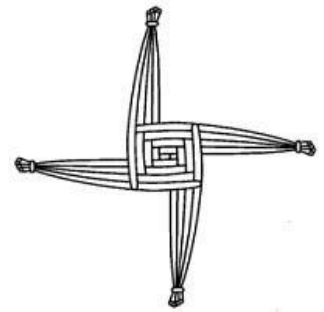




## **St. Ronan's Primary and Nursery School**

### **February 2022 Newsletter**



**Mid-term break** – School will be closed Monday 14<sup>th</sup> – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February inclusive. Reopens Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February.

**Sacraments** – Service of Light takes place on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March (Mr Foy's Class) and Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March (Mrs Boyle's Class) at 7pm.

Bishop Duffy will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation in Holy Cross Church on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March. Mr Foy's Class at 4pm and Mrs Boyle's class at 7pm.

Primary 4 will celebrate their First Penance on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm in Holy Cross Church.

**Attendance** - If children are showing Covid symptoms, the guidance states to stay at home and carry out a lateral flow test.

It is important that when children are well they attend school. This keeps continuity and progression of learning going as well as building up the social aspects with their classmates and friends.

**Student Teachers** – We welcome Sonya McCaughey and Tiarnach Fitzpatrick to St Ronan's. Both student teachers are 2<sup>nd</sup> Year students at St. Mary's University College, Belfast.

**Baby** – Congratulations to Mr McArdle and his fiancée Sara on the birth of a baby boy. Congratulations also to Mrs Rachel Fitzpatrick and her husband Cormac on the birth of a baby girl.

**Child Mental Health Week** – takes place from 7 – 11<sup>th</sup> February. The theme is 'Growing Together'. On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February we will have a no uniform day so children can wear their own clothes. The day is themed 'Dress to Express'. A donation of £1 per pupil is requested.

**Positivity Garden** – Near the entrance of the school we will have a 'Positivity Garden'. Each class will contribute to the garden over the next week and look after it as it grows and establishes. Many thanks to Mr Frank Quigley for his work on helping us so far and to Mrs Boyle for her planning and preparation.

**Catholic Schools Week** – Classes marked the week with lessons and making cards, stories and poems for grandparents.

Well done to the children who participated and attended the Parish Children's Mass last Sunday. It was great to see a full church once again and the children taking part in the liturgy. Many thanks to Mrs Boyle, Karen McElroy, Canon Jimmy and the Parish Committee for their efforts. The next Children's Mass will be held in Holy Cross Church at 11am on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March.

**Safer Internet Day** – takes place on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February. We will be reinforcing messages of online safety during the week as classes are booked into the ICT Room for their lessons.

**Post-Primary Registration** – Applications for P7s moving to post-primary education in September are currently open and will remain open until 4pm on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February. To apply go to [www.eani.org.uk/admissions](http://www.eani.org.uk/admissions)

**Trips** – P6RB and P7PF will travel to Armagh Planetarium on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> for workshops related to Climate Change.

**Literacy / Numeracy** – Early morning classes continue every Tuesday and Thursday morning beginning at 8:30am sharp.

**Sessional Day Care** – The school is continuing the process of registration to set up a Day Care facility for after school and holiday child care provision. Over the next few months we will update on progress, staffing, pricing, policies and terms for registration.

As part of the process of setting up, the facility needs an identity. We are asking pupils to be creative and to come up with a new name. Be as creative as you like. A logo would also be welcome. Any suggestions and logos can be submitted by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February.