



Parent Information Sheet

MARCH 2020

Please find below useful information and reminders for the month of
MARCH 2020.

March School Closure

As set out in our annual school holidays, the school will be closed Tuesday 17th March 2020.

HAPPY ST PATRICKS DAY!!



Scholastic Book Fair!

The Scholastic Book Fair will be coming to school on Tue 3rd March – Tuesday 10th March. Children will be given viewing & buying time. Any profit, will go into purchasing new books for school. Thank you for your support.

Please respond to texts from School

For safeguarding your children, a text is sent to parents of children for whom we do not have a reason for absence. Parents should inform school of the absence, however, if you receive a text from school, please don't ignore it. Please respond immediately so we know your child is safe and at home.

Fund Raising Information **BLINGO 6th March 2020!**

A great night of craic, fun games and a game of BINGO is back by popular demand. It's a night for men and women..... - Friday 6th March in St Joseph's Parish Centre everyone is invited to join the fundraising team for a fun night out!

Tickets (£10) on sale in School Office. If you are unavailable you can make a donation. This year's target is to update Promethean Interactive Panels & Additional Reading Material.

Get your ticket now!!

It's a night for adults only – BYO.

It's a great night's craic! Tickets on sale now – return the envelope or buy a ticket at the office/speak to a fundraiser.

Enjoy a great night out.

Best Bingo callers in town 😊



Green Day Monday 16th March

To celebrate our Patron Saint, children are invited to come to school on Monday 16th March dressed in Green – or wear a green item. This is just for fun! (No Uniform & No Donation).

St. Patrick's Day Assembly

Year 5 are preparing an assembly in honour of our Patron Saint. They will perform this for parents at 2pm on Monday 16th March. A personal invite to year 5 parents, grandparents and family will be forwarded by year 5 pupils. Hope you can make it! Additional parking in the playground will be available on this day.



Lost Uniform

As the weather should be improving (we hope!!) the children will be taking their jumpers off and if they are not labelled then it is extremely hard to find their owner. It then proves expensive to parents who have to buy new jumpers. Please clearly label all items of your child's school uniform, especially jumpers, cardigans and coats.

P.7 Carlingford Trip

A letter re: Carlingford residential for year 7 will be sent home this week. Deposits of £10 to secure a place will be required by Friday 13th March.

P.7 Retreat

P.7s will attend a retreat on Tuesday 3rd March in St. Joseph's Parish Hall from 10am – 2pm. Children must bring a packed lunch.

EASTER HOLIDAYS

School will close for the Easter Break on Thursday 9th April at 12noon for all pupils. Children **must wear their** uniforms on this day. There will be NO breakfast club and NO tuck or lunches on Thursday 9th 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 20th April 2020.



P.7 Service of Light

The Service of Light for our P.7 pupils will take place on **Wednesday 25th March** in St. Joseph's Church at 7pm. Sponsors are welcome to attend but this ceremony is for parents passing the light of faith.

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 5th March 2020. On that day the children will be involved in a range of different reading activities across the school. It should be a great day.

Year 1 & 7 – will “buddy up” to read to each other.

Year 2 & 6 – will “buddy up” to read to each other.

Year 3 – will be writing a character profile from their class novel.

Year 4 – ‘Spud’ the character.

Year 5 – Will use technology to record information about their favourite book.



On the week of World Book Day – we will ask whoever wants, to take a photo of your child reading their book in an unusual place!! The more unusual, the better! (But stay safe when taking the picture!) When you have taken your picture, please email it to kmallon689@c2kni.net and we will enter it into the competition. Book prizes for the best photos. Get clicking!!

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

P.7 Service of Light – Wed 25th March – 7pm in St. Joseph’s Church

P.7 SACRAMENT of CONFIRMATION - Fri 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 26th March - 1.30pm in
St. Comgall’s Church



P.7 Pledge Mass – Thurs 21st May – 1.30pm in St. Joseph’s Church

P.4 SACRAMENT OF FIRST COMMUNION - Sat 2nd May - 11am in St. Comgall’s Church

Science Week

This year Science week’s theme is “Our Diverse Planet”, encouraging children to think about every day discoveries and how they affect their lives by exploring science in the world around us. Science week takes place from the 9th – 13th March.

Pupil Council

On 4th March, the Pupil Council will visit the council offices for Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council. They will visit their Shared Education Pupil Council friends from Antrim Primary School. A letter was sent home with more details.

Knex Challenge – 4th March

A team of 3 pupils from P.6 have been given the opportunity to compete in a STEM K'nex building challenge in St Brigid's Primary School on Wednesday 4th March.



Sentinus Workshop – 10th March

P.6 children will be involved in a Sentinus Workshop in the School Hall. The theme is Sink or Swim. This theme ties in with their Curriculum topic 'Titanic'.

P.6 Energy Presentation

Bryson Energy will be coming to P.6 on Wednesday 4th March to give a presentation about energy efficiency.

"Feet First Friday" 13th March.

This term's Feet First Friday is scheduled to take place on Friday 13th March. We would ask all parents to use the 'park & stride' areas around Antrim and **do not park in Maxol or on Yellow Lines around school**. This is of course weather permitting. A text will be sent to cancel the night before, depending on the forecast. Please support this green initiative and help your children 'stride' into a greener/cleaner future.



Year 1 & Mrs McCaughan's P2 Parent Consultation

Week beginning 30th March 2020

Year 1 parents and Mrs McCaughan's parents will be involved in consultation with the class teacher. These will take place in your child's classroom. An appointment letter will be sent home this week.

Junior Entrepreneur Programme

This month successful teams in each P.7 class will present their ideas to “The Dragons” to see which idea Mr Matthews will invest in. They will then set up their business products to sell to children in the school.

Book Trust Visit P.2 – 18th March

Organised by the International Airport (our partner, business in the community), the Book Trust have an author to visit and read to the children. It should be a great day.

Environmental Youth Speak – 30th March

Our P.6 & P.7 children have been preparing to take part in the local council Environmental Speech competition. This year’s topic is about litter in our world. We are holding an internal competition to select our representative. Wishing all the participants good luck!

Confirmation Day at St.Comgall’s – Early Closure

Confirmation for our P.7 pupils will take place on Friday 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.**

P.6 Parents – Date for your diary

Tuesday 21st April – Transfer Information Meeting with Mr Matthews. Information about transfer to Post Primary School.

Date for Whole School for your diary

Weather permitting – Muddy Marathon on Friday 24th April

May Day Holiday

Please note change of date for May Day Holiday. It is now Friday 8th May.

St Patrick's Day

Menu

Monday 16th March



Paddy's Bangers (Sausages) & Mash with Peas

Leprechaun Ice Pops

&

Shamrock Shortbread

