

# SAINT COLUMBAN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

## *May Newsletter 2018*

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### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> May:	Boys Mini Sevens
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> May:	Fermanagh Day
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> May:	Primary 6/7 Trip
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> May:	Cross country competition
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June:	First Communion

**School Closures:** The school will be closed for pupils on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> - Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May. The school will also be closed on Monday the 28<sup>th</sup> May.

**Golf Classic:** The school are running a golf classic at Blacklion Golf Club on **Saturday the 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

**GAA** We are holding a Fermanagh day in the school on Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> May in aid of the '***Oisín McGrath Foundation***.' Pupils are asked to bring a voluntary donation for this cause on the day.  
All pupils are asked to come to school on this day dressed in green and white e.g jerseys, tee-shirt etc. Pupils may also wear tracksuit bottoms / casual trousers / shorts.

**Cumann na  
mBunscol:**

Well done to our girls team who reached the Mini Sevens football semi final. The boys also performed well in their competition. Both teams will compete in the League later this month.

**First Holy  
Communion:**

This will take place in St Patrick's Church, Holywell on Saturday the 2<sup>nd</sup> June at 11.00am. Tea and light refreshments will be served in the community centre once again after. We invite you to join us. Please ask your child to let Miss Maguire know if your family is returning to the community centre for tea before Friday the 25<sup>th</sup> May. We rely on parents to help us out with tea. Any parent available to help out should give their name to Miss Maguire or Mrs Meehan. All Key Stage 2 pupils are asked to attend to sing in the choir. Pupils singing should be in the Church by 10.45am.

**Confirmation**

Congratulations to the pupils who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on the 22<sup>nd</sup> April. We hope they all enjoyed their special day. We thank everyone who helped to make this such a special occasion.

**Swimming:**

The Key Stage 2 Swimming Programme continues every Thursday in the Lakeland Forum Enniskillen. We have managed to get an additional block which will run up to the end of term. Congratulations to all pupils who took part in the recent Swimming Gala. Well done to Eve Barrett who won silver in the freestyle race. Our relay team of; Eve Barrett, Conal Walker, Leonard Coburn and Finn Maes took bronze. Our fun relay team of Jaden Connolly, Finn Maes, Eve Barrett and Abbie McGovern also took bronze.

**Key Stage 2  
Trip:**

The Primary 5, 6 and 7 trip will take place on Tuesday the 29<sup>th</sup> May. Pupils will visit the Aviva Stadium and then take the Viking Splash Tour Dublin.

- Cross Country:** After school cross country for pupils in Primary 5 - 7 continue on Thursdays. The cost per pupil is £1 per week. All money collected will be presented to the Oisín McGrath Foundation.
- Golf:** After school golf starts on Friday the 4<sup>th</sup> May for Primary 6 & 7 pupils. The cost for 6 lessons with PGA Professional Shaun Donnelly is £20.
- Feis Fermanach:** Well done to all pupils who took part in Feis Fermanach over the last couple of months. A full list of winners from the school will appear in next month's Newsletter.
- Book Fair:** Many thanks to all who supported the recent Book Fair. It was a great success thanks to the generosity of you all.
- Hair:** Please check your child's hair regularly and, if necessary, treat thoroughly with any lotion recommended by a chemist or doctor.
- Phone Numbers:** Please let the school know if your home, work or mobile telephone number has changed.
- 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.
- Party invitations:** We ask that parents not to send party invitations to school for circulation- this may cause distress to some children.

**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.

Please label all items of clothing.

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.