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APRIL NEWSLETTER

4th April 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians

I would like to inform you of the following important dates and events occurring in April and during the third term:

-  **Lenten Mass:** Our final Lenten Mass is on Wednesday 6th April @10am.
-  **P6 & P7 swimming:** Commences on Wednesday 6th April for eight weeks.
-  **P5-P7 Confessions:** Thursday 7th April.
-  **Bike Day: Friday 8th April.** Children may bring their bike or scooter into school (**helmets must be worn**) and wear their favourite colour or jersey as Armagh Ladies play in the National League final next weekend.
-  **Mathletics & Mathseeds Treat:** Monday 11th April.
-  **Easter Holidays:** School closed Thursday 14th April – 22nd April (inclusive). Children finish school on Wednesday 13th April and return on Monday 25th April (normal arrangements).
-  **Ceremony of Light (P7):** Thursday 19th May @7pm in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh.
-  **Holy Communion (P4):** Saturday 21st May @ 11am in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Tullysaran.
-  **Confirmation (P7):** Sunday 5th June @ 2pm in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh.
-  **May Closure Dates:** School closed on – 2nd (Bank Holiday) & 5th (Polling Centre – Stormont Election).
-  **June Closure Dates:** 2nd – 7th June (Bank Holidays & Staff Days).
-  **Summer Holidays:** School closes for summer holidays on Thursday 30th June @12noon.

Any changes will be sent out by text to Parents/Guardians or amended on our website. If you have changed your mobile number/address, please inform the school in writing.

CONGRATULATIONS: Congratulations to our Primary 4 children who made their First Penance in a lovely service on Tuesday 22nd March. The children were brilliant and it was a very special night for all involved.

Thanks to Mrs Mc Cloy and Mrs Kearney for all their sacramental work in Primary 4. Thanks also to our Choir members and staff who assisted with the singing and music, which was excellent.

SWIMMING: P6 and P7 swimming commences on Wednesday 6th April for eight weeks. Please ensure all pupils bring their swimming gear and towel in a sturdy bag. Shampoo and deodorant are not permitted. We would also encourage girls to wear a waterproof swim hat to keep their hair dry when swimming. Thanks.

BIKE DAY: All children are encouraged to bring their bike or scooter into school on Friday 8th April so they can cycle or scoot around our school carpark and grounds (***helmets must be worn***). This will also be a free non-uniform day so the children can wear their favourite colours or jersey into school as Armagh Ladies play in the Division 2 National League final at the weekend. We wish them the best of luck!

MATHLETICS & MATHSEEDS TREAT: Children who have attained the highest amount of points in Mathletics or achieved the most certificates on Mathseeds will receive a special treat on Monday 11th April. They will travel into the Play Park at Sherry's Field for an extended play and will then go to the Mulberry Restaurant for ice-cream and juice. This is a special reward for all their hard work. Well done!

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, TULLYSARAN, 100 YEARS CELEBRATIONS: As part of the continued centenary celebrations for the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Tullysaran, our Primary 3-7 children will complete a piece of work linked to the Church. The activities will range from creating stained glass windows, writing a prayer/poem or completing a research project on the history of the church. Their work will be displayed in the Community Centre later in the year. If anyone has any information on the building of the Church and would be willing to share it with our children or would like to support some of the classes with their learning activities on the Church, please email tmckee362@c2kni.net. We would be particularly interested in speaking to people in the community whose ancestors were involved in the building of the Church. We would greatly appreciate any support with this work.

PARENT PAY: We continue to use Parent Pay to facilitate cashless payments however cash payments may be accepted on some occasions. Please ensure that you keep your payments up to date on Parent Pay to assist us in the running of our school. Thank you.

TERM 3 AFTERSCHOOL ACTIVITIES: A letter regarding term 3 afterschool activities will be sent home next week as activities will commence on our return from Easter holidays.

COVID 19: There are currently no changes to our COVID 19 protocols however DENI has informed schools that new guidance will be published after Easter. We should be able to advise you of our updated COVID arrangements in our May Newsletter. Please continue to contact the school if your child tests positive for COVID. Thank you.

Please contact the school if you have any queries or concerns and keep up to date with school events via our school website and app. I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of all staff and governors to wish you all a relaxing and enjoyable Easter break.

Thank you for your continued support.

Take care and all the best

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