

News Update - 7.5.21



Dear Parents,

As we proceed well into Term three, please find below our most recent information update:



First Holy Communion Update



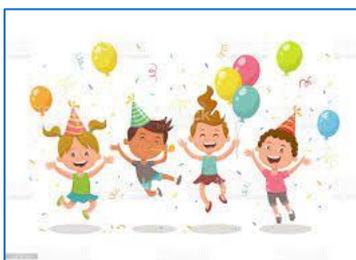
First Holy Communion is scheduled to take place in St. Joseph's Church on **Saturday 15th May at 11.00a.m.** We can confirm that one pew is permitted per pupil, to ensure where possible, each communicant's immediate family unit can attend. Each child will be familiar with the seat assigned to their family unit, as we continue our preparation for this very important day. Please be advised that masks are to be worn by adults throughout the ceremony. Can we please request all First Holy Communicants are seated in the church no later than 10.50a.m.



We have booked a professional photographer for First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Costing as follows:

- 15 minute session for one family/household (before or after mass on school grounds)
- 3 digital images shared in an online gallery
- 2 8 x 10 prints of your choice
- £35 with upgrade option available to full family session at location of your choice.

If you would like to avail of this, please ensure you complete and return your booking form which will be sent home with your child today. Alternatively you can register your booking with our school secretary Imorrow846@c2kni.net, no later than noon on Wednesday 12.5.21



As part of the celebration for P4 pupils receiving this very important sacrament, we will host a party for them on **Monday 17th May in school**, as part of their class group. Due to current legislation, I am sure you appreciate, we are unable to host any indoor gathering following this event. Our Friends of Association will make a decision on Friday morning, based on weather forecast, before the event, to see if it is possible to host tea for everyone on our playground following the service.



We are delighted to announce our Book Fair will return on **20th May** for a further week. Mrs Magowan our Literacy Coordinator will provide you with the necessary information in due course.



In June we will have completed the third year of our school development plan cycle. As part of future planning and in preparation for the following three years, we will be asking the views of all key stakeholders e.g. pupils, parents, staff and governors, for their opinion on matters, such as curriculum, pastoral care, homework and home school links.



We will not be able to have our normal sports day this year, where all pupils come together in the usual way and parents are in attendance. We are planning events for each class in June, we will post photographs via our school app and website.



As we progress through this final term, we have yet again had to make alternative arrangements to acknowledge such an important milestone to mark our P7 leavers in a special way. Mrs Doran is working diligently in the background to organise our Leavers Hoodies and hopefully more. We will do all we can to ensure our P7s last term with us is a memorable one.

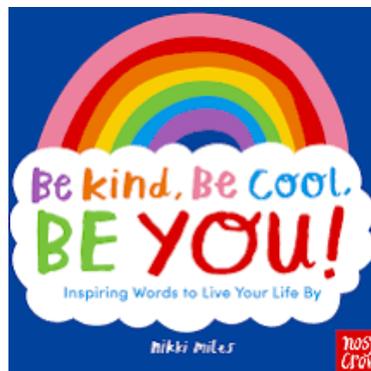


Reminder to you all that Breakfast club and After school provision are currently up and running this term. If you wish to avail of such services, please email our school secretary Mrs Morrow on lmorrow846@c2kni.net and book via Parentpay.



We are delighted to offer basic cycling awareness training for one afternoon for P.5 and P.6. Sara our local neighbourhood link officer in the PSNI will facilitate this on 25th May 2021 from 1.00-2.45p.m. If you wish your child to avail of such valuable awareness can you please confirm with your child's class teacher. Each pupil will require a cycling helmet and bicycle for this session.

Wishing you and your family a peaceful weekend break.



Yours in continued partnership.

C. Wadsworth and Staff of St. Joseph and St. James's P.S