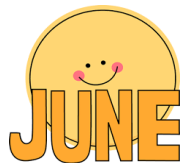


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Welcome to the last term! Where has the time gone? There are **lots** of events happening in the school for everyone and so there is a list of dates for your diary at the end of this Newsletter. I have also attached the holiday list for Session 2017-2018.

Staff News

With heartfelt appreciation (and sadness for us) I announce to you that Mrs Dorrian has decided to retire at the summer. Mrs Dorrian has been teaching in St Patrick's Primary for 29 years but she has been a valued member of the St Patrick's family for 39 years, as she was a parent before she was a teacher. As Class Teacher, Mrs Dorrian has contributed greatly to the life of the whole school and parish community of St Patrick's. Many of you will know that Mrs Dorrian has guided countless children through the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Dorrian for all her hard work and dedication. Her desire to have the highest standards for the children of St Patrick's has helped shape the vision, values and aims of the school. I'm sure you will join with me in wishing Mrs Dorrian the happiest of times in her retirement.



Sacraments



Our Primary 4 pupils received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on Saturday, 20th May at 10am Mass. Many thanks to Mrs Dorrian and Mrs McGoran for helping the children to prepare so well to receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist, and to Mrs McLean for providing the music.

Our P7 pupils celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation a few weeks ago in St Mirin's Cathedral. Many thanks to Miss McDade and Mrs Elder for helping the children prepare for this special evening. Thanks to Mr Keith for reading the Prayers of Intercession and to the representatives of the Parish SSVP conferences who contributed as stewards.



To celebrate our P7 pupils receiving the sacrament of Confirmation, they will be leading the liturgy on Sunday 4th June at 11am Mass in St Patrick's Church. Our pupils will also be presenting to the congregation about their faith.

Fr John will celebrate our P7 Leavers' Mass of Thanksgiving on **Monday, 26th June 2016**, in the School Hall at 1.30 pm. All parents/carers are invited to share the celebration.

A special thank you to Fr John for his continued support in preparing the pupils for receiving the Sacraments, and for all his support throughout the year.

P7 Induction Days



Just a reminder that our Primary 7 pupils who are attending Notre Dame after the summer will attend 2 Induction days in Notre Dame: **Thursday, 8th June** and **Friday, 9th June**.

Primary 7 pupils should come to St Patrick's as normal on Thursday 8th June and will be accompanied to Notre Dame by school staff. They will be dismissed from Notre Dame at **2.45pm** to make their way home. They should make their own way to Notre Dame on Friday 9th June for 9am and will again be dismissed from Notre Dame at **2.45pm**.

The P7 Leavers' Dance will be on **Thursday, 15th June from 7pm-9pm** in the school hall.



As always, our fabulous Parent Council will cater this event. A ceilidh band has been booked for the night and children are practising their 'hoolie' steps! Dress code is smart.

Please be mindful footwear needs to be safe for dancing ... no 6 inch heels!

New Entrants

P1 Play Dates

The children who are joining St Patrick's after August have had the opportunity to visit the school, and most of them met their Buddies.



Buddy Visits

P6 will visit their infant Buddies in the Nurseries over the course of the next few weeks.

P1 Induction Days - Thursday, 8th June and Friday, 9th June - 1.15pm - 2.30pm.

Children will visit the Primary 1 classrooms. Parents/Carers are asked to stay during this time to meet myself and Mrs Ogilby.

Sports Day



Our Sports Day this year is planned for Friday, 23rd June on the pitch at the school. It is expected that P4-P7 will have Sports in the morning and P1-P3 in the afternoon. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible. Morning races will start at 9.30am and the afternoon session at 1.15pm. If the weather is unsuitable then we will try to reschedule. Fingers crossed for good weather!

End of Year Reports

Teachers are busy working on the children's end of year reports. Reports will be sent to parents/carers before the end of term.



Classes for Next Year



I will send information regarding classes and Class Teachers for next year to parents/carers as soon as I possibly can. Staff allocation has still to be confirmed. As soon as that happens I will be able to organise classes and teachers and inform you.

Outdoor Learning



Please consider protecting your children from the sun by sending them to school with



a hat/cap and using sun cream. Even when it is cloudy, it is important to protect our children from the sun.

Car Park



The car park is for **staff use only**. Parents/Carers and families should **not** park in the school car park. Help us to keep our children safe.

Parent Council

The next meeting will be on 6th June at 7pm in the school. All parents/ carers are welcome.



Nut Free School



Please remember St Patrick's is a nut free school as some of our pupils have nut allergies. Please help us keep our children safe and healthy and do not give your child any snacks containing nuts, or sandwiches with nut spreads such as peanut butter or "Nutella".

