



June

2024



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IMPORTANT DATES

Sat	June 1 st
Wed-Thur	June 5 th -6 th
Fri	June 7 th
Mon	June 10 th
Wed	June 12 th
Thur	June 13 th
Fri	June 14 th
Sat	June 15 th
Tue	June 25 th
Fri	June 28 th

P4 First Holy Communion
Ms White/Miss Norton-10am/Ms McClenaghan-12pm
P7 production of Joseph 10.30am
P1 and 2 Sports Day
School Photographer
P7 Sports Day
P5 and 6 Sports Day
P3 and 4 Sports Day
PTA Summer Fair
P7 Leavers' Disco
School closing at noon for the summer holidays

SACRAMENTS

Congratulations to our P4 pupils who made their First Holy Communion on Sat June 1st in two beautiful ceremonies. Huge thanks to Fr Spence for making the ceremonies so special and to the PTA for the lovely First Communion Tea back at school. Thanks also to everyone who volunteered to help with the teas. Many hands make light work! The beautiful cakes were enjoyed by the P4s in school today! The PTA send their thanks to everyone who donated cakes, biscuits and buns! Please keep the boys and girls in your prayers.

ECO-SCHOOL AWARD

We are delighted to announce that we have been awarded our 6th Eco- Schools Green Flag. This award has been given to us as recognition of the hard work and dedication of our school's Eco team over the past two years. The focus for this Green Flag was improving biodiversity in the school grounds, outdoor learning and reducing waste. Our busy committee has expanded to 111 pupils from KS1 and 2, which is one of the largest for a primary school in Northern Ireland to date!

SCHOOL OFFICE

The school office is very busy at all times. We ask that parents make arrangements for home time with their children in the mornings before school. The office staff can only pass messages to children in emergencies.

P7 PRODUCTION OF JOSEPH

The rehearsals for Joseph are going brilliantly. The show is going to be absolutely fantastic. There are tickets left for both shows. Contact the office asap if you would like one.

HEALTHY EATING WEEK

Healthy Eating Week takes place from 10th-14th June. The message for this year is 'Find Your Healthier You'. Whether that means having one extra portion of fruit or vegetables a day, being more active, experimenting with a new recipe or using up leftovers - Healthy Eating Week 2024 is all about giving it a go! Lots of information is available at <https://www.nutrition.org.uk/>

During Healthy Eating Week we will be reminding the children about our Healthy Eating Policy which asks that only fruit/vegetables are eaten at break and that still water is the only drink brought to school.

PTA SUMMER FAIR -SAVE THE DATE

As part of our 50th anniversary celebrations the PTA are working hard planning a Summer Fair to take place on Sat June 15th in school from 12-3pm. It promises to be a wonderful community event with inflatables, petting farm, face painting, games, food and much more. Tickets on sale from Friday 7th June through the class teachers. A flyer will be sent home on Thur June 6th. Family tickets are £20 or £5 for individual tickets.

SPORTS DAYS

Sports Days will take place in the main playground on the following dates and times. Hopefully, the weather will be kind and all dates will go ahead as planned!

- P1 Fri June 7th 9.15-10.15am
- P2 Fri June 7th 10.30-11.30am
- P7 Wed June 12th 9.15-10.15am
- P5 Thur June 13th 9.15-10.15am
- P6 Thur June 13th 10.30-11.30am
- P3 Fri June 14th 9.15-10.15am
- P4 Fri June 14th 10.30-11.30am

THE GREAT MATHEMATICS BAKE OFF COMPETITION

A reminder that the Bake Off Competition is open to all children from P1-7. This is a great opportunity to practise measuring out ingredients, handle different quantities, read various scales and monitor time. Each entrant must submit an **A3 or A4 poster of their work**. This can include photographs, pic collages, drawings, etc. **Don't forget to include lots of mathematical information!** All entries must be submitted to the class teacher by Thurs 6th June.

AUTHOR VISIT

P4 -7 children had a very enjoyable visit from Joe Richardson. Joe has written two mystery adventure books called 'The Animal in Amy' and 'The Animal in Amy's Mirror' and he is currently working on his third novel! During Joe's talk, he shared animal facts and strategies to control emotions, including a variety of fun, animal inspired yoga poses. Congratulations to the children that won bookmarks and a signed drawing by the local book illustrator, Roisin Bradley. Joe taught here several years ago, and he confirmed that Amy's uniform in both book covers was inspired by our school! His signed books can be purchased at a special price of £6 each or £11 for both.

SPORTING NEWS

The girls football team took part in the North and West Girls Festival Football Day at De La Salle playing fields. In a highly entertaining day of football across all the pitches, the girls managed to go undefeated for the day with three wins and two draws. In a closely contested finish, the girls just missed out on the top spot on goal difference. A fantastic effort from the girls, who were great ambassadors both on and off the field.

We also had a visit with the Irish Cup from Cliftonville defender Odhrán Casey and Club Director Michael Hegney. The excitement and joy displayed by the children was incredible and for one day the school was awash with red and white. Great memories for all the children to savour.

BREAK THE RULES DAY

Our very successful PTA Break the Rules Day raised a whopping £1847.67 which will go towards new ICT equipment for the boys and girls, as well as a donation to Cash for Kids, a local charity that has helped so many families in NI.

EARRINGS

Hoops/dangly earrings are not allowed in school-small studs are the only type of earring suitable for wearing in school but must be removed/taped for PE lessons.

ROOTS OF EMPATHY

'Roots of Empathy' is a worldwide PDMU programme which is proven to increase empathy among its participants. We have been a Roots of Empathy school since 2017. The P5 children and teachers would like to say a special thank you to their Roots of Empathy babies, Emily and Shéa. Over the year the P5s have watched their amazing 'baby teacher' grow and develop, learning first-hand about the important milestones that they go through in the first year of life. They have loved having Emily and Shéa as part of their classroom and looked forward to their monthly visits! Thanks also to the lovely mothers of Emily and Shéa who brought them to school each month for our lessons. **We are also looking for new babies to participate in our programme next year. They need to be 2-4 months old in September/October. Please ask Mrs Hamill or Ms Scannell for further details.**

MANDARIN COMPETITION

The 'Chinese Bridge' Chinese Show is an international contest organised by Centre for Language Education and Cooperation, which aims to provide a stage for young Chinese learners worldwide to demonstrate their language proficiencies. We have 16 children from KS 1 and 2 who have entered the competition. They have been working hard to learn poems, songs and dances and final pieces were submitted last week. Winners will be announced during the month of July so we wish them the very best of luck.

SUN SAFETY

Hopefully, we will have lovely weather in June. Please make sure your child has a sunhat (labelled with name and class) and remember to apply sun cream if it is very hot.

PHOTOGRAPHER

Tempest Photography will be in school on Mon June 10th to take individual photographs of children in P1 and P7. If the P1 and P7 children have siblings in other year groups, they will facilitate family photographs, if parents wish.

Each class will also have a group photo taken as part of our 50th anniversary celebrations.

MONEY

A reminder that money sent into school for trips/dinners etc should be in a labelled and sealed envelope or plastic bag. No change can be given.

HOLIDAYS 2024-25

The draft holiday list for next year is available [here](#).

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

Mon to Thur: 8.30am-4.15pm Fri: 8.30am- 3.15pm



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