The low gate near Miss Dorman's classroom will be locked during icy conditions and everyone coming in the front gates will use the main reception door to come into school. Please use the footpaths which will have been cleared. **A big thank you to Mr Maguire for ensuring we were able to keep the school open during the very cold weather.**

INDOOR HURLING TOURNAMENT

The boys from P6 and P7 joined forces to participate in an indoor hurling tournament at St John's in Jan. They played Gaelscoil Eanna, St Clare's P.S. and Holy Child P.S. in three high intensity games. Holy Child P.S. came out the overall winners and we wish them the best of luck in the final.

SOCCER

Our Primary 7 boys football teams were involved in the P7 cup against local opponents St. Patrick's Primary with St. Patrick's winning a tightly fought contest 2-0. In the Rainbow Communications 5-a-side Cup the boys finished in 3rd place against a strong field of opposition. Well done to all who took part.

HEARTSTART EMERGENCY LIFE SUPPORT TRAINING

Congratulations to Mr Mc Ferran's class for completing their Emergency life support training. The P7 children focused on dealing with a range of emergency situations including: choking, serious bleeding, suspected heart attack, providing CPR and putting a casualty in recovery position. The resources for our school training are kindly funded by British Heart Foundation. Mrs Mc Ilwaine's class will begin their training with Mrs Mc Williams after half term.

P5 SHARED EDUCATION PROGRAMME

The Primary 5 children have received their initial correspondence from the P5 children of Mr Graham's and Miss Bennet's classes from Cavehill Primary School. We were delighted to host the children from Cavehill P.S. for their first visit, giving the children the opportunity to meet their penpals and participate in icebreaker games. Our P5s had great fun in Cavehill today playing Gaelic and hockey.

INTERNET SAFETY WEEK FEB 5th -9th

During internet safety week we will be raising awareness with all of the children about the importance of staying safe online, through stories, discussions, games, assemblies, competitions and drama. **A Parents Online Safety Talk will be held in school on Tue Feb 20th at 9am** to raise awareness of some of the online dangers our children may face and how to manage these issues.

ST PATRICK'S DAY CONCERT (P2, P4 and P5)

Due to the huge numbers attending last year's concert we are going to have two concerts this year, one at 10am and one at 1pm. More details to follow.

FAMILY SUPPORT NI WEBSITE

An excellent resource for families, with information on many different support services, including registered childcare, funded by the Health and Social Care Board. www.familysupportni.gov.uk

FAITH FRIENDS

A big thank you to our Faith Friends from Blessed Trinity College who are helping our P7 pupils prepare for their confirmation through the Faith Friends programme after school from 3.15-3.45pm on 07/02, 21/02, 28/02 and 07/03.

CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to our P7s on their beautiful Service of Light and Commitment last week. Their Confirmation ceremony will be held on **Monday Feb 26th at 4pm** in Holy Family Church. Bishop Treanor will confirm the children. The school will close for all pupils at 12 noon.

SCHOOL BOOK FAIR

Our annual book fair has been organised to run from Tuesday 20th - Friday 23rd February and will give your child an opportunity to discover a range of exciting books and continue our school tradition of promoting a love of reading. Parents are invited to attend our fair, details to follow.

WORLD BOOK DAY

We will celebrate World Book Day on Friday 2nd March and all of the children will be taking part in activities to celebrate their love of reading on this day. To mark the occasion we also ask everyone to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. There will be prizes for the most creative and inventive costumes.

BUDDY READING

The Buddy Reading Programme will begin after half term for all P3 and P7 children. This is an excellent programme which encourages and establishes good reading practices among all of the participants. Always a very enjoyable experience for everyone involved as well as giving a great opportunity to the P3s to develop their reading skills.

EXTENDED SCHOOLS ADULT EVENING CLASSES

Flower Arranging: Tuesdays 6.30-8pm

Art: Tuesdays 6.30-8pm

Circuits: Tuesdays 7-8pm

Why not come along and give them a try?

FREE TICKETS

We have been allocated 50 x FREE FAMILY TICKETS to the Irish Golf Expo taking place on the 3-4 March at the Titanic Exhibition Centre. The tickets will be allocated on a first come first served basis. If your family would be interested in attending please follow the link below to redeem your free ticket: www.irishgolfexpo.com and choose 'Family Pass' for either Saturday 3rd or Sunday 4th March. Use the discount code CDLH27 to claim your free ticket. Please note that if the code does not work then the free tickets will have been allocated.