

Parent Information Sheet

APRIL 2019

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

Confirmation Day at St.Comgall's – Early Closure

Confirmation for our P.7 pupils will take place on Wednesday 3rd April at 1pm in St Joseph's Church. (P.7 pupils do not come to school that day).

Please note that on **Confirmation Day** school will close to children in **Years 1 - 6 at 12pm. Normal bus service will operate on this day at 12pm. There will be no school meals on this day.**

Muddy Marathon & Feet First Friday & The Big Pedal!

What a busy day!! Please find below the timetable for the "Muddy Marathon" for your child's class. It will take place during the school day – you are welcome to join them for the walk/cheer them on as they walk. **Thank you so much to those parents who volunteered to Marshall the route, we will be in contact!**

P.1A, P.1B & P.7A , P7B	-	9.30
P.1C & P.7C	-	9.45
P.2A, P.2B & P.6A	-	10.00
P.2C, P.3A & P.6B	-	10.45
P.3B, P.3C & P.6C	-	11.00
P.5A, P.5B, P5C	-	11.15
P.4A, P.4B & P.4C	-	11.30

Friday 5th April



Children should bring a bottle of water. Should it be forecast to be very wet a text will be sent to cancel the Marathon. Children are asked to bring their sponsorship money in on that morning.

Sponsorship money and form should be in a sealed envelope with the child's name and class written on it this must be given to the class teacher.

All children who return their sponsor form will be entered into a prize draw of a cinema family pass (one prize per year group.)

Children to come to school wearing sports gear - and bring a raincoat.

**More Info inside about
the Big Pedal and
Feet First Friday!**



EASTER HOLIDAYS

School will close for the Easter Break on Thursday 18th April at 12noon for all pupils. There will be NO breakfast club and NO tuck or lunches on Thursday 18th April. THERE WILL BE NO BUSES in the morning or at 12 O'clock. As normal, additional parking for collection on this day will be provided in the front playground of the school. *Please follow the direction of the staff. School will re-open on Monday 29th April 2019.

P.3 First Penance

On **Thursday 11th April**, year 3 pupils will make their 'First Penance'. On this day they will have lunch in school and then will meet their family member at the Church at 1.15pm. It will be a lovely occasion for the children and their families. We wish them

Pupil Absence Notification

Parents please note if you child is unable to attend school for whatever reason we would ask you to notify us before 9.30am, if you are unable to do so and receive a text regarding you child's absence, can you please ring school as soon as possible.

P.7 Junior Entrepreneur

As a J.E.P school, our year 7 pupils have been working with their teachers to generate a business idea and then a business.

Over the next month and a half the P.7s will be involved in providing a 'business service' for the rest of the school.

In previous years the whole school have got behind the P.7s to support their businesses. Lets hope they will do so again this year as a percentage of the profits goes to school funds.

Week beginning 8th April – English & Maths Tests

Over the one week period, all children in P.3 – P.6 will complete stanardised tests in English and Maths. The results of these tests can be discussed with parents at the first meeting next term. Please ensure your child is well rested coming to school.

A 4 Autism – Greystone Primary School

Greystone Primary School cordially invites you to their second annual Autism Exhibition for parents and carers to learn about services in our locality on Thursday 11th April from 6 – 9pm. For further details contact Greystone P. S. on 02894462545.

Sustrans Big Pedal

Our school is taking part in the challenge. The challenge runs from 25th March to 5th April. Each day schools compete to see who can record the greatest number of pupils, staff and parents cycling, walking, scooting or using a wheelchair to school. The school will be entered into a daily prize draw for rewards if over 15% of our school cycle, walk or scoot each day of the challenge.

To finish the Big Pedal fortnight, the school will have their 'First Feet Friday' on 5th April (which coincides with Muddy Marathon Day!). More info and reminders of safe routes and parking below.



Friday 5th April – “Feet First Families”.



