



19th October 2021

MID TERM BREAK

The school closes on **Thursday 28th October @ 11a.m.** for the Hallowe'en break and will reopen on **Wednesday 3rd November.**

A full list of the 2021/2022 school closures can be found on the school website under the Parents' tab.

FANCY DRESS/NON UNIFORM

On **Thursday 28th October** the children can wear their fancy dress costumes or non-uniform to school.

SACRAMENT DATES (P4 & P7)

The date for Confirmation is **Friday 4th March 2022 @ 5p.m.** in St. John's Church,

The date for First Holy Communion is **Saturday 7th May 2022 @ 11.00a.m.** in St. John's Church.

SWIMMING LESSONS

Reminder: The last swimming lesson for P6 takes place on **Friday 15th October.**

CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL

The school is facilitating a collection point for the 'Christmas Shoe Box Appeal.' This is a simple way to give someone in need a gift. The leaflets are being sent home today which provide information on what to do and what to include in your shoebox. Information can also be found at:

<https://blythswood.org/shoeboxappeal/>

*For anyone who wishes to participate, the closing date is **Wednesday 24th November.***

ST. JOHN'S CHILDREN'S PARISH CHOIR

The children's choir will practice this **Friday 22nd October from 3-4p.m.** in St. John's Church.

We are delighted that we are able to make a return to the children participating in mass in St. John's Church, and are eagerly looking forward to our first Mass this **Sunday 24th October at 10a.m.** Everyone is welcome, but we remind those who do not yet feel comfortable to attend in person that the mass can be viewed on the parish webcam.

Any queries contact: Colette @ 07731346313 or Fionnuala @ 07834164279

REMINDER - PARENT SUPPORT GROUP FUNDRAISER

A copy of the P.S.G. Newsletter (October 2021) has been sent home today and can also be found on the school's website.

The P.S.G. raffle takes place on **Wednesday 27th October** at our school assembly. Thanks to everyone who has bought entries so far. If anyone needs an entry form, copies are available at the school office.

The funds raised will be used to support the purchase of three/four ACTIV Panel Boards for the school. The ActivPanel is the premium interactive display for immersive learning and provides a tablet-like experience at the front of the classroom. Staff training is also included with the purchase of the panels.

Last year, with the support of the PSG, we purchased four ACTIV panels which replaced some of our aging interactive boards. This was a £9500 investment but both staff and pupils agree that it was an invaluable enhancement to the classrooms. This fundraiser will support in equipping all our classrooms with ACTIV panels and will directly benefit everyone in the school.

The 1st prize is a commissioned art piece and the 2nd prize is a limited edition print.

Both have been donated by Donna McBride. Donna is a current parent of the school and works as a professional artist. Her talented and amazing work can be viewed on her website: <https://www.donnaartist.com/> and on social media. Thank-you!

