



November

2018

IMPORTANT DATES

Thur	Nov 15 th	P4 Communion Enrolment Ceremony at St Therese Church 5pm
Mon	Nov 19 th	Ms McClenaghan's P4 class taking part in the CBSM Music Morning
Wed	Nov 21 st	Photographer in school for P2-P6 photos
Fri	Nov 23 rd	Mrs Quinn/Mulholland's P4 Assembly at 9.30am-change of date
Thur	Nov 29 th	Flu vaccinations offered to all children in school
Fri	Nov 30 th	Mrs Hamill/O' Prey's P5 Assembly at 9.30am
Mon	Dec 3 rd	Parent Teacher meetings. <u>School closed for pupils.</u>
Tue	Dec 4 th	Mr Hullaballoo P1-P3
Tue	Dec 4 th	P7 Pre Sacramental Meeting in school 5pm
Thur	Dec 6 th	P3 Christmas Concert 1pm
Wed	Dec 12 th	P1 Christmas Concert 1pm
Thur	Dec 13 th	Open day for prospective P1 pupils starting in Sept 2019 10am
Thur	Dec 13 th	PTA Christmas Disco
Wed	Dec 19 th	KS2 Carol Service 1.30pm in St Therese of Lisieux Church
Fri	Dec 21 st	School closing at noon for the Christmas holidays
Mon	Jan 7 th	School reopening for Term 2
Thur	Jan 17 th	PTA AGM at 7pm
Sat	May 11 th	P4 First Holy Communion in St Therese of Lisieux Church at 10am

ASSEMBLIES

P4 Mrs Quinn/Mul – Fri. Nov. 23rd at 9.30am (new date)

P5 Mrs Hamill/O' Prey- Fri. Nov 30th at 9.30am

Parents and family members warmly invited to attend.

Assemblies begin at 9.30am

P3 ENROLMENT CEREMONY

Well done to our P3 pupils who were so prayerful and reverent, and who sang so beautifully during their recent Enrolment Ceremony. The children are very welcome to attend the Children's Liturgy at 10.30am Mass every Sunday at St Therese of Lisieux Church.

P7 TRANSFER

We wish all our boys and girls who are sitting the transfer tests every success. Our thoughts and prayers will be with them all during this time.

A big thank you to all the parents who supervise the P7 children during their afterschool preparation sessions on Wednesdays.

Please look out for information in the local press on the Post Primary Open Days which will be taking place over the next few months. We will send information home when we receive it.

Parents of P6 pupils should consider attending some Open Days this year, to ensure you see a range of schools.

RAINY AND ICY MORNINGS

Please note that the children can come straight into school on rainy/icy 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 (P3s and P7JMcF) will enter through the main school first, via the door at the P2 corridor. The new gate near Ms 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.** If the school has to close because of the weather, you will receive a text message as soon as the decision is made. We will also send out a tweet with this information and notify the BBC. However, we do aim to keep the school open if at all possible.

AVIVA COMMUNITY GRANT

Thanks to everyone who has voted for our application for the £5000 Aviva grant, which we want to use to create a small sensory room. We need more votes to ensure we get through to the final stage of the competition. If you haven't voted yet, please do and remember if you have more than one email address you can vote from each one! Please encourage family, friends and colleagues to vote for us as well. <https://community-fund.aviva.co.uk/voting/project/view/4-3142>

CHRISTMAS BALLOT FUNDRAISING

To raise much needed money for next year's school supplies we are having a Christmas Ballot with some great prizes donated by the staff and hopefully some local businesses. Do you own a business or work for someone who would be able to offer a prize? We would love to hear from you as soon as possible!

P7 SOCCER

The U11 Football team took part in the first round of the EDCO U11 Cup against Victoria Park Primary School at Inverary Playing fields. In a very assured and mature performance, they emerged as 7-1 winners and advance to the next round of the cup. A special mention for captain Joe Sheridan who delivered a man of the match performance which was accompanied by a hat-trick. A fantastic effort from all of the boys who were involved.

P5s VISIT TO THE ULSTER MUSEUM

The Primary 5 classes have been busy uncovering all the secrets and facts of Ancient Egypt. As a treat for all their hard work, they visited the Ulster Museum, in the Botanic Gardens. There, they saw the mummy, Takabuti. They also participated in a workshop where they got to handle and discuss real Ancient Egyptian artefacts! The Primary 5 children also saw Dippy, the Natural History Museum's iconic *Diplodocus* cast! The boys and girls had a great time at the museum and would highly recommend other pupils to go along for a visit!

MATHS WEEK IRELAND

Thank you to all the boys and girls who participated enthusiastically in the many activities for **Maths Week Ireland**. The P4 and P7 children received visits from students from St. Malachy's College. The boys were great role models for the children. This was a great experience for all involved! P5 children had great fun at the workshop with Bubblz, the mathematical clown. A couple of our children found themselves inside a gigantic bubble during the entertaining show! P6 children also had great fun engaging in problem solving activities at W5. Every child in the school participated in fun, challenging tasks throughout the week. To end the celebrations, we had a prize draw for outstanding effort in problem solving and investigating! ***The prize was a 'Madlug' backpack with goodies. 'Madlug' has a 'Buy one Give one' approach so for every 'Madlug' backpack purchased, one will be given to a child in care. Most children in care transport their worldly belongings in a plastic bag. Every bag purchased helps a child in care carry their lives with dignity.*** Congratulations to Aidan Mc Gurk in P1 who won the backpack! A lovely prize to acknowledge the great work going on in the school!

PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS

Parent Teacher meetings will take place on Monday Dec 3rd. **The school is closed for pupils that day.** Teachers will send home times for these meetings in the next few weeks. If the time does not suit you, please let the teacher know immediately so that a suitable alternative can be arranged.

PTA

Huge thanks are due to the PTA for organising a fun Halloween Disco in Oct. The children looked fantastic and had a great time with their friends, as well as raising money for the school. Thanks to everyone for filling in the Gift Aid form. This will allow the PTA to claim a considerable sum from the Government. We will have another PTA disco just before Christmas.

The AGM is on Thur Jan 17th at 7pm in the school. New members are very welcome. The work of the PTA is much appreciated by the staff and the children but organising the various events takes a lot of time so additional members and volunteers are always needed.

A huge thank you to the PTA for the generous donations of a wonderful new stage, a set of ipads and the 'Born to Move' track in the playground.

The next PTA disco will be on Thur Dec 13th

ROAD SAFETY

We were lucky enough to be chosen to have three Road Safety assemblies just before Halloween, delivered by the Child Brain Injury Trust. The children learned how amazing their brains are and some of them got to smash eggs to show just how fragile our brains are. They learned how important it is to wear a helmet when cycling and to wear bright/reflective clothing.

BE SEEN, NOT HURT!

UNIFORMS

The children look so smart in their school uniforms. Please make sure that each item of clothing is labelled clearly so any mislaid clothing can be returned to its rightful owner quickly. It is important to check the labels regularly to ensure that names are still visible as they can wash off. We had about thirty jumpers and cardigans in lost property before the break. Most have been reunited with their owners.

PE Uniform Reminder-jogging bottoms should be plain navy.
Thanks for your cooperation.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

St Vincent de Paul can help any family in need over Christmas and throughout the year by supplying food vouchers, household goods, money for heating your home and can also help provide toys for Christmas. If you would benefit from this support, then please ring 90351561.