



23<sup>rd</sup> September 2024

Dear Parents/ Carers.

We have had a busy start to our new school year already. Our Healthy Kidz P.E sessions have started on Fridays and we have had Michael McIlroy in helping the Y6 children harvest our potatoes.

We are delighted to welcome Dan, Rory, Éabha Mc, Éabha L, Tommy, Sienna and Leo to St Oliver's, they come into our school every day with big smiles!

I think we can all agree that the best start to our school year was our very special visitor – The Sam Maguire!



### Uniform

Thank you for ensuring the children are wearing the correct school uniform, the new P.E. tops look fantastic.

### Dinner Money/Other Payments

The dinner menu is on our school website. Please only send money in on Fridays. **Please ensure money is sent in in envelopes clearly marked with the child's name and what the money is for.** Dinners cost £2.60 per day.

### Healthy Eating

We are continuing to promote healthy eating as part of a healthy lifestyle. Please send a healthy snack and **water only** for your child to drink.

### Communication

Please only use the Email: [info@stolivers.carrickrovaddy.ni.sch.uk](mailto:info@stolivers.carrickrovaddy.ni.sch.uk) to contact the school. Teachers should not be contacted via email directly. We often send messages out via our text messaging service too.

Please ensure your contact details are up to date in case of emergency and so you are not missing any text messages.

### After School

The after school club for the younger children continues from 1.45 – 3pm with Ms Gibney. The cost is £2.50 per day and a snack will be provided.

## Homework

Homework in Y4-7 will be New Wave English and Maths, spelling and reading. Children will get the work on Monday and return on Friday for marking. A spelling check-up will be on Friday mornings.

Mrs McCreesh's class will not begin this until October.

Homework is an extension of learning but should not be a cause for distress for a child. If your child is having difficulty with something, please indicate the difficulty on the page and the teacher will explain it the next day. If it is an ongoing difficulty, please do not hesitate to speak to the class teacher.

Miss McKenna will send out information regarding homework for Y1-3 at a later date.

## Dates:

The school calendar has been sent home and it is also on the school website. Here are some other dates we have for this term so far.

27 <sup>th</sup> September	Y6/7 Blitz in Whitecross
1 <sup>st</sup> October	Beginning of year school mass.
14 <sup>th</sup> October	School Photographer
17 <sup>th</sup> October	Flu Vaccine (more details will be sent out)
23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Visit from NI Water Y5-7
28 <sup>th</sup> October – 1 <sup>st</sup> November	School closed for Hallow'een Break
9 <sup>th</sup> December	Panto in Marketplace Armagh
20 <sup>th</sup> December	School closes half day for Christmas break.

**First Communion will be Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> May.** As yet we have no dates confirmed for First Confession and Confirmation.

## Y6/7 Blitz

Our Y6/7 children are going to their first Blitz this Friday in Whitecross. Our new school jerseys have arrived just in time for this! **A massive thank you to Keli and Brendan Reel for sponsoring these new jerseys.**

Check out the Website and Facebook page for photos.

Thank you for your continued support.

Paula Donaghy

