



# May

## 2018

### IMPORTANT DATES

Thur	May 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Mon	May 7 <sup>th</sup>
Thur	May 10 <sup>th</sup>
Wed	May 16 <sup>th</sup>
Thursday	May 24 <sup>th</sup>
Fri-Mon	May 25 <sup>th</sup> -28 <sup>th</sup>
Fri	June 1 <sup>st</sup>
Fri	June 15 <sup>th</sup>
Sat	June 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Wed –Thur	June 6 <sup>th</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup>
Thur	June 21 <sup>st</sup>
Tue	June 26 <sup>th</sup>
Fri	June 29 <sup>th</sup>

P4 Pre-sacramental meeting in school 5pm

School closed.

RSE talk for parents of P6 and P7 pupils

What's Inside? –RSE workshop for P7 pupils

P5-P7 Sports Day (Weather permitting)

School closed

P1-2 Sports Day (Weather permitting)

P3-4 Sports Day (Weather permitting)

P4 First Holy Communion in St Therese of Lisieux Church at 10am

P7 Production of Mary Poppins

P7 Leavers' Mass in St Therese of Lisieux Church at 5pm

P7 Leavers' Disco at 1.30pm in school

School closing at 12 noon for the summer holiday

### ASSEMBLIES

P1 Ms Scannell – Fri May 4<sup>th</sup> at 9.30am

P1 Ms Dorman – Fri May 11<sup>th</sup> at 9.30am

P1 Mrs White – Fri May 18<sup>th</sup> at 9.30am

P7 Graduation Assembly – Tue 26<sup>th</sup> June 10am

Parents are very welcome to attend.

### TROCAIRE

We raised a grand total of £2,430.27 for the Trocaire Lenten Campaign this year. Thank you all for your generosity in sponsoring the children.

### EXTENDED SCHOOLS

Places remain on all afterschool clubs except coding. Children can get an application form from the school office and attend the club for the remainder of the year at a cost of £10 (£5 FSM).

### EXTENDED SCHOOLS IN 2018-19

We have recently been informed that we will no longer get funding from DE for extended schools provision. The NI Statistics and Research Agency have introduced a new Multiple Deprivation Measure which is used to decide eligibility. In the past funding was allocated based on electoral wards but now the allocation is based on Super Output Areas. We will endeavour to continue to offer a Breakfast Club and a variety of afterschool activities but it is likely that the cost of these will have to be increased.

### SHARED EDUCATION

Our P2, P5 and P6 pupils have been working on their Shared Education Projects with their friends from Cavehill Primary School over the past two terms. The P5s have been extremely busy making trebuchets and creating tree rubbings as part of their Rainforest topic. They also enjoyed an action packed day at Crawfordsburn Scout Centre which involved a variety of activities such as archery, sledging, cooking, crate climbing and lots more. The P3s have just begun their project and had a memorable day at W5 before the Easter break. They are looking forward to visiting Cavehill and to hosting their new friends in St Therese. Thanks to all the parents who accompanied the children on their outings. We hope to have all year groups involved in Shared Education next year.

### P5 FIRE-SAFETY TALK

All the children from P5 participated in a fire-safety talk delivered by the firefighters from Westland Fire Station. The morning provided an opportunity for the children to become more aware of the dangers of fire and how to keep safe if a fire should break out. Does your family have a fire-safety plan? Do you have a fire alarm or a carbon monoxide alarm and do you check them every week?

### TRIP TO THE TAYTO FACTORY

The pupils from Miss Mc Mullan's class had a fantastic trip to the Tayto Factory in Tandragee. A big thank you to Ruairi Day for winning an amazing prize for his class.

## RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL

We are very pleased to have been awarded the first stage of Unicef UK's Rights Respecting Schools Award (RRSA), Bronze: Rights Committed. We strive to create the best possible learning environment for our children and this achievement shows that we are committed to promoting and realising children's rights and encouraging adults, children and young people to respect the rights of others in school. Rights Respecting Schools across the country have reported that the Award has many positive impacts including improved relationships, wellbeing and self-esteem, leading to better attendance and improved learning.



## CHILDREN IN CROSSFIRE

Our Primary 6 pupils will be taking part in the 'Children in Crossfire Maths Challenge'. Children in Crossfire responds to the rights and needs of children and young people caught in the crossfire of global poverty, injustice and inequality. They work in partnership with organisations in Tanzania and Ethiopia to address the developmental needs of young children whose lives are caught up in the injustice of poverty. They see development education as an important part of their work in Ireland and the UK to introduce people to the structural causes of poverty and help them find a role in making the world a better place. The P6 children will donate a portion of the money they raise through their 'Young Enterprise' business programme which they are involved in as part of the mathematics 'Money Wise' topic. Please show your support for this very worthy cause by purchasing goods the Primary 6 pupils will be making and selling in the coming weeks!

## BELFAST MARATHON

A large group of parents are taking part in the Belfast Marathon to raise funds for 'Lighthouse' and 'The Tomorrow Fund'. If anyone would like to sponsor the participants, donations will be taken at the office or can be made through the Just Giving website. <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/ruth-mclarnon1> <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/ruth-mclarnon2>



## PROVISIONAL HOLIDAY LIST

A provisional holiday list for 2018-19 is available on the school website.

## CROSS COUNTRY NORTH BELFAST HEAT

Congratulations to our Cross-Country Teams on getting through to the finals. The girls were placed 5th and the boys claiming a 2nd overall. Two of our boys placed in the top ten- Joseph Lewis running an extremely tight race and coming in 2nd overall and Dara Cassidy 4th. This was a magnificent achievement for all runners and recognition for all their hard work and training. The next race will be in Ormeau Park on Thursday 3rd May and we look forward to another day of competitive running.



## ECO SCHOOL -The Big Battery Hunt

We have already filled the large battery bin at the front of the school. The more batteries that we can collect the more chance of winning prizes for our school.

## THE BIG PEDAL

A massive thank you to everyone who is taking part in this year's Big Pedal which finishes on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May. As a whole school we are currently working very hard to complete the circuit in the set time. In these last few days let's all try and cycle or scoot to school to bring our score up even further and finish in the top 10. As the weather improves we would ask you to encourage your children to cycle or scoot to school in this our final school term. Our Primary 7 Bike Buddies will be doing spot checks, giving prizes to those children who regularly bring their bike or scooter to school.

## PARENTS OF P6 AND P7 PUPILS

As part of our RSE programme, the P7 children have the opportunity to take part in a workshop 'What's Inside?', on May 16th, delivered by Love for Life. They will discuss some of the physical and emotional changes puberty brings. **We have also booked a presentation for parents of both P6 and P7 pupils, on May 10th, designed to help you discuss these sensitive issues with your child. Information was sent home with the children yesterday.**

## WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES

The World Meeting of Families (WMOF), due to take place in Dublin on 22-26 August 2018, will be a wonderful opportunity for families to celebrate, talk about and reflect on the theme 'The Gospel of the Family: Joy to the World'. The first three days, Wednesday to Friday, will consist of a Congress, and be made up of workshops, discussions and social events. A full programme of activities and fun events will be available for children (4-12years) and young people (13-17 years) to enjoy. On the Saturday evening, there will be a 'Festival of Families', led by Pope Francis in Croke Park and on the Sunday afternoon, in Phoenix Park, Pope Francis will be the main celebrant at the Final Mass. Details available at [www.worldmeeting2018.ie](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie)