

St Peter's Primary School

March 2020 Newsletter



Friends of St Peter's

A big thank you to the Friends of St Peter's for their very successful coffee morning. £620.00 was raised. These funds will go towards online maths games, replacement of novels and comprehension books at KS2. Sincere thanks to all who supported this event.

Confirmation

On the 7th March confirmation will take place in the Sacred Heart Church in Plumbridge at 11am. There will be a photographer and videographer in attendance. **If you have not already done so, we ask that those who ordered a DVD to send in £10 for this and also £10 for food refreshments in the hall after Mass. Please send these fees in before Wednesday 4th March.**

World Book Day

On Thursday 5th March the children can dress up as their favourite book character (no accessories such as high heeled shoes, swords, masks etc). Children should be able to share interesting facts about their character. The pupils will take part in a variety of activities associated with World Book Day. In the afternoon the children will participate in tutor-led workshops from the Ink Wing Academy. This shall be paid for with the funds raised on Wear Red day.

Shared Education

On Tuesday 10th March the P4/5 children will travel to the Seamus Heaney Homeplace in Bellaghy. The bus will leave at 9.15 a.m. and will return at approximately 3 p.m. The children should bring a healthy packed lunch, drink, and snack.

On Tuesday 3rd March the P4/P5 children will host a Shared Education morning with pupils from Gortin Controlled Primary School and St Patrick's Primary School. This event will be monitored by an officer from the Education Authority.

P.I.N. – Parental Involvement in Numeracy

On Tuesday 10th March the P3 children will begin a four-week programme in which parents are encouraged to play Maths games with their children to consolidate and build on maths concepts/skills. They will take home two maths games each week and return the games every Tuesday. More details will follow.

Lent

During Lent the three things that children should be encouraged to do are: Pray, Fast and Give.

The Trocaire Box will be brought to each class. Every Friday the P4-P7 pupils will have an opportunity to raise more funds for Trocaire by buying a slice of toast at the cost of 20 per slice.

Grandparents Day/Invite

On Thursday 12th march at 1pm sharp all grandparents are invited to the school for a St Patrick's Day celebration of music and dance.

Concussion Awareness Campaign – 'recognise and Remove'

Please read the attached concussion Awareness letter in which the Department of Education wishes to relay the messages about the dangers of concussion.

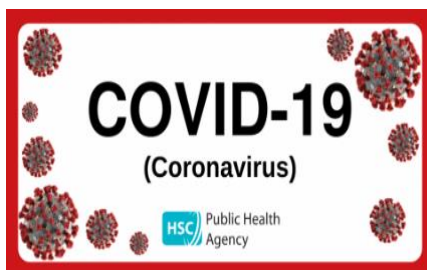
In school, if a child falls or receives a bump to the head a phone call is made to the named contact. It is then up to the contact to come to the school to check if they think their child is ok. If named contacts cannot be contacted, a note will be sent home in the child's homework diary.

Handwashing/Sneezing

Advice from the Public Health Agency to prevent colds, flu and Coronavirus is to ensure that we wash our hands with soap and water. Also, when sneezing/coughing, be sure to;

- Catch It Sneeze or cough into a tissue**
- Bin it Put tissue in bin**
- Kill it Wash hands with soap and water**

Other information can be found at www.publichealth.hscni.net/news/covid-19-coronavirus



Please ensure that all children carry a pack of tissues in their school bag.

Festival Of Light

The Tablet Academy will visit our school on Monday 30th. The session will cover the functions and features of the eye and how to keep eyes healthy for young students, whilst also screening students who have been given parental permission.

There will also be a one hour after school session for additional people. Specsavers operates a free schools programme focussing on vision and looking after young people's eyes. More information can be found at <https://www.specsavers.co.uk/screeningforschools>

Eco-Council

Over Mid Term a small patch of land was landscaped and 15 fruit trees were planted. Hopefully in the summer we will have fruit to harvest. We are indebted to Mrs A Mullan who secured funding for this mini orchard.

Students on Placement

We welcome Mr McConnell and Miss Mulholland to our school as trainee teachers. They will be teaching in P6/7 and P4/5 respectively.

PATHS

Paths Quote of the Month for March is;

“You have to expect things of yourself before you can do them” - Michael Jordan.

Think about

your goals and create a plan to achieve them – expect success.

School Closures

The school will be closed on 16th and 17th March for St Patrick’s Day break.

The Easter break runs from 9th April until 17th April 2020 inc.