



St. Ronan's Primary and Nursery School

June 2021 Newsletter

Summer - The school will close for the Summer holidays at 11am on Tuesday 29th June. There will be no buses home or dinners that day.

The 2021 / 22 academic year begins on Monday 30th August. Transport and dinners will resume on Wednesday 1st September. Lunch will be needed for 30th and 31st August.

Covid 19 – We ask everyone to continue to adhering to restrictions which have been put in place to minimise the spread of Covid 19. For parents we ask that face coverings are worn in the school grounds and that you maintain 2m distance from others. We also request that there are no gatherings of adults in the school grounds.

If children are feeling unwell they must not come to school. If children show symptoms in school we will make a call for the child to be taken home and you will be advised to book a Covid test. We would like you to continue to support our work in minimising the risk to each other by following our guidance which is in line with Public Health Agency directives.

P7 - The entire staff wish all P7 pupils every success in their new schools. The P7 teachers are planning to hold a small farewell to pupils and parents on Friday 25th June (afternoon). Due to restriction on numbers gathering, this will be a socially distanced event. Further details will be sent to P7 parents.

The date for notification for post-primary applications has been brought forward to Saturday 12 June. Parents/guardians who have applied for a place for their child online will be able to login to the EA Post-Primary Application portal from 9am to receive the outcome of their child's application.

Reports - The Annual Report to Parents will be sent home with children on Friday 25th June.

Sacraments – Congratulations to the P4 children who celebrated their First Holy Communion on 22nd May. Many thanks to Canon Jimmy for his celebration of the sacrament. Thank you also to Karen McElroy for providing the music.

School Nurse - The school nurse will be in attendance from Tuesday 8th - Thurs 10th June to carry out a general check-up of P1 pupils. Parents will not be present due to current PHA guidelines.

Online Safety - The PSNI will deliver a talk to P6 and P7 pupils on cyber safety and how to stay safe online. This will take place in school on Wednesday 9th June.

Sun Safety - During the month of June children will be spending more time learning and exercising outdoors. Please ensure that children have sun cream applied. A hat would also be a useful item of clothing. Loose clothing is also encouraged. We remind children to continue to bring water bottles to school so as to keep hydrated throughout the day.

PTFA Uniform Swap Shop - If you have any items of uniform you wish to donate to our 'Swap Shop', please leave them in a bag in the foyer area of the school. Towards the end of the month an inventory of stock will be sent out and you can request items if you wish.

Sports Day - We plan to have Sports Days for each Key Stage during 'good' days this month. Unfortunately, we will be unable to welcome parents to the event this year.

Free School Meals / Uniform Grant - Current Eligible Families and New Applicants Parents/guardians who are currently in receipt of support for the 2020/21 school year will not be sent a pre-populated form for the 2021/22 school year. All parents/ guardians (including new applicants) are required to apply on-line from Monday, 7 June 2021 via the EA website <https://www.eani.org.uk/financial-help/free-school-meals>

The Free Schools Meals and Uniform Grants Helpdesk is operated by staff across the EA Free School Meals/ Uniform Grants service. It is available to assist parents/guardians and schools who may have any queries. The Helpdesk operates Monday – Friday from 9.00am to 4.30pm and can be contacted via email: mealsanduniform@eani.org.uk The telephone number which should be used for all enquiries is: (028) 9041 8044.

PE – Matty McConkey will attend school on Friday mornings to continue PE with P1 – P3 pupils. All classes have been asked to timetable PE provision for at least two hours per week as per instruction from the Department of Education.

GAA - We extend our thanks to Lisnaskea Emmetts for a generous donation which has allowed us to purchase essential equipment. We also thank the club for hurling coaching (Emmet Conlon) which is benefitting P4 during the school day and a group of Key Stage 2 children after school on Wednesdays.

This venture is part of a collaboration between the school and the club to promote Gaelic games, individual and team skills.

Coaching - Matthew Morrow from Fermanagh and Omagh District Council has been coaching Nursery and P7 children (rugby) over the last number of weeks and will continue during June.

Summer Scheme - This will take place Monday 12th - Friday 16th July and Monday 26th - Friday 30th July for P4 to P7 pupils. Due to a high volume of expressions of interest and availability of staff we are unable to cater for P1 - P3 pupils. The scheme will include sports, ICT, well-being sessions, hip-hop dance, arts and crafts. Children will also receive lunch. Further details will be available asap. Registration will open later in the month. A text message will be sent to all parents in advance of registration.

Books - Please return all text books and library books which may be at home. All returns are welcome and saves the school purchasing new materials unnecessarily.

Behaviour - I ask that parents discuss with children the importance of listening in class, following the school rules and interacting politely with others during school time. Disruption to learning not only impacts on one's own learning but also impacts negatively on the learning of others. Continued disruption will lead to calls to parents to discuss the situation further.

We have come to the end of another very challenging academic year. I thank the children for continuing to learn online during closure. Thanks also to parents for supporting children in their learning, supporting the school and co-operating during difficult periods when Covid was spreading in the community. I thank the staff for their ongoing commitment to their work to ensure that all children succeeded and progressed.

Going forward, we all hope that restrictions will not be imposed again. At the moment we have no details of procedures for September but once these have been communicated, I will send further details in advance of the new academic year.

I wish everyone a very happy and safe summer. Please take time to enjoy the time together and I look forward to seeing everyone again on Monday 30th August.