



Easter 2016

HAPPY EASTER.

We are still in early March and already we are preparing for an early Easter. Term 2 has been extremely busy with a range of activities for the different classes, some are detailed below:

Primary 1 enjoyed their first visit to the Bookfair

Primary 2 have won a trip to We are Vertigo with U105 radio station.

Primary 3 have had a visit from the Community police and received the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Primary 4 have welcomed back Mrs Macauley.

Primary 5 continue to enjoy weekly Spanish lessons.

Primary 6 were invited to Newbridge for a STEM Amazing Science morning.

Primary 7 have completed their swimming programme and celebrated their Service of Light on 11th February.

The Mobile Library continues to visit the school every second week, the next visit is on 21st March.

After schools Gaelic and soccer continues each Monday and Wednesday and you will shortly receive letters regarding Term 3's activities.

Thanks to all the children, and staff, for dressing up for **World Book day** during the term.

School closes on Wednesday 23rd March at 11.30; only the Greenan bus will operate at 11.30am. This is a non-uniform day. No breaks will be served from the kitchen. All outstanding dinner money needs to be paid by 22nd March.

Cash for Clobber

The PTA are organising a 'Cash for Clobber' collection over Easter. Textiles should be put into large plastic bags or bin liners and brought to school on Monday 11th or Tuesday 12th April for collection on Tuesday 12th April. Pairs of shoes and handbags should be put in a separate bag.

Green Day and Bring & Buy Wed 16th March

Wednesday 16th March will be a non-uniform green day; children are encouraged to bring in £1 for Trocaire and wear something green but sensitive to others.

The PTA with the help of the Primary 7 children are organising the Bring & Buy sale on Wednesday 16th March. All donations will be gratefully accepted and should be brought to school on Monday 14th or Tuesday 15th March. Any food items should be brought to school on 16th March. Please see the separate flier that was issued this week. Parents are welcome to attend from 2.00pm until 2.45pm.

British Heart Foundation Wear It Beat It

Thanks to all who wore red and raised £160 for the British Heart Foundation on 5th February. Thanks also to those who supported their collection of toys.

Copper Challenge: Once again we are organising the Copper Challenge for **Trocaire** throughout the school. Remember to bring in any unwanted 1p and 2p coins for this challenge until the end of April.

ICT

Our ICT co-ordinator, Mr O'Malley, has set up part of the Resource Area as an ICT suite that has been used successfully by all classes this term. This has enabled larger numbers of children from each class to enhance their ICT skills.

Your Child's Books

On Monday 11th April your child will bring home his/her Literacy, numeracy and WAU exercise books. You are asked to go through these books with your child that evening and comment on your child's work. The books should be returned on Tuesday 12th April.

Buildings and Grounds

The lights in the classrooms are currently being upgraded. Work will progress on 'the outside classroom' in term 3 with development of our garden and the construction of a reading den thanks to the funds raised through the St Mungo's play.

Dates for Your Diary – Term 3

Monday 4th April – Term 3 commences

Monday 2nd May – Bank Holiday

***Thursday 5th May – School closed – elections**

Friday 6th May – School closed- note change

Sunday 8th May - Confirmation

Friday 27th May– School closed – staff training

Monday 30th May – Bank Holiday

Tuesday 31st May – school closed

Saturday 11th June – First Communion 11.00am

Monday 20th June – Leavers' Mass

***Thurs 23rd June – Referendum – school closed**

Tuesday 30th June – school closes at 11.30am.

Sacraments:

Congratulations to all the Primary 3 children who received their First Confessions on 12th March.

Confirmation: Sunday 8th May in St Patrick's Loughbrickland at 10.00am.

First Communion: Saturday 11th June in St Patrick's Loughbrickland at 11.00am.

Once again we are asking the following parents to help the PTA with the teas in the school:

Confirmation: Parents of P6

Communion: Parents of P3

Extended Schools

The Governors have issued a questionnaire on a possible extended schools scheme. Please take time to complete the survey and return it to school by Friday 18th March.