



Summer Term Newsletter 2018

Dear Parent

10 April 2018

Welcome back to St Patrick's for Summer Term, 2018.

Féis 2018: 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, Miss Rafferty, all the Teachers/Classroom Assistants and to our adjudicators Mr. Maguire, Mr. McKenna and Mr. O'Farrell.



Summer Term in St Patrick's

- 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.
- **Breakfast Club** takes place every morning, 8.20-8.55am, £1.00 per day, £4.00 per week
- **Junior (P1 & P2) Afterschool Club** takes place every day, 2.15-3.10pm, £1.50 per day
- **Senior (P4-P7) Afterschool Clubs** begin next week Tuesday, Thursday & Friday. Separate note to follow.
- **School Closings:** St Patrick's will close on the following days in **May: 7th, 28th – 29th** inclusively. Term ends on **Thursday 28th June** at 12 noon.
- **P6/7 School Trip to SHARE Holiday Village, Wednesday 23rd - Friday 25th May**
- **School Milk** begins next **Monday, 16th April**. Children taking milk this term are asked to bring in **£5.00** on/before this Friday, 13th April.
- **Fruit** is also offered from **Monday, 16th April**. Again, this will cost **£5.00** 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 (13th).



Dates for your Diary

- ❖ **Soccer Taster Day, Thursday 12th April**
- ❖ **Tuesday 24th April – School Photos. Family photos will be taken between 11.00 & 12.00.**
- ❖ **NSPCC Parent Internet Safety Afternoon, Monday 30th April, 2.15-3.15pm**



- ❖ **Kinetic Theatre Production, Tuesday 1st May, 9.30am**
- ❖ **NSPCC P6 & P7 Workshops, Thursday 10th May, 10.00-11.45am**
- ❖ **First Holy Communion** is on **Saturday 19th May at 11.00am** in St Mary's Oratory.
- ❖ **Walk to School Week 2018** will be from **21st – 25th May**
- ❖ **Thursday 7th June:** "Fan the Flame" Mass for P7.
- ❖ **Sports Day 2018** is planned for 'the first good day after' **Friday 1st June.**
- ❖ **P1 School Nurse Visit, Thursday 14th June**
- ❖ **School Mass & P7 Leavers' Assembly, Friday 22nd June, 10.00am**



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.
- **Attendance** – our attendance figures for this year are currently very far below previous years. I appreciate that from before Christmas we have been beset with Chicken Pox, Flu and then a Stomach Bug. We do not want you to send children to school when they are ill but would ask that they are only kept at home when genuinely ill and that they return to school when fit again. When school finishes on a half day, please send the children to school as normal with schoolbags.
- 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)