

# SAINT COLUMBAN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

## *March Newsletter 2021*

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### **Holidays:**

The school will close on Wednesday the 31<sup>st</sup> March at 12.00 noon for the Easter holidays. School meals will not be served and there will be no afternoon buses on that day.

The school will re-open for pupils on Monday the 12<sup>th</sup> April.

There is a change to the list of holidays for May. On the original holiday list on website we were closed for the full week beginning 3<sup>rd</sup> May. The school will now only be closed Monday - Wednesday and will reopen on Thursday the 6<sup>th</sup> May.

The full updated holiday list is attached and on the school website.

**Return to School:** All pupils were delighted to return to school in recent weeks. Once again we thank all parents for their support over recent months.

We must all accept our collective responsibility to prevent virus spread. Whilst we understand the importance of connecting socially with other members of the school community, we strongly advise parents/carers not to congregate around the school site. It is important to be aware that should a cluster of cases of the virus be identified in our school community, then St Columban's could be instructed to close for a period of time in accordance with the Public Health requirements for preventing transmission of the virus. It is essential that each of us does everything we can to prevent such an eventuality arising. We thank you all for support and cooperation with this.

- Confirmation:** This will take place in St Patrick's Church Holywell on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 6.30pm.
- First Communion:** This will take place in St Patrick's Church Holywell on Saturday the 29<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 11.00am.
- Child Protection:** The Designated teacher for Child Protection is Mrs Martina Meehan. The Deputy Designated Teacher is Mrs Anne Murray. Our Safeguarding team also includes; Mrs Clara Martin (Designated Governor), Mr Gerry McAloon (Chairman Board of Governors) and Mr Liam Magee (Principal)
- Website:** Our school website is five years old!! Please log on regularly and keep up to date with all that is happening in school. [www.stcolumbanspsbelcoo.com](http://www.stcolumbanspsbelcoo.com)  
Please also follow us on Twitter - @StColumbans76
- Attendance:** The Department of Education is looking at attendance very closely at present. We get a monthly report of all children's attendance. If a child's attendance falls below 85% we are asked to refer them to our Educational Welfare Officer.
- Phone Numbers:** Please let the school know if your home, work or mobile telephone number has changed.
- Mathletics:** The school operates Mathletics for pupils in Primary 2 - 7. It is a multi-award winning learning resource that encourages students and rewards results - hugely popular with students, educators and parents alike. We hope Mathletics helps pupils at St Columban's PS to enjoy Maths and increase their breadth and depth of mathematical understanding for several years. Pupils are set tasks regularly by their class teacher. If you have access to the internet we encourage pupils to complete these at home. Pupils should aim to try and achieve a certificate each week. It takes 20 certificates to achieve Gold.