



Parent Information Sheet

FEBRUARY 2019

Please find below useful information and reminders for the month of
FEBRUARY 2019.

Closures: Mid-Term Break Monday 18th to Friday 22nd February 2019. School re-opens Monday 25th February 2019.

Waiting Room Monies

Can we please ask parents who use the Waiting Room facility from 2-3pm, that payment must be made on a daily basis! It is imperative that all monies due are paid as this is a self-funding provision.

Looking ahead to costings for the next school year, we may need to make an increase to the daily cost for Waiting Room but we will be reviewing this in the next few months and make you aware in due course.

Peace Proms – Sunday 24th February

The Cross Border Orchestra of Ireland (CBOI) was established in 1995 as a peace initiative and is composed of over 100 exceptionally talented young musicians from all over Ireland and Northern Ireland. Over the past 21 years, the CBOI has played an important role in building and nurturing vital cross border and cross community relations. Peace Proms engages children in music and enriches their lives through exceptional musical experiences and performances. Over 25,000 Primary School children from different social, economic, cultural, religious and political backgrounds are actively participating in Peace Proms this year.

Our school choir will be among the children participating in the Peace Proms, which is held in the SSE Arena, Belfast on Sunday 24th February 2019.

A bus will leave our school at **12pm** sharp, to take the choir to Belfast. **There will be no return bus. The children must be collected from their seats in the auditorium of the SSE Arena.** The concert is scheduled to finish at 5.30pm.

Our group will be seated in Block WEST 7 which should be accessed by Doors 15 – 16.

We would ask that your child wears a plain white t-shirt/blouse (no logos) and their school trousers/skirt. This forms the “uniform” agreed by Peace Proms.

The children must bring a packed lunch and drink in a plastic bag for break-time.

Don't forget to purchase your tickets from the SSE Arena Box Office, contact details as follows: www.ssearenaelfast.com or by telephone 028 9073907 Happy Singing!

Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Day will take place on the 5th February 2019 with the theme "**Together for a better internet**"

In school we will be thinking of how we can promote safer and more responsible use of online technology. Please refer to the following websites for more information. www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents www.saferinternet.org.

Our children will attend an Internet Safety Presentation from the PSNI on Friday 8th February.

P.1 School Nurse

The school nurse will be coming on Tuesday 12th – Friday 15th February. This is for P.1 screening. A letter of permission and invite has been sent to all parents, which must be signed and returned to class teacher a.s.a.p.

P.4 Trip to Ulster Museum

Our P.4 children will go to the Ulster Museum on Tuesday 12th February leaving school at 9.30am and returning at 2.30pm.

Ash Wednesday Mass

Ash Wednesday Mass (6th March), due to St. Comgall's Church being closed for renovation, our P.4 – P.7 children will have Mass in our school hall. Fr. Emerson will administer a special blessing to children in P.1 – P.3 on that day.

Names on Uniforms

Please remember to clearly label all items of your child's school uniform, especially jumpers, cardigans and coats.

School Coats

As our school coats are the same and easily mixed up by the children, it would be a good idea, if possible, to attach a little keyring or ribbon to the zip so children can identify their own coat.

Shared Education Activities

The following classes will be involved in Shared Education Activities with our partner school – Antrim Primary:

P.1s & P.2s take part in the Buddy Up Programme. The children from both schools have reciprocal visits to learn and play together.

P.5s take part in various STEM activities. The children from both schools have reciprocal visits.

P.6s & P.7s will take part in the Northern Ireland Forest Schools Association (NIFSA) Project. Forest Schools is an exciting and inspirational experience for the children. They encourage them to work as a team, build confidence and self-esteem, explore all senses, develop communication skills and much more.

World Book Day (N.B. This will NOT be a dress up day.)

This year World Book Day will be celebrated in the classrooms. It is Thursday 7th March 2019. On that day the children will be involved in a range of different reading activities across the school. It should be a great day. This year we will have a focus in school on books that promote a wide range of subjects. Each year group will cover a different subject. Parents will receive a letter closer to the time with more details.

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

P.7 Service of Light – Wed 20th March – 7pm in St. Joseph’s Church

P.7 SACRAMENT of CONFIRMATION - Wed 3rd April - 1pm in St Joseph’s Church
(*Please note this is a 12pm CLOSURE day for the whole school*)

P.3 SACRAMENT OF FIRST PENANCE - Thurs 11th April - 1.30pm in
St Comgall’s Church

P.7 Pledge Mass – Thurs 16th May 2019 – 2pm in St Joseph’s Church

P.4 SACRAMENT OF FIRST COMMUNION - Sat 11th May – at 11am in
St Comgall’s Church



Valentine's Day
Menu



Thursday 14th February

Cheeseburger & Chips
Ice Lollies, Orange Juice &
Shortbread Hearts