

6<sup>th</sup> January 2025

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 expectations and again we would like to express our gratitude. Thank you to all parents and staff who contributed to our School Vision and Values in term 1. This will be continued with pupils in Term 2, as well as review of other relevant school policies such as Anti-Bullying and Positive Behaviour and Discipline.



As well as donating hampers and raising £160 for St. Vincent de Paul, we have raised £1912 and €285 for our school funds through our family and pupil raffles. This money will be used to help pay for our new whiteboards.



### Key Dates for January & February & March

#### January

Friday's - P.E with Ulster GAA until mid-term for P4-P7.

Wednesdays - PE with Core NI until end of February - Focus on Dance.

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> - Healthy Me Program for P1 - P4.

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> - Core Kids Afterschool - Robotics & Lego Club P1 & 2 (1.50pm - 2.50pm). Link on website for booking.

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> - Core Kids Afterschool - Robotics & Lego Club P6 & 7 only due to limited numbers and complexity (1.50pm - 2.50pm). Link on website for booking.

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> - P1 Primary Admissions open online. Please remind any prospective parents within your family.

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> - Mullaghmore Schools Jumping League

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> - Catholic Schools Week begins.

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> - P1 Primary Admissions close.

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> - P5/6 Open Assembly - Grandparents Day.

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> - Online Portal Opens for Secondary School Applications.

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January - Shared Education for P7 class for 4 weeks.

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> - January - Walk to School - Ditch the Dark

#### February

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> - Celebrate Safer Internet Day.

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> - Cumann Na mBunscol Football Castlepark

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> - Credit Union Quiz

**10<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> inclusive - MID TERM BREAK -school closed for all.**

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> - P7 Post Primary Admissions close.

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> - LaFayette Photography will be here for school photos.

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> - P1/2 Assembly. This is not an Open Assembly.

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> - Swimming lessons will commence for P5/6/7 at a cost of £5 per lesson for 7 weeks (5 weeks for P7). Letter to follow.

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> - Walk to School.

Open Nights for local Post Primary Schools will commence this week and run through January. Please check websites and social media of any schools you may wish to view with your child for specific dates and times.

## March

Wednesdays - PE with Core NI until Easter - Focus on Gymnastics.

Friday's - P.E with Ulster GAA until Easter.

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> - World Book Day.

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> - Family Quiz Night hosted by PTFA in Tierney's School

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March - St Patricks Day Concert - Open to all families.

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> - School closed for St Patrick's Day.**

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> - Bee-Safe Programme in Lisnaskea for P7.

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> - P7 Pilgrimage to Lough Derg.

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> - Walk to School.

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> - Love for Life Program P7. Information to follow.

## ROOTS OF EMPATHY PROGRAMME

This is ongoing in P3 from now until June. We are looking forward to continuing our weekly sessions with Mrs Beacom and monthly visits from Baby John Joe.

## MUSIC

Thank you to Master McCabe for the excellent accompaniment at our Carol Service, for Christmas Eve mass and for joining our P7 pupils who sang for the Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner.

Music money for January & February is now due. £10 covers both months. All pupils are encouraged to participate.

## 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.**

**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.**

## TERM 2 AFTERSCHOOLS

There will be a free 6 week block of Afterschools arranged for all classes. Details to be confirmed shortly.

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Catholic Schools Week takes places week beginning Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2025. It is important that we continue to nurture the faith of our children and community in these changing and challenging times. This year's theme is: **'Catholic Schools: Alive in Christ'**.

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

Monday: **Life to the Full in Our Community of Friends**

Tuesday: **Life to the Full in Our Faith Community**

Wednesday: **Life to the Full in Our Families.**

Thursday: **Life to the Full, for and with Others.**

Friday: **Life to the Full for the Common Good of All.**



## HOLY SACRAMENTS FOR 2025

Preparation continues in school this term for the celebration of the Holy Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. We encourage families, particularly those with children preparing for Sacraments, to attend mass on a regular basis. Dates for First Confession and Service of Light to be confirmed. Fr Chester has very kindly arranged a 1 day retreat to Lough Derg for Confirmation classes from the parish. P4 will also attend weekday mass at least once a month in preparation for celebrating First Holy Communion. Dates for this and any other changes or notices will be communicated by text.

**PLEASE KEEP FREE - FRIDAY 7<sup>th</sup> MARCH for PTFA Family Quiz Night and  
SUNDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> June for PTFA FUN RUN**

**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.**