***November Newsletter 2024***

ST PATRICK’S PRIMARY SCHOOL



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***Our Mission Statement.***

***“Inspired by our faith in Christ,***

***St. Patrick’s Catholic P.S. will provide:***

***A happy, secure and caring learning environment***

***Which promotes all to be the best they can be***

***Full of optimism, ambition and with a love of learning.***

***Working in partnership with our community***

***We will ensure St. Patrick’s P.S. makes a difference.”***

***Our School Prayer.***

***Dear St Patrick,***

***Help us to make our school***

***A happy, caring and safe place***

***Where we can be***

***The best we can be***

***Every day in every way,***

***Amen.***

**Break / Lunch / Dinner**

Every pupil will require a healthy break and water each day.

**Can you please ensure that you pack a healthy snack for your child**. We are trying to encourage a healthier approach to break time. Crisps and chocolate should not be eaten at breaktime.

Dinners are £2:60 per child per day or £13:00 per week.

**ALL dinner money MUST be paid on a Monday morning. The correct money must be given as we are not able to provide change.**

**Dinner Menu is on the website.**

All lunch boxes and water bottles should be clearly labelled.

***Please look at the content of all snacks sent into school and check for nut content. We are a Nut Aware School due to children with allergic reactions to different types of nuts***.

**Daily Mile**

We are continuing to promote the daily mile initiative. The aim of this is to help all children improve their physical, emotional, social and mental health and wellbeing by encouraging them to run, jog or walk for 15 minutes every day. The Daily Mile can also help to increase concentration levels and improve attainment.We are grateful to our P6 children who accompany the children from the Daffodil and Snowdrop rooms on their daily walk.

**Flu Vaccine**

The annual flu vaccine takes place on Wednesday 13th November.

**Pantomine**

P1-P7 will attend the Market Place Theatre in Armagh on December 2nd and 4th for their production of Rapunzel. More details to follow. The children from the daffodil and snowdrop rooms will also attend their Christmas activity on Monday 16th December at Happy Dayz, Ballygawley.

We are fortunate that this year the buses have been subsided reducing the overall cost of the trip. The trip will cost £15 per child and 3 payments of £5 can be made during the month of November. All money must be received by Monday 25th November. Letter will be sent out after the break.

**PTA**

We had a very successful disco in Clonoe Community Centre on Thursday 24th October. The children really enjoyed it. Thanks to the PTA, staff and Clonoe Community Centre for making this possible. Thank you for your generosity on the night. It is very much appreciated.

**Autumn Weather**

Can you please ensure that your child wears a coat to school each day. There is a definite change in the weather. Please ensure that all coats are clearly marked with child’s name.

**Opening Times**

School gates open at 8.50 am. Children should be in school by 9.05am at the latest to begin class at 9.10am **There has been a steady increase in latecomers. Please ensure your child arrives to school on time. Late comers will be marked as late on the roll.**

**Home Time**

If your child is going home with another adult, can you please inform the class teacher. You can call the school or send a note to the teacher. If a child is going home early, an adult must collect them from the school and sign them out.

**Attendance**

Good attendance supports learning, the development of social skills and friendships, as well as building good habits that are essential for adult life. School education lays the vital foundations of a child's life. Please read the attached document on attendance.

**Anti-Bullying Week**

Anti-Bullying Week 2024 will take place from **Monday 11th - Friday 15th November**, with the theme: Choose Respect. Odd Socks Day is taking place on Tuesday 12th November, with adults and children being encouraged to wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique.

**GAA Support**

We are grateful to have Liam Slater each Thursday to work with our P5-7 children. This is an excellent opportunity for our children.

P6/7 also benefit from afterschool football coaching from Clonoe O’Rahillys. We thank the coaches for giving up their free time to coach our children.

**Athletics NI**

Our school is now registered with Athletics NI to take part in the FLAHAVANS Cross Country Events. The first event is on Monday 4th November. Training takes place on Wednesday evenings at Gortgonis track. We are delighted that some new members have joined and will hopefully partake in future events.

**Eco Club**

Our Eco Club are having a toy swap day on Friday 8TH November. All toys in good condition are welcome. Children can purchase toys on the day. Watch our social media for more details.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Friday 8th November-** Eco Club Toy Swap

**Monday 11th – Friday 15th November-** Anti-Bullying Week.

**Tuesday 12th November-** Odd Sock Day

**Wednesday 13th November-** Flu Vaccine

**Monday 2nd December Wednesday 4th December–** Panto Market Place Armagh

**Monday 2nd December –** Santa Night

**Friday 6th December** - Daily Mile Santa Run

Thank you for your continued support. It is very much appreciated.