

OUR LADY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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MAY & JUNE NEWSLETTER

9th May 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians

I would like to inform you of the following important dates and events occurring in May and June:

-  **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.
-  **June Closure Dates:** 2nd – 7th June (Bank Holidays & Staff Days).
-  **Confirmation (P7):** Sunday 5th June @ 2pm in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh.
-  **St. Patrick's and St. Catherine's Armagh Post-Primary Induction days for Primary 7 children:** Wednesday 8th June.
-  **Sports Day:** Friday 10th June is our proposed date for Sports Day however if there is a spell of good weather in May we may reschedule and inform parents via text.
-  **Primary 7 Leavers' Mass:** Thursday 23rd June @ 10am in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Tullysaran
-  **Primary 7 Last Day:** Friday 24th June.
-  **St. Patrick's Academy Post-Primary Induction day for Primary 7 children:** Monday 27th June.
-  **P2-P6 Class Transition Day:** Monday 27th June. Children will meet their teacher for next year.
-  **Tea/Coffee Afternoon:** Tuesday 28th June. We will host an informal tea/coffee afternoon in our school hall to mark the end of the school year and bid farewell to Mrs Comiskey.
-  **Summer Holidays:** School closes for summer holidays on Thursday 30th June @ 11am.

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.

ADMISSIONS: We had a large number of applications for Primary One next year (2022/23). The Board of Governors have agreed to have two Primary One classes with 18 children in each as there will be 36 Primary One children. We will host an induction evening for all Primary One parents in June and our new children will come into school at the beginning of September for their induction days before starting school on Monday 5th September.

UNIFORM: It is very important that children continue to wear full school uniform, which includes plain black footwear, during term 3. Children may wear plain navy shorts or blue checked summer dresses during the summer term.

AFTERSCHOOL ACTIVITIES: All term 3 afterschool activities have commenced, however there are still some spaces available if parents would like to book their children into any of the arranged activities:

P1 - Sports Club; P2 - Art Club; P3 - Soccer; P4 – Sports Club; P5 – Science Club; P6 – Transfer Class; P7: Art Club; P6 & P7 Gaelic; P4-7 – Fiddle and P5-P7 – Choir/Singing Club.

HOLY COMMUNION: Our Primary Four children will celebrate their Holy Communion on Saturday 21st May @11am in the Immaculate Conception, Church, Tullysaran. Refreshments will be served in the Community Centre afterwards and a photographer has also been organised. Thanks to all the Primary 3 parents who have agreed to assist with preparing of food and serving of refreshments for the after party. We hope our Primary 4 children and families have a special and memorable day.

SCHOOL TRIPS: School trips for all classes are currently being finalised (please view dates and destinations, below). Letters will be sent home shortly and payments may be made in instalments and via ParentPay. Please contact the school if you require any support with the payment of school trips. Thanks.

Reception/Primary 1: Thursday 9th June – Tannaghmore Gardens & Farm

Primary 2: Wednesday 15th June – Slieve Gullion & Cheeky Monkeys

Primary 3: Thursday 9th June – Newcastle beach & Eddie Rockets, Newry

Primary 4 & 5: Friday 17th June - Airtastic Bounce & Bowling

Primary 6: Tuesday 14th June – W5 Belfast, bowling & cinema

Primary 7: Thursday 16th June – Lisburn Leisureplex, bowling & cinema

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, TULLYSARAN, 100 YEARS CELEBRATIONS: Thank you to everyone who contacted me regarding the centenary celebrations of the Church. The children will be beginning to complete their work over the next few weeks and we look forward to displaying their work once it is completed.

PLAY SAND: Our Primary 7 children recently filled 24x20kg bags of play sand from some sand we had over from our outdoor play pit. The bags of play sand are available for parents to purchase at £5 per bag. First come first served. Please contact the school office if you would like to purchase a bag of play sand.

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 smooth running of our school. Thank you.

COVID: The Department of Education published new guidance in April. Children must continue to self-isolate for at least 5 days if they test positive for COVID. The Department's guidance does advise children to continue to wear face coverings on school transport. Parents should continue to keep their distance in or around the school grounds, however face coverings do not need to be worn on the school grounds.

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.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Take care and all the best

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