

SAINT COLUMBAN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

April Newsletter 2018

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 12 th April:	First Penance
Friday 20 th April:	Book Fair opens
Sunday 22 nd April:	Confirmation
Monday 23 rd April:	Girls Mini Sevens Football
Monday 23 rd April:	Sustrans visit to P.1-5 pupils
Thursday 26 th April:	Swimming Gala
Friday 27 th April:	Walk to school morning
Tuesday 1 st May:	Boys Mini Sevens

Golf Classic: The school are running a golf classic at Blacklion Golf Club on **Saturday the 16th June**. This is in aid of school funds and money raised will go to towards purchasing Accelerated Reading for the school. This is a computerised program that assists with reading and comprehension.
Cost for a team of 4 - £100. Super prizes including 4 tickets to the 2018 All-Ireland Football Final
This is an 18-hole competition. We are looking for a sponsor of each hole at a cost of £50.00
If anyone is interesting in sponsoring one of the holes or entering a team of 4 please contact Mr Magee or Mark Connolly who has kindly offered his help and support with this initiative.
More details to follow later this month.

Website: Our school website is two years old!! Please log on regularly and keep up to date with all that is happening in school. www.stcolumbanspsbelcoo.com
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Book Fair: The school book fair will be open in the school from Friday 20th April - Wednesday 24th April. Parents can come and buy books for their children in the morning at 8.45 - 9.10am and in the afternoons at 3.05 - 4.00pm (Monday 2.00 - 4.00pm)

- Mace Competition:** Thanks to the local Mace shop for organising an Easter colouring competition. Congratulations to the following children who all won Easter Eggs: Katelyn Rafferty, Ava Stewart, Danny Carron, Chris Walsh, Caitlyn Nolan, Riona Keaney, Abbie McGovern, Rian Kennedy, Aaron Ashley, Cairenn McGrath, Emilie McCallion, Hannah Schofield, Michael McGovern, Emma Kearns, Ultan Hanrahan, Grace Ellen O'Neill, Finn McCallion and Julijana McGourty
- Sustrans:** Sustrans personnel will visit pupils in Primary 1 - 5 on Monday 23rd April. They deliver classroom based programme on Road Safety and Carbon Footprint.
- After school Golf:** After school golf starts on Friday the 4th May for Primary 6 & 7 pupils. The cost for 6 lessons with PGA Professional Shaun Donnelly is £20.
- Swimming:** The Key Stage 2 Swimming Programme continues every Thursday in the Lakeland Forum Enniskillen. All pupils have made terrific progress at swimming.
- Walk to School:** Our next designated walk to school morning is Friday the 27th April.
We will meet at the bandstand at 8.40am and we encourage as many parents and pupils as possible to join us.
- Dinner:** The daily cost of school dinner is £2.60 per day (£13.00 per week). We would ask that money for the week be brought in on Mondays.
Free School Meals: Some children may be entitled to free meals. An application form may be obtained from the Education Authority Western Region, School Meals Department 1 Hospital Road, Omagh, Co Tyrone, BT79 OAW. Telephone (028 82 411411)
- We are continuing to promote the Munch Box Challenge (a lunch Box initiative) during lunch time. We as a school are working together with the Health Promotion Department to promote healthy eating habits and improve oral health in children. Children taking lunch may bring one treat in their lunch box.

- Confirmation:** This will take place in St Mary's Church Arney on Sunday 22nd April at 3.00pm
- First Communion:** This will take place in St Patrick's Church Holywell on Saturday the 2nd June at 11.00am.
All Key Stage 2 pupils are asked to keep this date free to sing in the choir on that day.
- Attendance:** The Department of Education is looking at attendance very closely at present. We get a monthly report of all children's attendance. If a child's attendance falls below 85% we are asked to refer them to our Educational Welfare Officer.
- Child Protection:** The Designated teacher for Child Protection is Mrs Martina Meehan. The Deputy Designated Teacher is Mrs Anne Murray. Our Safeguarding team also includes; Mrs Clara Martin (Designated Governor), Mr Gerry McAloon (Chairman Board of Governors) and Mr Liam Magee (Principal)
- Hair:** Please check your child's hair regularly and, if necessary, treat thoroughly with any lotion recommended by a chemist or doctor.
- Party invitations:** We ask that parents do not to send party invitations to school for circulation- this may cause distress to some children.
- Phone Numbers:** Please let the school know if your home, work or mobile telephone number has changed.
- School Uniform:** It is important that each child comes to school neat and tidy. School uniform must be worn each day unless special clothing is required e.g. for field trip.
Children must change into plimsoles - for indoor wear
Please label all items of clothing.
Department of Education Circular 2011/04
"PE is a compulsory part of the statutory curriculum from age 4 to 16. Clothing and footwear are important aspects to safety in PE. A change of clothing for PE is important, including at primary school, for reasons of hygiene and to ensure the clothing is suited to the physical activity....."

All children who walk to school or travel by car should use the small pedestrian gate. We ask that you do not use the main gate in the interest of the health and safety of all.

IN THE INTEREST OF SAFETY ONLY STAFF CARS SHOULD ENTER THE SCHOOL CAR PARK.

Please do not park in the bus lay-by at the front of the school- this area is now clearly marked. Parking here presents a hazard for children boarding buses and prevents buses from pulling in.