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St Patrick's Day-Sona Lá St Pádraig
Happy St Patrick's Day. Enjoy the celebrations.

CURRICULUM NEWS



RE News

This Sunday will be the 5th Sunday of Lent. The Wednesday Word this week is "follow". Jesus wants us to follow him to lead a rich and meaningful life, caring for our own families and those around us.

Classes K and I will visit Christchurch on Tuesday 20th March for the Stations of the Cross. Parents can join them there if they wish. Class K will be there at 11am and Class I at 1.30pm.



LITURGICAL DANCE

Y3 Liturgical Dance

Parents are invited to watch their children's dance display on Tuesday 27th March at 9am in the Dining Hall. This should last approx. 15 minutes.



Class Assemblies

Please take note of the following Class Assembly dates:

YR	Wednesday 21 st March	2.45pm
Y5	Tuesday 27 th March	2.45pm

All assemblies will take place in the Gym Hall. Please arrive on time. Children should not be disturbed by latecomers whilst in the middle of their assembly. All family members are welcome.

GENERAL NEWS



School Dinner Money

Please pay outstanding dinner money as soon as you can. Balances should be cleared before we break up for Easter. If you need more information please phone or email Mrs Jeffrey where she can help. Many thanks for your co-operation.

If your child wishes to change their lunch pattern please inform the Main Office.



Summer Uniform

Children can change to summer uniform after the Easter holiday. Ties must be worn with their uniform until the end of this term. At school, girls with long or shoulder length hair should wear their hair tied up. Boys should not wear gel in their hair.

Short sleeved shirts for boys can be purchased from the Main Office. You can also buy peaked summer hats for both boys and girls. Please enquire if you are unsure of what to buy. Summer dresses and short trousers can be purchased from the major supermarkets. If they don't have them in stock, you may be able to order them online.



Class Photographs

The photographers will be on site on Friday 23rd March to take the children's class photos with their teachers. Class M and N will have a combined photo as well as their individual class photos. The children love looking back on these photos when they are older.

NSPCC - Parents Online Safety Workshop

There are spaces available for parents to attend this workshop on Tuesday 20th March at 9am. It should last approx. 1 hour. These workshops are invaluable to keep parents informed about safety online. Please leave your name at the Main Office if you wish to attend.



Parents' Evening

Thank you to all the parents who arrived promptly and made the necessary child care arrangements. I realise some had to leave work early and travel from various work locations, but I trust the sessions with the teachers were informative. If parents feel they need further clarification about any point raised, always follow it up with a short meeting. The office staff can arrange these for you. It is always better to follow things up straight away, especially if you have concerns.



Parking

The Police visited the school yesterday to complain about the parking outside. They know that I put regular reminders in the newsletter but asked for the following to be added this week.

The Police Officers wear recording equipment. Since this was introduced, they have noticed a big difference. People are aware they are being recorded.

Spot checks are going ahead around all schools in the local area, including St Mary's.

Number plates will be noted. The Officers have access to the DVLA database so they will know where you live if they need to follow up on an incident.

Anyone with a Blue badge should also be aware that they must show consideration. Parking close to the corner of a road is not being considerate. It blocks the view for those crossing the road which could easily lead to a serious accident.

The Police Officer today noted inconsiderate behaviour. Parents blocking access routes. Parents swearing at residents. She is making this school her priority until she feels more considerate parking and behaviour is noted.



After School Clubs

All after school clubs will finish for the term next week. They will resume after the Easter break so look out for more information. Letters will be outside the Main Office and they will also be emailed.

PA NEWS

PA Events



Event for St Patrick's Day

The PA are really looking forward to this new event this evening, let's hope it is a resounding success. Have a good time if you are attending.

Please note that no-one will be allowed in without a ticket as there is a limit to the number of people who can be in the Gym Hall. Ensure that you bring your tickets with you.

The next PA event will be the Easter Egg Hunt for the children on Thursday 29th March

All children will take part in the Easter Egg Hunt on the last day of term. The children love hunting for the eggs and, of course, eating them afterwards! All children will require an egg basket/container to collect the eggs so please send it to school with your child on that day.

With kind regards

M A Jackson
Headteacher