



October

2017

IMPORTANT DATES

Tue/Wed	Oct 10 th /11 th	M and M Musical Theatre present <i>Beauty and the Beast</i> in school
Thur	Oct 19 th	Photographer for P1 and P7 photographs
Wed	Oct 25 th	PTA Disco
Thur	Oct 26 th	P3 First Confession Enrolment 5pm in St Therese Church
Mon	Oct 30 th – Fri Nov 3 rd	School closed for the Halloween Break
Thur	Nov 16 th	P4 First Holy Communion Enrolment 5pm in St Therese Church
Thur	Nov 30 th	Flu vaccinations offered to all children in school
Tue	Dec 5 th	Mr Hullabaloo P1-P4
Wed	Dec 6 th	P7 Pre sacramental meeting in school 5pm
Thur	Dec 7 th	P3 Christmas Show
Fri	Dec 8 th	Parent Teacher meetings – <u>school closed for pupils</u>
Tue	Dec 12 th	P1 Christmas Show
Wed	Dec 20 th	KS2 Carol Service 1.30pm
Fri	Dec 22 nd	School closing at 12 noon for the Christmas Holidays.
Sat	June 2 nd	P4 First Holy Communion (Provisional)

FEAST OF ST THERESE OF LISIEUX

Congratulations to all the children and staff involved in our celebrations for the feast of St Therese of Lisieux and the opening of our new school year. Miss Gargan's P3 assembly told us all about St Therese and her 'Little Ways' and how we can be like her every day by being kind and caring. P4 –P7 attended our opening mass and their prayerful, respectful attitude and amazing singing made it a wonderful and inspiring celebration.

P1

Well done to all of our new P1s who are now in school the full day and are enjoying all the lovely learning opportunities their teachers have planned for them.

ASSEMBLIES

P2 Mrs Black's class – Fri Oct 13th at 9.30am

P2 Mrs McWilliams – Fri Nov 17th at 9.30am

INFORMATION REQUIRED

If you have changed your phone number or moved house, please let the class teacher know. **If your child has any medication in school (inhalers/epipens) please call in and check that it is in date and that the care plan is still correct.**

EXTENDED SCHOOLS PROVISION

A great variety of after school clubs are up and running. There are still spaces available in some clubs-details were sent home last week or ask the class teacher.

Parent classes will start over the next few weeks. Details sent home last week.

Flower arranging starts on Tue Oct 3rd from 7-8 pm.
Come along on the night.

Circuits begin Tue Oct 10th from 6.30-7.30pm.
Adult art classes also begin on Tue Oct 10th from 6.30-8pm.

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.

SCHOOL DINNERS

The cost of school dinners is now £2.60 per day or £13 per week. Dinner money should be given to the teachers on Mondays. If you think your child may be eligible for free school meals information is available at the office or online at <http://www.eani.org.uk/i-want-to/fsm/howtoapply/>

BREAKFAST CLUB and 123 CLUB

Breakfast Club is open every morning at 8 am. Children should arrive by 8.30am at the latest to allow sufficient time to eat a healthy breakfast - cost £2 per day or £1 for children entitled to free school meals. Our '**123' Club** – 2-3pm for children in P1-3, operates Mondays to Thursdays- cost £2 per day or £1 for children entitled to free school meals. These clubs do not need to be booked in advance.

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

School begins each morning at 8.55am with prayers in the school playground. On wet mornings children can go straight to their classrooms from 8.45am onwards. School gates and doors will close punctually after morning prayers. After that time children must enter by the main entrance. If your child is absent for any reason please send a note to the class teacher. Family holidays should not be arranged for term time.

PARENTING COURSE

Families First are facilitating a parenting course in St Therese this term. This course is aimed at parents of pupils in P1-P4. It offers sound advice on a range of issues and gives parents to meet in a relaxed setting where they can share common concerns and talk about the challenges facing all parents and carers of young children. It is also a great way to get to know other parents in the community and build up a support network.

EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES

Huge thanks to the girls and boys from St Malachy's College and Dominican College for making our European Day of Languages such a huge success. They were very impressed with our children as they participated fully and enjoyed the lessons they provided for them. Thanks also to Fabienne Nugier, a parent of one of our past pupils, for teaching the Primary One Children French songs and poems.

BEAT THE STREET

Don't forget to scan your fobs and cards at a Beat Box when walking, cycling and scooting to earn points for our school. There are great prizes available for the winning schools. You can check the leader boards at <https://beatthestreet.me/ni>

STUDY LADDER

All children from P1 –P7 have now been registered for Studyladder which is an online support for home learning. Your child will have received a username and password for this site. Please encourage your child to use this website to increase their confidence in areas of Numeracy and Literacy. The site also includes tutorials to reinforce learning in the classroom. The children can earn points as they play games and can then be rewarded for their efforts with certificates recognising their achievements!

PTA

The PTA AGM is on Tue Oct 10th 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 donation of a wonderful new stage for the school last term.

The PTA disco will be on Wed 25th Oct.

PHOTOGRAPHER

Our P1 and P7 classes will have their class photographs taken by Tempest Photographers on **Thursday 19th Oct.** We hope all children are present so parents have a lovely record of their child's first and last years with their peers! There is no obligation to buy a photo. A proof copy will be sent home for inspection.

Individual and family photos can also be taken if you indicate on the reply slip which will be sent home next week.

JUMP, JIGGLE AND JIVE

Come along to our Parent and Toddler 'Jump Jiggle and Jive' classes with Amanda on Mondays 12pm - 12.45pm in the Assembly Hall, suitable for 1-4 year olds. No advanced booking required, just turn up! Dancing, skipping, jumping and crawling with balls, hoops ribbons and so much more!

"Great Workout for everyone! My 2 year old son is so excited to take park every week...highly recommend "

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MORNING SUPERVISION

The playground is supervised from 8.45 am each morning.

Only children at the breakfast club should be in school before this time.