



## St. Ronan's Primary and Nursery School

### May 2022 Newsletter



**Holiday** - School will be closed on Wed 1<sup>st</sup>, Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> and Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> June. Re-open again on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June.

**First Holy Communion** - takes place on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May at 11am (Miss Judge's class) and 2pm (Mrs Corrigan's class). One seat is being assigned per family in the church. At the request of the parish, adults are asked to please wear a face covering.

**Parish Children's Mass** - takes place on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May at 11am in Holy Cross Church. There has been a great enthusiasm and attendance at these Masses. If you can, please attend and support the children and the choir.

**Open Day (Nursery)** - Parents of children who are starting Nursery in September 2022 are invited to attend an Open Day session on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June. Details of attendance and times will be issued shortly.

**Pledge / Pioneers** - Children who are taking the pledge can do so at 11am Mass on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May in Holy Cross Church.

**Swimming** - Term 3 swimming programme begins on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May. Mr McArdle's class will attend for the first three weeks (12, 19, 26 May). Miss Bradley's class will attend the last three weeks (9, 16, 23 June).

**GAA Coaching** - Sean Jackman continues his coaching sessions on Wednesday mornings. Pat Cadden has started sessions on Friday afternoons. Joe McDade will join us on Thursday afternoons. These will continue throughout the term.

**Sustrans** - We encourage children to take active travel journeys to school (walk, cycle, scoot) as this is a healthier option and reduces congestion and pollution in our locality.

P6/7 pupils are currently taking part in a Cycle Club which runs every Tuesday for 6 weeks.

In the coming weeks we hope to demonstrate to Sustrans how we have promoted and continue to sustain active travel in our school community. We ask everyone to continue to play their part as we aim to achieve the Gold Award.

**P7 Taster Days** - P7 pupils who will be transferring to St Kevin's College in September 2022 will be taking part in two Taster Days (31<sup>st</sup> May and 23<sup>rd</sup> June). All P7 children will be taking part in an induction day at their new schools on 23<sup>rd</sup> June.

Parents of P7 pupils will be informed of their post primary school for September on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May.

**P3 After School** - Mrs Boyle has begun a Health and Well-being after school club for P3 children and this takes place every Wednesday 3 - 4pm.

**Lego Club** - Mr Hanna is currently running a Lego Club for P4 and P5 pupils on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons after school 3 - 4pm.

**Darkness into Light** - takes place this Saturday morning (7<sup>th</sup>) at 4:45pm. Pupils in Mrs Boyle's and Miss Bradley's classes have prepared posters and positivity messages which will be displayed along the route.

**PE Sessions** - Classes for Nursery pupils continue on Mondays for Nursery pupils, for P7 girls after school (3 - 4pm) and for parents 5:30pm - 6:30pm. These are facilitated by Chloe Gallagher, FODC. More parents are encouraged to take part.

**P7 trip** - Pupils in P7 will visit the Ulster American Folk Park in Omagh on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May.

**Standardised Tests** - begin on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May and will continue over a two-week period. It is important that children attend school so that we completed these tests within this period. The tests are not high stakes. They are useful for us to plan ahead for the next academic year.

**Cross-Country** - Competition takes place on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May at the Bawnacre Centre, Irvinestown. A number of children P4 - P7 will be taking part.

**Early Morning Class** - Literacy and Numeracy class continues for the rest of the term (8:30am - 9:15am) for P6 pupils. There will be no class on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May.

**Childcare** - We are continuing the process of registration and putting everything in place to set up a child care facility. This provision will be up and running for September. We will be sending out an indicative pricing structure and will be asking for expressions of interest for registration for parents who wish to avail of the service. Details to follow shortly.

**Routines** - It is important to keep good routines this time of year as evenings become longer. Homework is still an essential part of learning and we ask this is completed nightly. A reminder that school begins at 9:10am sharp. Children must attend school everyday unless feeling unwell or have symptoms of Covid 19.

It is important to talk to your child about good behaviour at all times. Distractions in class detract from the vital learning and teaching process and hinders the learning of others.

**Safety** - As the weather becomes warmer in May and June, a reminder that children should come properly equipped to school. Sun cream and hats are encouraged as well as sending water bottles. These can be re-filled throughout the school day.

**Contacting the school** - In the first instance please talk to the class teacher. Teachers are not available to speak during class time. If there is a SEN query, you should speak to the class teacher and SENCo. These teachers are best positioned to deal with your query.