



St. Mary's Primary School

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Principal: Mrs A Devine

Wednesday 23rd June 2021

Dear Parent / Person with Responsibility,

END OF SCHOOL YEAR ARRANGEMENTS

P7 PUPILS

Our P7 pupils logged into St Eugene's Cathedral Webcam to watch the FAN THE FAME yesterday at 11am. They also engaged in a workshop with Gloria Perry and designed their own Fan the Flame T-Shirts. A selection of photos can be found on our School Facebook page.

ADDITIONAL PUPILS

I would like to extend a warm welcome to four new pupils. Two pupils joined our P1 Class early May and two new pupils will be joining our P4 Class in September. I hope all our new pupils, Conor, Lilie-Mae, Darragh and Lucy all settle well into our school setting and I wish them every success at Cloughcor.

INDUCTION FOR P1

We have had to reschedule our P1 Induction Session due to a confirmed case of COVID-19 in our P1 Class; Mrs Coyle, Patricia and our P1 pupils are currently isolating. Provisional dates have been given to our parents regarding their new induction visit.

CELEBRATING OUR P7 PUPILS

Thursday 24th June marks a special fun day for our P7 pupils here at school. Our P7 pupils will be leaving school to be at the Eclipse Cinema for 10am where they will be warmly welcomed for a VIP movie experience. On return, Helen in our school canteen will prepare her end of year P7 dinner for our P7 pupils. If you wish your child to buy a dinner, please ensure you send in £2.60. The afternoon will be devoted to prizegiving for our P7 pupils in the school assembly hall. Due to restrictions and space we will not be able to invite parents to our usual prizegiving and as a parent of a P7 child, I realise how disappointing this is for all parents. It is imperative that we keep everyone safe especially now as we have a P1 bubble isolating.

PRIZEGIVING

Class Teachers will award the Teacher Award to their class bubble on Friday 25th June.

CLASS ELECTIONS / CLASS COUNCIL

We are currently holding class elections in our P3-P6 Classes. Voting will take place on Friday 25th June in each class bubble and we will be informing you of the representative via our School Facebook account and School Website.

CONFIRMATION

P7 Confirmation will take place on Saturday 26th June. Parents and pupils are encouraged to log on to the Leckpatrick Webcam at 10am for Mass with Father Sweeney. Cloughcor pupils, sponsors and parents (maximum of 4) due to church size, class size only to attend Church and should be seated for 11.45am for the Anointing of Chrism to begin at midday. It is with deep regret that I will not be able to attend on Saturday as our own son will be making his Confirmation in a neighbouring parish. I will you all a safe, happy day!

END OF YEAR MASS VIA SACRED HEART CHURCH WEBCAM

Father Sweeney will mark the end of our school year with a Mass on Tuesday 29th June at 10.00am via Sacred Heart Webcam. Our pupils will be logging on at school and parents are asked to log on from home if possible.

ACCELERATED READING

Pupils in P4-P7 are asked to have reached their Accelerated Reading targets by Friday 25th June. Staff would like to thank you all for the encouragement you have given to your children and for fostering a love of reading with your child.

TRANSLINK/EA/CANTEEN

Translink & EA (yellow & white buses) WILL NOT BE OPERATING on Thursday 1st & Friday 2nd July. School dinners will finish for all pupils on Wednesday 30th June. Translink will do the usual 2pm and 3pm run on Wednesday 30th June.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 2021-2022

School closes for ALL pupils and staff at noon on Friday 2nd July. As we closed two days earlier at Christmas due to the rise of COVID-19 cases in the area, we have had to make up the additional days hence our 2nd July finish.

Please find attached the Calendar for 2021-22.

COVID-19

I would urge you all to adhere to the COVID-19 regulations and symptoms. If your child presents with any symptoms he/she should not be in school and a test should be booked. I would ask that you inform the school of tests results as soon as possible.

This has been such a strange, bizarre, challenging year for everyone. I would like to thank the staff of Cloughcor for their enthusiasm, devotion and hard work during these unstructured times. Sincere thanks to our parents for your understanding and for your fantastic engagement during remote learning. Finally and most importantly, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to the amazing boys and girls here at Cloughcor. You kept us all going when times proved tough and we are truly blessed to have you all under Cloughcor roof!

I wish you all a safe, happy, fun filled summer!

See you all on Wednesday 1st September!

Yours Sincerely,

Andrea Devine

SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