School Funds



If there are any outstanding School Funds can I ask you to send it in as soon as possible, please? 50p per week per child, or £1 for a family weekly is collected every Monday.

Ear Piercing

I would like to encourage any parents/carers who are thinking about having their children's ears pierced, to consider doing this at the start of the summer holidays.



Children are not allowed to wear any jewellery at all during physical activity in school, and if ears are pierced during the school year, children miss out on participating in physical activities during PE lessons. Please consider the beginning of the summer holidays as a more suitable time for ear piercing so that children don't miss out on PE.

Twitter



Please follow us on Twitter. It is a great way to keep up to date with school life as Mrs Ogilby photographs everything for Twitter! **@StPatricksPS15**



June 2016 Newsletter

We value your views

Please let us know if you are particularly pleased about something or have any suggestions or comments.

Dates for your Diary

Sun 4 th June	11.00 am	Mass of Thanksgiving for Confirmadi - St Patrick's Church
Mon 5 th June	9.30 am	P6 Science Centre
	9.30 am	P3 Finlaystone Country Estate
	10.50 am	P5 Swimming
Tues 6 th June	1.25 pm	P5 & P6 Swimming
	3.00 pm	After Schools Athletics
Thurs 8 th June	9.00 am	P7 Transition Day - Notre Dame
	1.15-2.00 pm	Infant Induction - Day 1 of 2
Fri 9 th June	9.00 am	P7 Transition Day - Notre Dame
	1.15-2.00 pm	Infant Induction - Day 2 of 2
Mon 12 th June	9.30 am	Boozebusters P6 (for 3 weeks)
	10.50 am	P5 Swimming
	10.50 am	Boozebusters P7 (for 3 weeks)
Tues 13 th June	1.25 pm	P5 & P6 Swimming
	3.00 pm	After School Athletics
Thurs 15 th June	7.00 pm	P7 Leavers' Dance - School Hall
Friday 16 th June	3.00 pm	After School Basketball
Monday 19 th June	10.50 am	P5 Swimming
Tues 20 th June	3.00 pm	After School Athletics
Fri 23 rd June	9.00 am	Sports Day
Mon 26 th June	1.15 pm	Leavers' Mass in school hall
Wed 28 th June	2.00 pm	The McDougalls Show - whole school
Thurs 29 th June	10.00 am	Mass at St Patrick's Church - Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul (all welcome)
	1.00 pm	School closes for Summer Holidays

2017 - 2018 Session - School Holidays

Return date for teachers - Tuesday 15 August 2017

Inservice day - Tuesday 15 August 2017

Inservice day - Wednesday 16 August 2017

Return date for pupils - Thursday 17 August 2017

Schools close - Friday 01 September 2017

Local holiday - Monday 04 September 2017

Return date for teachers - Tuesday 05 September 2017

Return date for pupils - Tuesday 05 September 2017

Schools close - Friday 13 October 2017

First mid-term - Monday 16 October 2017 - Friday 20 October 2017 (inclusive)

Inservice day - Monday 23 October 2017

Return date for teachers - Monday 23 October 2017

Return date for pupils - Tuesday 24 October 2017

Schools close - Wednesday 20 December 2017

Christmas holiday - Thursday 21 December 2017 - Wednesday 03 January 2018 (inclusive)

Return date for teachers - Thursday 04 January 2018

Return date for pupils - Thursday 04 January 2018

Schools close - Friday 09 February 2018

Second mid-term - Monday 12 February 2018 - Tuesday 13 February 2018 (inclusive)

Inservice day - Wednesday 14 February 2018

Return date for teachers - Wednesday 14 February 2018

Return date for pupils - Thursday 15 February 2018

Schools close - Thursday 29 March 2018

Good Friday - Friday 30 March 2018

Easter Monday - Monday 02 April 2018

Easter holiday - Monday 02 April 2018 - Monday 16 April 2018 (inclusive)

Return date for teachers - Tuesday 17 April 2018

Return date for Pupils - Tuesday 17 April 2018

May day - Monday 07 May 2018

Return date for teachers - Tuesday 08 May 2018

Return date for pupils - Tuesday 08 May 2018

Schools close - Thursday 24 May 2018

May holiday - Friday 25 May 2018 - Monday 28 May 2018 (inclusive)

Inservice day - Tuesday 29 May 2018

Return date for teachers - Tuesday 29 May 2018

Return date for pupils - Wednesday 30 May 2018

Schools close - Thursday 28 June 2018

Summer Holiday - Friday 29 June 2018 - to be confirmed