

# SAINT COLUMBAN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

## *June Newsletter 2021*

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### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June: P4/5 - Brewster Park  
Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> June: P.6/7 - Brewster Park  
WB Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June: National Cumann na mBunscol week  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June: GAA Jersey Day  
Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June: P.7 Leavers Mass @10.00am  
Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June: Last day for P.7 pupils  
Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June: School ends for the summer

### **Leavers:**

We wish; Cára Donnelly, Shéa Feeley, Maxim Gribbin, Kilian Kennedy, Killian Maguire, Órlaith McAloon, Alfie McCann, Sasha McGillen, Katie McNulty, Caolán Sweeney, Rowan Whitford and Daniel Wisinski lots of success and happiness in their new schools and in the future.

We thank them all for the contribution they have made to school life in St Columban's PS.

Leavers Mass will take place at 10.00am on Tuesday the 22<sup>nd</sup> June in St Patrick's Holywell.

### **Holidays:**

The school will close for the summer break on Friday the 25<sup>th</sup> June at 11.45 am. We hope children, parents and staff have a safe and enjoyable summer.

The school will re-open for all pupils on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021.

### **Sports Day:**

This year our sports day will be split into different groups on different days. Unfortunately, we are unable to invite parents to attend this year.

Dates will be notified in advance and pupils may wear their PE gear to school on this day. Don't forget a bottle of water and suncream if necessary.

**Summer Scheme:** The school is running an additional week for pupils in Primary 1 -6 for WB Monday the 28<sup>th</sup> June. Pupils attending will take part in a variety of activities from 10.00am - 1.00pm. The key focus will be enhancing emotional health and well-being, through activities which are interactive and fun to enable pupils make a successful return to learning in St Columban's in September.

Attendance at this scheme is optional. There are however no buses or school meals this week. Further information will follow.

**Sacraments** Congratulations to all pupils who received the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation last month.

We thank all those who helped to make these days' special occasions.

**Cumann na mBunscol week:**

The National Cumann na mBunscol committee have organised a special week for schools beginning on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June. We will have a number of activities and competitions in the school this week.

On Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> June we will hold a special jersey day in aid of the '**Oisín McGrath Foundation.**' Pupils are asked to bring a voluntary donation for this cause on the day.

All pupils are asked to come to school on this day dressed in their favourite GAA jersey  
Pupils may also wear tracksuit bottoms / casual trousers / shorts.

Unfortunately, no Cumann na mBunscol games or activities were able to be organised this year. However, as the Department of Education has agreed that two schools can come together to play we will visit Brewster Park on two days to play Holy Trinity PS in non-competitive blitz games.

P4/5 will travel on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June

P.6/7 will travel on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> June

- Phone Numbers:** Please let the school know if your home, work or mobile telephone number has changed.
- 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.
- Child Protection:** The Designated teacher for Child Protection is Mrs Martina Meehan. The Deputy Designated Teacher is Mrs Anne Murray.
- End of Year Reports:** These will be issued to all parents before the end of June. Reminder-Please pay outstanding dinner money asap.
- Classes:** Classes for next year are not yet finalised. All parents will receive notification in late August outlining class splits and who will be teaching your child.

**IN THE INTEREST OF SAFETY ONLY STAFF  
CARS SHOULD ENTER THE SCHOOL CAR PARK.**

**Please do not park in the bus lay-by at the front of  
the school-Parking here presents a hazard for  
children boarding buses and prevents buses from  
pulling in.**