



# May

## 2017

### IMPORTANT DATES

Thur	May 4 <sup>th</sup>	Pre-sacramental meeting for P4 parents in school at 5pm
Fri	May 19 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Sports Day (Weather permitting)
Fri	May 26 <sup>th</sup>	<u>School closed</u>
Mon	May 29 <sup>th</sup>	<u>School closed</u>
Fri	June 2 <sup>nd</sup>	P1 and 2 Sports Day
Sat	June 3 <sup>rd</sup>	First Holy Communion 10am in St Therese of Lisieux Church
Thur	June 8 <sup>th</sup>	<u>School closed for the election</u>
Tue	June 13 <sup>th</sup>	P7 Show at 7pm. <u>School will close at 2pm for all children.</u>
Wed	June 14 <sup>th</sup>	P7 Show at 7pm. <u>School will close at 2pm for all children.</u>
Tue	June 20 <sup>th</sup>	<u>P3 and P4 Sports Day (new date)</u>
Thur	June 22 <sup>nd</sup>	P7 Leavers Mass in St Therese of Lisieux Church 7pm
Tue	June 27 <sup>th</sup>	P7 Leavers Disco
Fri	June 30 <sup>th</sup>	School closing at 12 o' clock for the summer holiday

### UPCOMING ASSEMBLIES

Fri May 5<sup>th</sup> -P1 Ms Scannell-9.30am  
Fri May 12<sup>th</sup> - P1 Ms Dorman-9.30am  
Fri May 19<sup>th</sup> - P1 Miss McKillop-9.30am

### GENERAL ELECTION

The school will be used as a polling station for the election on Thur June 8<sup>th</sup> and will be closed for pupils and staff.

### SACRAMENTS

Congratulations to our P3 children who made their First Confession last term. It was a beautiful ceremony and we were so proud of the children. The girls and boys in P4 are working extremely hard as they prepare for their First Holy Communion. To help them with this preparation, a meeting for **parents only** has been scheduled for **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May at 5pm** in the school hall. The First Communion will take place on **Sat June 3rd at 10am in St Therese Church**. Please note that we have **not** booked a photographer in school the following week.

### CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our consultation on our Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy. The comments made in our online questionnaire have impacted on the policy which was ratified at the last Board of Governors meeting. The new policy can be accessed on the school website and a summary will be sent home shortly.

### P6 BUSINESS BEGINNINGS PROGRAMME

Huge congratulations to the girls and boys in P6 for their hard work as part of the Business Beginnings Programme. The children successfully created, designed, produced and advertised products for sale within the school. Both classes produced products which were highly sought after among the children and profits have soared! The children are to be commended for all their hard work and enthusiasm and also for their decision to make a contribution to charity from the proceeds of their business. Well done to all our budding future entrepreneurs!

### MUSIC

Congratulations to Maria Watters who came first out of 9 competitors in the Grade 2 Violin Class at Carrickfergus Music Festival. The Adjudicator Mr Mc Clure admired her "lovely long phrases with great sound and excellent tuning."

Congratulations also goes to a number of our other talented musicians who passed their recent exams. They all worked extremely hard and put a lot of time and effort into their practice and preparation which most certainly paid off. Well done and keep up the hard work.

<b>Violin</b> <b><u>Grade 1</u></b> Mae Stewart Eva O' Reilly	<b>Clarinet</b> <b><u>Grade 1</u></b> Alex Mc Cloy Aoibhe Mc Hugh
<b><u>Grade 2</u></b> Maria Watters Joseph Donnelly	Beth Stewart <b><u>Grade 3</u></b> Eoin Brown

## CROSS COUNTRY BELFAST FINAL

The Boys' and Girls' Cross Country Team put on their running shoes again in the Ormeau Park, on a very cold April morning. Although temperatures were a little low, this did not hinder the children in displaying their typical grit and determination, and every child completed the 1km course with a fighting finish. Unfortunately the girls were unsuccessful in making it through to the next round, but they were eager to support the boys and share in the success of Josh Briggs coming 9<sup>th</sup> overall and the team coming in 5<sup>th</sup> place, securing a position in the next round, on the 25<sup>th</sup> May.

## HURLING LEAGUE

Last week, the boys from P5, 6 and 7 joined forces to field a hurling team playing in a league blitz at St Enda's. Albeit the boys first run out on the pitch as a team, they managed to win both games defeating St Mary's on the Hill and St Michael's. This has given the boys a great confidence going forward into the final that will be played in Rossa Park on the 4<sup>th</sup> May. We look forward to a competitive game and wish them the best of luck and success against St Clare's.

We are also delighted to have Simon McCrory, a senior Antrim hurler, in school every Thur morning, this term developing hurling skills with the P5 and P6 children.

## SOCCER

The P6 Boys played a local derby against Cliftonville Integrated Primary School on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April. The match was played in great spirits at the Waterworks Complex. The boys displayed a great range of skills and were comfortable victors on a 6-0 score line. A great performance all-round and particularly from Frank Kane who managed to score a hat-trick. The boys will play the next round of the P6 Cup against St. Oliver Plunket PS on Thur 4<sup>th</sup> May.

## PE UNIFORMS

Please note that the **only** logo on our PE uniform is the school badge on the sweatshirt. Plain navy jogging bottoms are readily and cheaply available. Trainers should be dark and as plain as possible. We ask that branded sportswear is **not** worn to school as it is not part of our PE uniform.

## P7 SHOW

Auditions are taking place this week and next, for parts in our P7 show, Calamity Jane. The orchestra are already playing some of the pieces beautifully. We are looking forward to a fabulous show!

## SHARE DISCOVERY VILLAGE

The P7 children had an amazing time staying at the Share Discovery Village in Fermanagh. Canoeing, mountain biking, archery and banana boating were just some of the activities that everyone sampled. They even tried washing dishes, making beds and tidying up. Just like home!! On the final night, the boys and girls danced the night away at the disco and made wonderful memories that will last forever. A huge thank you to all the teachers who gave up their time to accompany the children on the residential trip and made it all possible.

## ARMAGH RHYMERS

The Armagh Rhymers performed The Old Mummers Show for P1-P4 and Fionn MacCool and the Scottish Giant for P5-P7 on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April. A morning of music, madness, mayhem and merriment was greatly enjoyed by children and staff. Thank to everyone who sent in their donations so the children could experience these fantastic shows, variations of which have been performed in Ireland for more than two thousand years.



The Armagh Rhymers

## MONEY

Thank you to everyone who has sent in fees for Music, after schools clubs and for the Armagh Rhymers. It is a huge help to teachers when you send in the exact amount of money in an envelope, with all the details written on it. We are required to keep accurate records of who has paid for the various activities and while we understand that parents may occasionally need to pay at the office it makes record keeping easier if money is given to class teachers so that they can record this correctly.

## BELFAST MARATHON

Congratulations to the parents and staff that walked and ran in the marathon on Monday to raise funds for the Children's Cancer Unit Charity. If anyone would like to sponsor the participants, donations will be taken at the office or can be made through the Just Giving website.