



# Term 2 Newsletter

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Dear Parent(s)

As we begin another busy term, on behalf of all the staff in St. Tierney's, I would like to wish you a very Happy New Year and to offer sincere thanks for the generosity of parents, families, businesses and the wider community before Christmas. Very thoughtful cards, messages, gifts and donations to our charities and fundraisers were beyond all expectation. As well as donating hampers for St. Vincent de Paul and the Help The Homeless appeal we have raised £1728.50 and €119 for our school funds through our family and pupil raffles which will help pay for our new touch screen interactive whiteboard.



## Key Dates for Term 2

### January

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> - Friday 27<sup>th</sup>** - P1 Primary Admissions open online. Please remind any prospective parents within your family. Any queries or to visit the school please contact the school office.

**17<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> January** - Art workshop with Ellie Annan for P7 pupils to contribute to Killyfole Education Centre Project.

**13<sup>th</sup> January** - Shared Education begins for P4 class. 7 weeks with St. Macartan's and Aughadrumsee Primary Schools focusing on supporting Maths through Activity Based Learning.

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>** - Catholic Schools Week begins.

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>** - Grandparents Day & P5 Assembly 10am

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>** - Cumann na mBunscoil Indoor 5 a side blitz.

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup>** - Walk to School day.

### February

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup>** - St. Brigid's Day.

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup>** - P7 Post Primary Admissions Portal Open online.

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup>** - Internet Safety Week begins.

**13<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> inclusive** - **MID TERM BREAK** - school closed for all

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>** - Shrove Tuesday. Pancakes for all in school ☺

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>** - Swimming lessons will commence for P5/6/7. £5 per session. Letter to follow.

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup>** - Walk to School Day

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>** - Peace Proms -SSE Arena Belfast @ 1pm

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup>** - School photographer for P1 and P7 classes. Other family/individuals available on request.

### March

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>** - World Book Day - Dress up day for all pupils.

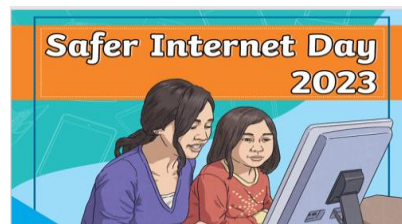
**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>** - Sacrament of First Confession for P4 pupils in St. Tierney's Church at 7pm

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>** - P7 - Love for Life Workshop. Details and permission slips to follow.

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>** - St. Patrick's Day Performances in school

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> & Monday 20<sup>th</sup>** - School closed for all.

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup>** - Walk to School Day



*Make space for open conversations about the benefits and dangers online.*

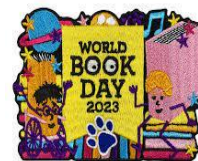


## TERM 2 CURRICULUM

**LITERACY** - This term there will be a continued focus on boosting Literacy attainment through the school. As well as ongoing booster classes and Reading Partnership for some pupils we look forward to celebrating World Book Day when pupils can come to school dressed as a character of their choice.

\*If parading with the Comhaltas again this June again as part of the Fermanagh Fleadh, pupils can re-wear their World Book Day costumes.

We encourage you to make extra effort to find time for daily reading with your children at home. We cannot stress the value of this enough in developing fluency and confidence. Please also support your child to learn their weekly spellings and high frequency words to help with overall reading and writing skills.



**NUMERACY** - Numeracy work and topic maths will continue to be reinforced through practical learning in school. Pupils weekly homework will reflect what is being covered in class as well as activities to develop Mental Maths. As always we encourage you to help your child relate maths to their everyday lives. Examples of this includes: paying attention to times, dates and calculating durations of specific events or involving them in managing a budget and working with money and counting coins to pay for certain items.

**ICT** - We are really looking forward to further developing our Film Making skills this term and all classes will get the chance to work with digital technology and green screen to produce their own recordings. We will also be looking at aspects of keeping safe online during Internet Safety Week.

**PE** - Pupils from all classes to wear PE clothes on these days.

Monday's - PE with Eimear from Ulster GAA until mid-term.

Thursdays - PE with Aoife from Core NI until Easter with a focus on Dance and Gymnastics.

Please note that we start the school day with our Daily Walk for all pupils around the school track each morning from 8.30am. A great way to start the day and get our brains and bodies working before lessons.

## RSE - Relationships and Sexuality Education

This term we will be focusing on working aspects of the Flourish Programme in to our RSE and PDMU curriculum. These lessons are child friendly and age appropriate and have been developed for Catholic schools to help promote respect, a moral compass and a positive self-image as well as helping children to make informed decisions. More information and lesson plans can be found at [www.catholiceducation.ie](http://www.catholiceducation.ie)

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Catholic Schools Week takes place week beginning 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2023. This year's theme is: 'Catholic Schools: Walking Together in Faith & Love'. We are delighted to be able to invite our grandparents back to join us as we celebrate the very important role they play in the lives of our children. P5 will lead us in a special assembly at 10am followed by some light refreshments and activities throughout the school. As always we are so conscious of grandparents who have passed away and also those who cannot join us and they will be acknowledged in a special way with pupils also. If grandparents or families cannot attend they will be able to watch the assembly online later on.

