



# St. Mary's Primary School

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**Principal:** Mrs A Devine

20<sup>th</sup> April 2021

Dear Parent/Person with Parental Responsibility,

I hope to find you all safe and well.

## **FIRST CONFESSION**

Fr Sweeney has set **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> April** as the date for First Confession for our P4 pupils. This will happen during the school day. I would ask that you please complete any activities/homework Mrs Hegarty may set in the lead up to receiving this very important Sacrament so that your child is familiar with the process involved. Thank you!

## **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

All being well, and with no more unexpected restrictions or announcements from the Bishop or from the N.I. Executive, Holy Communion will take place on **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September @ 11.00am** at Derry Road Chapel. Numbers will be restricted to mum, dad, child and one other. Thank you.

## **CONFIRMATION**

As above, all being well the Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June** for our P7 pupils. Pupils will view the mass online at **10.00am** from the Parish Webcam. Pupils are asked to be seated at the Derry Road Chapel, at **11.45am** and the Anointing with Chrism will take place at **Noon**. Mum, dad, child and sponsor only when attending the Chapel. Thank you.

## **BOOK LAUNCH**

Melmount Community Forum selected our school to launch a book entitled "Take Action, Make Change".

This is a free resource available from Melmount Community Forum. A group of young people from Melmount Community Forum came up with designing a book which would meet the needs of our young people.

The book itself is extremely interactive and tackles the importance of e-safety, keeping safe and keeping friends. It looks at the issue of recycling and also gives an insight into different cultures and how young people can improve/respect the community they live in.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to Ivan Barr, from Melmount Community Forum, Dominic Bonner, from Youth Justice N.I. and to Mrs Hegarty, our PDMU Co-ordinator for giving our school this opportunity. We have been given books for our P5, P6 and P7 pupils and I know that the pupils will enjoy the activities set.

### **DINNER MONEY**

If your child is taking dinners all week we would ask that payment for the week is sent in to school in a sealed envelope every Monday with the name of your child and with the amount written on the envelope. Thank you!

### **HOMEWORK**

Written homework has resumed for ALL pupils so please ensure you check over and sign the work completed by your child each night.

### **ATTENDANCE**

We want to mitigate risks as soon as possible so that we can act swiftly in the event of your child displaying any COVID-19 symptoms. If your child shows any COVID-19 symptoms they **MUST NOT** come to school as we all have a responsibility in keeping each other safe.

If your child receives a **POSITIVE** COVID-19 test result after school hours I would ask that you email me on [adevine835@c2ken.net](mailto:adevine835@c2ken.net) and I will do my very best to support you and provide you with the necessary guidance as to what the next steps will be.

If you discover that your child has been identified as a close contact, you **MUST** isolate your child until further notice. If a child or family member tests **POSITIVE**, the **ENTIRE** household **MUST ISOLATE**.

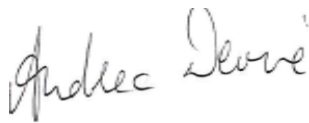
### **NON-UNIFORM DAY**

Wednesday is set aside as a non-uniform day. Pupils may wear their school **PE Gear or Sportswear** every Wednesday to school so that uniforms can get washed and ready for a Thursday morning.

### **R.S.E**

Relationships and Sexuality Education starts today for our P2-P7 pupils. Pupils will follow a programme for 6 weeks, twice weekly (every Tuesday and Thursday).

Yours Sincerely,



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**SCHOOL PRINCIPAL**

