

# SAINT COLUMBAN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

## *End of Year Newsletter 2021*

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### **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 Primary 1 pupils only on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> August.

All other pupils return to school on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September.

The Holiday list for next year will be available on the school website next week.

### **Summer Scheme:**

As most activities will take place outside please ensure pupils have sun cream on and hat if necessary.

Pupils may bring football boots if they wish each day as this session will take place on the grass.

Pupils should also bring a bottle of water and snack for break.

School uniform is **NOT** required

### **Social Distancing Parents/Carers & pick up:**

It is important that appropriate social distancing is observed among parents/carers when children are entering and exiting the school grounds.

In order to help with this please adhere to the following guidelines in relation to drop off times in the morning.

#### **Morning:**

Surname A - L please should arrive at school between 9.55am - 10.05am

Surname M - W please should arrive at school between 10.05 - 10.15am

#### **Afternoon:**

Surname A - L will exit via the pedestrian gate between 12.55pm - 1.05pm

Surname M - W will exit via the main gate between 1.05pm - 1.15pm

### **Oisín McGrath Foundation:**

We thank all who contributed to the Oisín McGrath Foundation. The total raised from our jersey day was £400

- Classes:** Classes for next year are not yet finalised.  
All parents will receive a letter in late August outlining class splits and who will be teaching your child.
- 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.
- Attendance:** The Department of Education is looking at attendance very closely at present. Good attendance is vital for every child. **'Every day matters.'**  
We get a monthly report of all children's attendance.  
**Please see enclosed sheet which breaks down what each attendance percentage means in terms of days.**  
**If a child's attendance falls below 85% we are obliged to refer them to our Educational Welfare Officer.**
- Sports Day:** This took place on over two days due to current restrictions. All pupils received a special St Columban's Sports Day medal.  
The following pupils received perpetual shields.  
**Foundation Stage Sports Boy of the Year:** Cahir McGovern & Jake McGillen  
**Foundation Stage Sports Girl of the Year:** Alanna Fitzpatrick  
**Key Stage 1 Sports Boy of the Year:** Noah McGovern & Mateja McGourty  
**Key Stage 1 Sports Girl of the Year:** Lea Leonard  
**Key Stage 2 Sports Boy of the Year:** Lucas Connolly  
**Key Stage 2 Sports Girl of the Year:** Órlaith McAloon, Julijana McGourty & Ava Lavery  
  
**Winner of Aidan Cox Cup – best contribution to Sport:**  
Órlaith McAloon  
  
**Reminder-Please pay outstanding dinner, milk and music money asap.**

***I sincerely thank Governors, staff and parents for their support and encouragement during the year. I hope you all have a great summer***

Liam Magee