**Daily themes that we will celebrate through the week are as follows:**

Monday: Walking Together in Faith

Tuesday: Walking Together to Celebrate Grandparents Day -  
Open Assembly 10am.

Wednesday: Walking Together in Love

Thursday: Walking Together to Transform our World -  
Attendance at Mass for certain classes.

Friday: Walking Together in Hope





## TERM 2 EXTRA CURRICULAR

Each class will receive a free 4 week block of Afterschools in Term 2. Running from the week beginning Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February. Activities will include Art Club, ICT and Eco Club. More details to follow.

Mullaghmore Equestrian League continues for our school team up.  
The next Saturday dates confirmed for this are 21<sup>st</sup> January and 4<sup>th</sup> February.

Transfer club will also commence for P6 pupils who wish to sit the Post Primary entrance exams for the 2024-25 school year.



## PEACE PROMS

P5/6/7 will also have extra choir practice during school hours through January and February to prepare for their participation in the Peace Proms on 26<sup>th</sup> February. All pupils attending Peace Proms will travel together from school leaving @ 9.30am sharp. Pupils should wear navy school trousers or skirts with tights along with a **plain white top (shirt, t-shirt or polo shirt with no logos)**. Packed lunch needed. School will cover the cost of the bus but we will stop for hot food on the way home at a cost of £5 per child.

## OUTDOOR LEARNING/SCHOOL GARDEN

Further development of our school garden and pollinator areas will take place this term. We have already purchased potting and storage sheds, wigwam, signage and insect hotels with money received for the Live Here Love Here Pollinator grant. We will now look towards painting the back fencing and planting our insect friendly flowers and shrubs to complete this project.



## MUSIC

Thank you to Master McCabe for the excellent accompaniment to our Christmas performances and to all pupils who provided such beautiful music and singing for Christmas Eve mass. Music money for January & February is now due. £10 covers both months. All pupils are encouraged to participate. Please send money in a labelled envelope.

## MILK

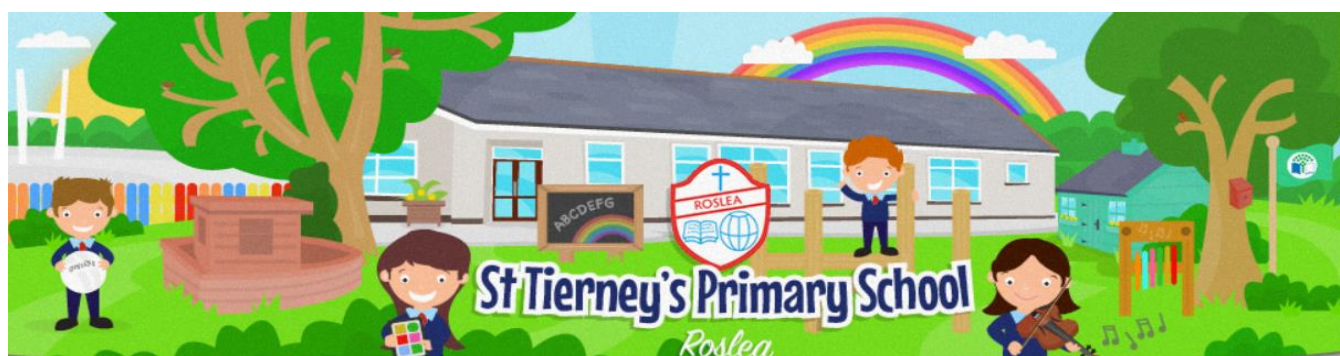
Milk Money for term 2 is now due £13. **If your child took milk in Term 1 and doesn't want to take it any longer, please let the school office know a.s.a.p.**

## Breakfast Club and Snack

Thank you to Caroline and staff in the kitchen for facilitating our breakfast club and snack. All items are 40p each. Please keep in mind if paying in euro 40p = 50c

Dinner Money **MUST** be paid weekly. Please put money in envelope with child / children's name and the days they are taking dinner, thank you.

A FULL LIST OF SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR TERM 2 AND 3 ARE AVAILABLE ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE  
**Don't forget to check out [www.sttierneyspsroslea.com](http://www.sttierneyspsroslea.com) for the latest news & photographs.**



Help your child with

# reading

## I Spy

Play 'I Spy' games. Can you find words beginning with...? Can you find a picture of a ...? How many ... can you see?

## Ask Questions

Ask questions about the story as you read it e.g. What is the story about? Why do you think they made that choice? Was it a good choice? Why did that happen? What do you think will happen next? What was your favourite part of the story? Why?

## Make it Fun

Enjoy reading together. Give characters funny voices and engage with the pictures. Make a game out of finding words that rhyme or start with the same sound.

## Be Seen

Make sure you are seen reading. Keep books magazines at easy reach.

## Get Out

Go to your public library regularly. Find the books you loved as a kid to read together.

## Create

Use reading to inspire drawings or new stories.

## Go Online

Look online & in app stores for appropriate word & spelling games.

## Make Space

Have a special place or a certain time when you read together.

## Read everything out loud.

Books, poems, nursery rhymes, newspaper & magazine articles, food labels... anything that is close to hand!