

Welcome back to school. We hope you had a lovely break over the Christmas period and the New Year's Resolutions are being kept so far! Term 2 is a busy one as we will celebrate two sacraments during the weeks ahead as well as the normal school activity. P7s have six weeks until they make their Confirmation and then P3 will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation before Easter. Remember the 3Ps this term, **P**ositive, **P**atient, **P**ersistent.

Please keep up to date via our school website and social media. If your contact details have changed, please let the office know so that we can update immediately. It is essential that you sign up to use our school app so that you will be kept up to date with letters, permission slips etc. We receive regular updates on who reads school messages and thankfully most families are now using the app.

M McGrath



P1 Applications

Children who are ready to start primary school in September 2020 must apply from Tuesday 7th January.

Closing Date for P1 applications is 12 noon Thursday 30th January 2020.

Any applications received after this time and date will be considered as late.

All applications must now be completed online. Details are outlined on our school website. Click on Parents and then Open Night /Admissions

When using the Church car park, please remember to keep the area around the parochial house completely clear. Children should also be reminded that they must keep to the paths and not linger around the church grounds. Thank you for your co-operation with this.



With all the runny noses and coughs, please remind the children to use tissues and to bin them when used. Regular washing of hands is important too. When the weather allows, all the boys and girls will be outside, so ensure they have appropriate clothing for playtimes. If they are fit for school, they're fit for outside as well. All children should have appropriate clothing for any cold weather. Hats and gloves are very handy, but please ensure they are clearly marked with names. We would appreciate any old clothes that could be used in school for emergencies. If you have anything like track bottoms, polo shirts, etc, or have some that were sent home from school before, we would love to have them, as they are very useful.



Remember, if you have any concerns you would like to raise with us, please do not hesitate to contact the school office. 😊



Please drive carefully in and around the school grounds. When traffic is particularly heavy please be patient and remember to keep the laneway clear at all times.

Please send any outstanding monies to school office before Friday afternoon. Thank you. £

Guitar

Rick has some additional spaces available. Contact him at **07852231068** for more information.





Sacraments for 2020

Confirmation

Friday 14th February at 11am in St Patrick's Church, Saul

Sacrament of Reconciliation

St Patrick's PS, Saul - Wednesday 1st April at 7pm

First Holy Communion

St Patrick's PS, Saul - Saturday 2nd May at 11am



Please note that all P3 children will require their Baptism Certificate. Can you also please ensure all P4 and P7 children have supplied a Baptism Certificate to the School. We will check our records and let you know if we have a copy.

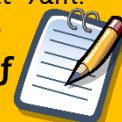
We have been asked by Fr Alexander that all certificates are received by school 2 weeks prior to the date of the Sacrament. He has advised that he will be asking to see them and those who have not supplied certificates may not receive the Sacrament.

Parents should contact the Parish Office where their child was Baptised in order to obtain the certificate. Be aware there will be a processing time for certificates.

Please Remember

Children who are not attending Breakfast Club must not be in school before 8:45am as they are on school premises unsupervised. Breakfast Club opens at 8:15am and is available until 8:45am. School starts at 9am. Anyone arriving after 9:10am must report to the school office and they will be marked absent for the morning session after 9:15am. **Absences for any reason must be followed by a written note of explanation following your child's return to school.** These are checked by our school EWO (Education & Welfare Officer). Letters regarding attendance will be sent home where the total attendance is below 90% for the first term. 90% attendance during the first term, means 8 days missed – almost two weeks of school!

MISS SCHOOL MISS OUT



There are quite a number of children coming to school each day without anything to eat at break time. This is mostly when children are attending school dinners, so please remember to include a healthy snack for break on these days too. P1 continue as normal, but unfortunately we won't be able to give anything out to other children.



School Uniform

We are very proud of our school uniform and appreciate your support with ensuring the children are so well turned out every day. It can be a challenge, particularly as the children become older, so we would like to remind you that our uniform is:

- School sweatshirt
- Red polo shirt
- Black shoes (no trainers)
- Boys – black/dark grey trousers (summer – grey shorts)
- Girls – dark grey skirt/pinafore/school trousers (summer – red gingham dress)
- White/grey socks or tights.
- On P.E. day all children come to school in P.E. gear.
- Black track bottoms
- White polo shirt
- Trainers
- School sweatshirt

