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## APRIL 2022

**School Closures:** The school will close on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April at 12pm** for the Easter holidays and will **reopen on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April.**

The School Holiday list for 2022-2023 is available from the office on request. We are not issuing the dates to all parents yet to avoid confusion with this year's dates.

**First Confession** will take place for P.4 children in St. Mary's Church on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm. Canon Jimmy has asked all adults and P.4 children attending to wear a mask. P.4 children should wear full school uniform at the ceremony, they can wear in their PE gear into school on Tuesday.

### **Lough Derg Retreat**

As part of the children's Confirmation preparations this year the P.7 class will be attending a one-day retreat in Lough Derg on Wednesday the 27<sup>th</sup> of April. We would like to thank Canon Jimmy and the Parish for facilitating the trip.

### **Holy Thursday Mass**

The Confirmation Class will be attending the special Chrism Mass in Monaghan Cathedral on Holy Thursday the 14<sup>th</sup> of April. Bishop Larry Duffy will be celebrating the mass. We will leave school at 9.45am and return at 3pm approximately, the children will get treated to Mc Donald's for their lunch on the way home.

### **Children's Mass**

The next children's mass in St. Mary's Church will be on Saturday the 9<sup>th</sup> of April where P.5-P.7 will lead the liturgy and the choir.

### **Important Dates in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Term.**

**Leaver's Assembly:** Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June.

**Sport's Day:** A good day during the week beginning 6<sup>th</sup> June.

**End of Year Tests:** Week beginning 16<sup>th</sup> of May to be completed over 2 weeks.

### **GAA Cumann na mBunscol**

P.6 & P.7 girls and P.5-P.7 boys will take part in a regional Gaelic Football tournament on Tuesday the 26<sup>th</sup> of April, venue to be confirmed. Local south Fermanagh schools will be invited and the top boys and girls team will proceed to the County final's day.

**Swimming Programme** - The P.5 - P.7 swimming programme concludes on Tuesday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of May. We are arranging for the P.5's to go swimming on Tuesday the 26<sup>th</sup> of April as most of the P.6 & P.7 will be at a Gaelic Tournament that day. The cost for P.5's will be £3.

**Eco Council News** - We are delighted to have received funding for an Eco-friendly bike shed at our school. We look forward to getting this sorted in the coming months. Watch out for some exciting additions to the school environment this Spring including Bottle Art and painted flower beds.

**Big Spring Clean** - As part of our ongoing Eco Initiatives the children will be taking part in the Big Spring Clean on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April. This is a national initiative which brings attention to keeping our locality clean. The children will be out doing a big clean-up of their school and some of the older children will be in the village picking up litter.

### **Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel**

Well done to our pupils, parents and Margaret on the crossing patrol for a fantastic effort with Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel. There was a great increase in children walking, cycling and scooting over the 2 weeks with almost 70% of children travelling actively to school. As we approach the summer months it would be great to see children continuing their active travel efforts.

### **Daily Mile 10<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

All classes complete the Daily Mile each day in school. We can see the benefits of better concentration and focus in class, improvements to mood and self-efficacy, increased awareness and interest in health & wellbeing and increased fitness levels. As part of The Daily Mile's 10th Birthday children will take part in the virtual event on Thursday 28th April in school.

### **Fivemiletown Netball and Soccer Tournament**

The second and final day of this competition will take place on Thursday the 28<sup>th</sup> of April 10am-12.15pm in Fivemiletown College. At the half way stage our netball team is unbeaten.

### **Easter Raffle**

An Easter Raffle will take place on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April in school**. Tickets cost 40p each or 5 for £1:50. All money raised will go to our school Charity this year, Children's Cancer Charity.

### **Chinese Cultural Celebration**

In partnership with the South West College and as part of the Confucius Programme of teaching Mandarin to the older children in school, on Wednesday the 6<sup>th</sup> of April the children (P.1-P.7) will have a fabulous opportunity to take part in a number of

cultural workshops and live performances to experience the celebration of Chinese culture. These include mask colouring, traditional painting and clothing and dance.