

# ST. PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Summer Term Newsletter 2017

Dear Parent

28 April 2017

### ***Welcome back to St Patrick's for Summer Term, 2017.***

**Féis 2017:** St Patrick's PS annual Féis was a huge success once again this year. Thank you for supporting the Féis and encouraging your child to take part. A big thank you to Mrs. Sheridan, Féis organizer, and to our adjudicators Mr. Baxter, Mr. McKenna, Miss Maguire and Mr. O'Farrell.



### **Summer Term in St Patrick's**

You may be aware that the current political impasse at Stormont has resulted in our elected politicians failing to present an education budget to schools. If this continues, it will have a serious and wide-reaching impact on schools such as ours.

One such impact has been felt on the afterschool clubs. Unfortunately, the commencement of **Afterschool Clubs** (P3-P7) on Tues, Thurs & Fri will be delayed until further notice. P1 & P2 afterschool club is unaffected. Milk and Fruit was previously subsidized from the Extended Schools budget and this subsidy has been removed.

- In the final term of the school year we wish to focus on learning and teaching of the core subjects. Children will sit a range of exams next month and teachers include their results to complete a comprehensive end-of-year report on each pupil. Reports will be sent home near the end of term.
- **School Closings:** St Patrick's will close on the following days in **May: 1<sup>st</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>- 31<sup>st</sup>** inclusively. Term ends on **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June** at 12 noon.
- **School Milk** begins next **Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May**. Children taking milk this term are asked to bring in **£6.50** on/before this Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> April.
- **Fruit** is also offered from **Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup>**. Again, this will cost **£6.50** for the term. If you wish your child to take fruit daily, orders (with payment) need to be in by this Friday as well.  
*Please encourage your child to take fruit and milk.*
- **School Savings** begin again this Friday (28<sup>th</sup>).



### **Dates for your Diary**

- ❖ **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May – School Photos.** Family photos will be taken between **11.00 & 12.00**.
- ❖ **First Holy Communion** is on **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May** at **11.00am** in St Mary's Oratory.



- ❖ **Walk to School Week 2017** will be from **15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> May**
- ❖ **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June:** “Fan the Flame” Mass for P7.
- ❖ **Sports Day 2017** is planned for *‘the first good day after’* **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June.**



#### **Other Information:**

- **School Uniform:** Navy trousers / track-suit bottoms / skirt / pinafore  
Navy sweatshirt / sweater / cardigan  
Blue shirt / blouse (navy tie optional)

Jeans **may not** be worn.

Sweatshirts and other schoolwear items are stocked by J Kemps & Sons, NTS.

*Parents are free to buy schoolwear from other sources (without school badge) as long as it conforms to the items above. With good weather (hopefully) approaching and sweatshirts often taken off, **please ensure sweatshirts have child's name**.*

- **Smart Snacks:** St Patrick's receives the Smart Snacks Award each year. Only milk, water and fruit or raw vegetables may be taken at Break time. If taking lunches, **no crisps or fizzy drinks please!** Our filtered, chilled water dispenser is installed in the foyer (with another drinking fountain outside P1/2) and can be used during non-class time. School water bottles costing £1 can be bought from the secretary – these can be used during class at the teacher's discretion. *(Replacement bottle tops cost 20p.)*
- **Please note:** Children **may not** wear earrings, studs, etc to school and are not to bring **mobile phones or suchlike** into school.
- With tests taking place this term, where possible, please keep routine dental/optician/doctor appointments outside school hours.
- Please check that your child's indoor school footwear is in good condition. In term 3 we often find some slippers have become dangerously tattered, so please replace if necessary.

***Contact the office if you require any other information about St Patrick's. The school website has a copy of all newsletters and coverage of events going on within the school. Please keep this letter to refer to.***

***P Torney*** (Headteacher)