

SAINT COLUMBAN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

October Newsletter 2022

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 3 rd October:	Staff Development Day (school closed for pupils)
Wednesday 5 th October:	Primary 1 & 2 Florencecourt trip
Sunday 16 th October:	Run for Oisín - see attached sheet
Thursday 20 th October:	Primary 5, 6 & 7 Florencecourt trip
Wednesday 26 th October:	Primary 3 & 4 Florencecourt trip
Friday 28 th October:	Halloween Fashion Show -Children's Cancer Unit Charity
Friday 28 th October:	Primary 6/7 Assembly

School Closure: Monday 31st October - Friday 4th November.

The full holiday list is on the school website.
There is two additional staff development days to be added.

Parent Questionnaire: We sincerely thank all parents who returned our June 2022 Questionnaire. Enclosed is an analysis of the results and areas we have identified to further develop. The responses and results will be used as we formulate our new three year school development plan.

Primary 6/7 Assembly: The Primary 6/7 class will perform their class assembly on Friday the 28th October at 9.45am
The parents of all pupils in Primary 6 & 7 class are invited to attend this.

Halloween Fashion Show: This will take place on Friday the 28th October.
Children may come to school dressed in their Halloween costumes.
All children are asked to bring a voluntary donation which will go to the Children's Cancer Unit Charity

Golf: After school golf continues for pupils in Primary 7 on Tuesday evenings with Shaun Donnelly at the school.

Parent – Teacher Meeting:	These will take place as follows;
	Primary 7: WB Monday 24 th October
	Primary 4: WB Monday 14 th November
	Primary 6: WB Monday 21 st November
	Primary 5: WB Monday 28 th November
	Primary 3: WB Monday 5 th December
	Primary 1 & 2: January

A separate letter will follow. Parents will have option of face to face or a telephone call. Meetings will take place on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of each week.

The times for meetings will be;

9.00am – 9.30am and 2.00pm – 4.00pm

Teacher Emails: Teachers can be contacted via email. The teacher will get back to you as soon as practical. Urgent messages should be delivered by telephone.

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| • Mrs Martina Meehan | mmeehan578@c2kni.net |
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| • Mrs Siobhan Meehan | smeehan445@c2kni.net |
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- Policies:** The following policies are on the school website;
- Complaints Procedure
 - Anti-Bullying
 - Positive Behaviour
 - Drugs
 - E Safety which includes the school's policy on the acceptable use of the internet.
 - Child Protection
 - Equality, Diversity and Inclusion
 - Pastoral Care
 - Supporting children with medication needs

Please contact Mr Magee or Mrs Meehan if you require any of these policies in paper form.

Child Protection: The Designated teacher for Child Protection is Mrs Martina Meehan. The Deputy Designated Teacher is Mrs Anne Murray.

- School Uniform:** It is important that each child comes to school neat and tidy. We are proud of our school uniform which reflects the individuality of our school and offers to all children a common form of dress.
Full school uniform must be worn each day unless special clothing is required e.g. for field trip.
PLEASE ENSURE ALL ITEMS OF UNIFORM ARE CLEARLY LABELLED.
- Nut Free School:** We are now a nut free school. Please note children should not carry or consume in school or on the bus any food / snacks containing nuts, nut derivatives or seeds. We thank all parents and pupils for their cooperation and support on this important matter.
- Website / Twitter:** Please continue to log into the school website on a regular basis. You can also follow us on Twitter. This will help keep you up to date with school life.
- Mathletics:** Please see the attached information with regards to our Mathletics. We encourage all pupils in Primary 2 - 7 to log in to this resource which supports Maths learning. Primary 1 pupils will be able to log in after the midterm break.
- Attendance:** The Department of Education is looking at attendance very closely at present. **If a child's attendance falls below 85% we are asked to refer them to our Educational Welfare Officer.**
Pupils with full attendance each term will receive a school certificate. Pupils with full attendance for the whole school year will receive a certificate from the Education Authority.
If your child is absent, please send a note or fill out the absence note in the homework diary.
- Phone Numbers:** We operate a text service as a means of notifying parents with some important messages.
Please let us know if your mobile number changes at any time.
- Belcoo GAA:** Good luck to the Belcoo senior ladies team in their Fermanagh final this Saturday v Lisnaskea.

School Hours: The teaching day begins at 9.05am and children should be in their classrooms by this time.
Children should not arrive in school before 8.55am.

The Primary 2 day also ends at 1.55pm
Primary 3 - 7 pupils finish at 2.55pm

Dinner: The daily cost of school dinner is £2.60 per day (£13.00 per week). We would ask that money for the week be brought in on Mondays. The menu is available on the school website.

Free School Meals: Some children may be entitled to free meals. An application form may be obtained from the Education Authority, School Meals Department 1 Hospital Road, Omagh, Co Tyrone, BT79 OAW. Telephone (028 82 411411). The EA submits a list of children receiving free school meals to us.

If your child's name is not on this list and you feel they should be I ask that you contact the EA immediately.

We as a school are working together with the Health Promotion Department to promote healthy eating habits and improve oral health in children. Children taking lunch may bring one treat in their lunch box.

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.