



# St. Teresa's Primary School

"Doing ordinary things extraordinarily well"



## Spring Newslines 2024

Parents / Guardians,

I hope this newslines finds you all in good spirits with the arrival of Term 3 and hopefully some spring sunshine.

### Seesaw

All teachers will keep in touch with parents / guardians via the Seesaw App. Please make sure you are signed up to your child's teacher / class.

### Food Allergies / Healthy Break

**Can I ask you to adhere to precautions we have in school for children with severe allergies? To date we have 4 children (who require epipens) and can I ask that NO nuts or fish are brought into school at ANYTIME. As we are a healthy eating school we require our children to bring in water, fruit or vegetables to eat / drink at breaktime. We hope to see an improvement in concentration and behaviours as we move forward together on this.**

### School Counsellor

Mrs Jane McGeary continues to work with our children and parents each Wednesday morning in school. As this is an additional service provided by school so we need to continue to fundraise to be able to offer this to our pupils as we are trying to fund the cost of retaining her services by ourselves. After our school raffle at Christmas, and FOST fundraising, we should be able to secure the services of our school counsellor for Term 3. Thank you for your continued help.

### FOST

A huge thank you to the Friends of St Teresa's for organising the Valentine's Glo Disco and St Patrick's Day Ceili in The Woodville Arms, for our school and community. **£1022** was raised on these days and this money will be used to help our costing towards helping and benefiting our children in Term 3. Thank you for your support.

### Absences from school

Absences from school during term time are discouraged and will affect your child's attendance rate. If your child's attendance rate falls below 85% the 'Education Welfare Officer' will contact you or pay a visit to your home. If you do need to take your child out of school, please notify Mr. Kearney in writing. (This does not include days of sickness; you can notify school about sickness using the Absence Form on our School App).

### Parking

Please show consideration for our local residents by using the school car park, please try not to block driveways on Tarry Lane. Your co-operation with this matter would be greatly appreciated.

### Wrap Around Club

Our Wrap Around Club so far has been very successful, however, it is extremely important that you book your child's slot before 9.30am each morning to allow for adequate staffing. Children NOT booked in may not be able to stay if we have not got the staff to cover. **PLEASE BOOK YOUR SLOT BEFORE 9.30am EACH DAY!**

### Book Fair

During January 2024 you and your children supported our School Book Fair. A total of £1302.99 was raised, which will be used to 'top up' our accelerated reading library and class libraries for our foundation stage. Thank you for your cooperation and financial support.

### Sacraments Dates / Times

P4 – First Penance – 28<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 6pm in St Peter's Church, Lurgan.

P4 – First Holy Communion – 8<sup>th</sup> June 2024 at 11am in St Peter's Church, Lurgan.

P7 – Confirmation – 14<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 11.00am in St Peter's Church, Lurgan.

## **Sacrament of Confirmation / Sacrament of Penance**

Congratulations to our Primary 4 children who made their Sacrament of Penance on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2024 in St Peter's Church. Thanks to Mrs Loney, Mrs Fox, Mrs Tallon and Mrs O'Neill for preparing our children for this special sacrament and to you our Parents / Guardians for supporting our children and school.



Congratulations to our Primary 7 children who made their Sacrament of Confirmation on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2024. Thanks to you, the sponsors and the parish community for a lovely occasion in St Peter's Church. A big thank you to Mr Barrett, Mrs McCann, Mrs McStravick and Mrs Lavery who helped prepare our children for this Sacrament.



## **Trocaire**

During the Lenten season and Holy Week, classes in our school fundraised in/out of school and helped to raise £1411.00 for Trocaire. A huge big thank you to all who helped us raise a brilliant total for a much needed cause.



## **Parent Governor**

### **Would you like to be a Parent Governor in our school?**

Our school Governors are reconstituted every 4 years and in September / October 2024, I will be requesting if any Parent / Guardian would be interested in applying for this position within our school Board of Governors. If interested, please put forward your name with a nominated proposer and seconder in Term 1 of the next academic year.

## **Financial Donations**

A huge thank you to the following Parents / Families / Businesses for their financial support:

Daly Park Accountants - £1500	Hannon Steel - £1000
Mr & Mrs Devine - £7000	Gary Leathem - £1000
Mr & Mrs McIntyre - £1000	Mr Paul McKernan – 3x Ipads

This support has helped in so many ways and we have just purchased another 10 laptops for our children. If anyone would like to help with donations or support our children / school in any way, please do so as every penny is very important in buying resources, equipment, licences and counselling services as our school has an growing deficit of over £120,000.

## **Key Dates:**

16 <sup>th</sup> April – Art Workshop (P6 class) with St Ronan's	4 <sup>th</sup> June – Taster Day P6 children in St Ronan's (TBC)
16 <sup>th</sup> April – African Drumming Workshop with P1 / P2 classes	6 <sup>th</sup> or 7 <sup>th</sup> June – CATS Testing, St Ronan's P7 (TBC)
18 <sup>th</sup> April – Gaelic Tournament in Aghagallon	8 <sup>th</sup> June – Sacrament of First Holy Communion 11am in St Peter's Church
18 <sup>th</sup> April – P3 trip to W5	11 <sup>th</sup> June – P1-P4 Sports Day (Weather Permitting)
23 <sup>rd</sup> April - African Drumming Workshop with P1 / P2 classes	12 <sup>th</sup> June – P5-P7 Sports Day (Weather Permitting)
6 <sup>th</sup> May – School Closure	14 <sup>th</sup> June – Reports for all children sent home
6 <sup>th</sup> May – 17 <sup>th</sup> May – Standardised Testing P3-P7 Classes	17 <sup>th</sup> June – Master Lavery 'In House' Gaelic Tournament
7 <sup>th</sup> May - African Drumming Workshop with P1 / P2 classes	19 <sup>th</sup> June – Leaver's Assembly at 9.30am / School Mass at 10.30am in the Assembly Hall
10 <sup>th</sup> May – P4 Trip to Palace Stables, Armagh	18 <sup>th</sup> June – Des Hughes 'In House' Gaelic Tournament
14 <sup>th</sup> May - African Drumming Workshop with P1 / P2 classes	18 <sup>th</sup> June – P1- P4 Trips
15 <sup>th</sup> May – Love for Life Workshop P7s (and another 2 schools)	20 <sup>th</sup> June – P7 Trip to Emerald Park
21 <sup>st</sup> May - African Drumming Workshop with P1 / P2 classes	22 <sup>nd</sup> June – Party on the Pitch with FOST (Details TBC)
21 <sup>st</sup> May – Parents Information Day – (New Year 8)	28 <sup>th</sup> June – End of school year. children to finish at 11.30am
24 <sup>th</sup> or 28 <sup>th</sup> May – P6 Taster Session (TBC)	
27 <sup>th</sup> May – 31 <sup>st</sup> May – School Closure	