On Friday 5th April our school will take part in Sustrans 'Feet First Families' initiative where schools will become 'car free zones' for the entire day. We are aiming to use the car park spaces for fun activities and encourage children to walk, scoot or cycle to school on this day with NO traffic in our car park. The Eco Team worked with Sustrans, last year, to develop suitable, safe parking locations for 'parking and striding' to school. They are suggesting you park at the **Castle Grounds (6min)**, **Castle Mall (7min)**, **Junction 1 (19min)** or **Church (4min)** carparks and walk the rest of the way. Instead of sitting in traffic for 15 minutes outside school why not try parking and striding, it's healthier and takes less time out of your day. We the Eco Team appreciate all your support for this day of action and hope the children have as much fun as they did last year.

****DO NOT PARK IN THE MAXOL PETROL STATION** Thanks!**

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

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 – 2pm in St. Joseph's Church

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



Scholastic Bookfair

This year the school raised £866.21 from the Scholastic Bookfair. We hope everyone enjoyed the bookfair and reading the books they bought. Thank you very much for all your support – we will spend this money on new books for the children.

MARY POPPINS

Save the date!

Our year 7 children will be staging their performance of Mary Poppins, in our school hall on **Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th May 2019**. Tickets will go on-sale in the next week or so, we will let you know when. Tickets will be offered to P7 parents first, then opened to the rest of the school one week before the show.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- May Day Break - School will be closed on Mon 6th May
- May Bank Holiday - School will be closed on **Monday 27th, Tuesday 28th & Wednesday 29th May**
- Sports Day - Thurs 30th May - P.4 - P.7 & (Weather Permitting)
Fri 31st May P.1, P.2 & P.3
- P.7 Carlingford Trip – 10 – 11 June 2019
- Sacrament of First Communion - Saturday 11th May at 11am in St Comgall's Church
- P.7 Show - Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th May
- School Finishes - Friday 28th June at 12 Noon

Date for your diary.....

“Blingo”

Our fundraisers are organising a great fun night of **Blingo** “bingo with a bit of sparkle!” – For men & women!!

It will take place on Friday 31st May in St. Joseph's Parish Centre.
SAVE THE DATE! – more info to follow.

Greystone Primary School



cordially invites you to their
third annual **Autism Exhibition**

for parents, carers and professionals to learn about services in our locality.

Thursday 11th April 2019, 6-9pm

A 4 AUTISM & ADDITIONAL NEEDS



AWARENESS

ACTION

ACCEPTANCE

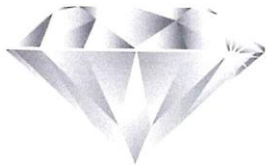
As part of World Autism Month 2019

Greystone Primary School, Antrim. Tel: 028 9446 2545

Refreshments Available

www.facebook.com/A4AdditionalNeeds



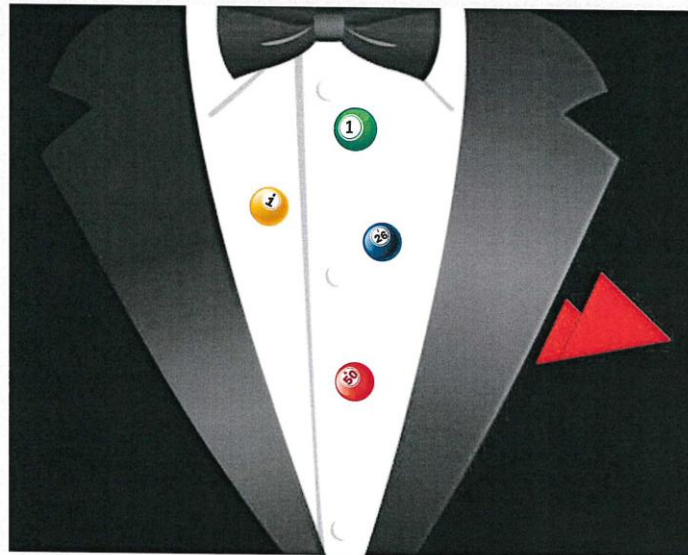


*St Comgall's PS
Fundraising Group
Present:*



BLINGO

Tickets from School
Or Members of
Fundraising Group
£10 each



"Sparkling"
Reception
With
Evening of Fun & Games
Great Prizes



Friday 31st May 2019
St Josephs Parish Hall
19:30 hrs
BYO - Adults only evening



St Comgall's Fundraising Group is
registered with the
Charity Commission For NI: 106038