

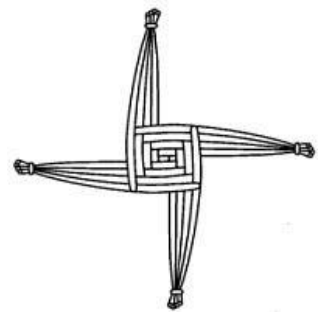


## **St. Ronan's Primary and Nursery School**

### **February 2020 Newsletter**

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[www.stronanps.com](http://www.stronanps.com)



**Mid-term break** – School will be closed from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February inclusive. Re-opens on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February.

**Catholic Schools Week** – Thank you to all the grandparents who came to the school last Thursday for a special assembly hosted by P5. They were entertained through song, poetry and story. Well done P5s! Thank you to Mrs McGirr and Mr Carey for their work preparing the children and the hall / foyer with decoration.

We had a wonderful celebration of Mass on Friday to mark Catholic Schools Week. The other primary schools in the parish joined us in Holy Cross Church. Many thanks to the priests of the parish and to Paul and Karen for preparing the choir. A recording of the Mass can be seen on the parish website.

**Confirmation Enrolment** – takes place on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February at 11:30am in Holy Cross Church. As enrolment is a requirement for Confirmation, all P7 pupils must attend.

**Service of Light** – takes place on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February at 7:30pm in Holy Cross Church. P7 pupils must attend in school uniform.

**Confirmation** – The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March at 6:00pm in Holy Cross Church. Bishop Larry Duffy will celebrate the sacrament.

**Pledge** – P7 pupils who choose to take the Pledge can do so at Mass on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 11:30am in Holy Cross Church.

**First Penance** – P4 pupils will celebrate First Penance on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm in Holy Cross Church, Lisnaskea.

**Sensory Workshop** – The PTFA has secured £4800 funding from Autism NI in association with the Public Health Agency and CLEAR. Two Sensory Workshops will be held on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> February 7:30 – 9pm for parents who wish to take part. Please contact

[stonans.ptfa@gmail.com](mailto:stonans.ptfa@gmail.com) or text 07534954784 to secure a place. The PTFA has also secured much needed funding for sensory equipment. The equipment has arrived in the school and will be a very useful resource to have for the benefit of pupils.

**Superhero Week** – AutismNI is running a SuperHero Week from 3 – 7<sup>th</sup> February. There are a number of activities you can work on at home with children to become ‘Super heroes’. A fundraising sheet will be enclosed with packs which children will receive. Please give what you can (as a family) and it will be returned to Autism NI. On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> we will have no uniform day and children may come to school in bright schools associated with their super hero. Please don’t buy super hero costumes for pupils as we don’t want to add a financial burden. Bright colours will be great to see.

**World Book Day** – takes place on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March. Children may come to school dressed up as a favourite book character using clothes which can be found at home.

**GAA Quiz** – Four pupils from P7 will represent the school at this year’s GAA quiz. Best of luck!

**Sport** – Well done to the girl’s camogie team who were placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Cumann na mBunscol Indoor competition. Well done also to the boy’s hurling team who were placed 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Breakfast** – There has been a successful start to breakfast provision. Reminder that it is open to P1 – P4 pupils 8:30 – 8:55am.

**Homework Club** – We have had a good response to date and will communicate a start date soon (Monday – Thursday 3 – 5pm (£2 per day) and Friday 3 – 4pm (£1 per day). If anyone else would like to stay for Homework Club please contact the school office.

A reminder that P1 and P2 pupils may still from 2 – 3pm at a cost of £1.50 per day.

**Safer Internet Day** – takes place on Tues 11<sup>th</sup> February. We will be reminding children about keeping safe online and how to be SMART.

**Bee Safe** P7 pupils will take part in the Bee Safe Initiative on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February in the Castle Park Centre, Lisnaskea. The initiative is delivered by agencies including the PSNI, NIE NI Fire and Rescue Service, Translink and the Red Cross.

**Consultation** – The Department of Education has opened a consultation on Nutritional Standards in School Food. The consultation is open until the end of March. If you wish to make a comment please visit the Department website [www.education-ni.gov.uk](http://www.education-ni.gov.uk)

## **Nursery News**

**Big Bedtime Read** - Nursery extend the invitation to all parents, grandparents and child minders to come in and read a short story to the children as part of our Big Bedtime Read scheme. A sincere thanks to all of the parents and grandparents who have supported us to date and we encourage others to do the same, it is such a wonderful experience for the children. If you would like to come in for 10 - 15 minutes, please see Miss Power at your convenience.

**People who help us** - Thanks to all of the parents who have come in and helped us by teaching the children about their different jobs and giving them a first-hand experience to talk to real nurses, dentists, lollipop ladies and police officers. We sincerely appreciate your continued support.

### **PTFA News and updates**

**Updates** - Since Sept the PTFA has raised just over £13000. This is made up from funding applied for through FODC, DEARA and the Public Health Agency, donations from our local businesses and support from all our amazing parents and friends. The money raised has gone on a new laptop for the nursery, a Smartboard for the main school, stationery, sensory training and sensory equipment for the school. From all of us in the PTFA a massive thank you for all your help and support.

Digital copies of 2019 class pictures are still available by emailing [Stronans.ptfa@gmail.co.uk](mailto:Stronans.ptfa@gmail.co.uk)

**News** - This term we are showing our support for Autism NI by taking part in Superhero week 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> Feb. It will be a busy week as we are also hosting a series of sensory workshops, there is still time to sign up for the workshops. Full details for both these events can be found on the school Facebook page.

**Coming up** - We will also be rolling out the Smarties Challenge soon. Money raised from this event will be donated to Marie Curie. This will begin before Lent so the kids can enjoy their treats before making any Lenten promises. Keep an eye on the school Facebook page for updates.

Thank you for all your continued support.

*St Ronan's PTFA*

