

# St. Theresa's Primary School

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## Newsletter

February

2024

### Thank You

We would like to thank Danielle Porter for all her help and support offered when completing her classroom assistant training in Mrs McCool's class. Primary 1 and 2 pupils were very fond of Danielle and she was a brilliant help to Mrs McCool and Patricia. We wish Danielle all the best as she is now taking up a new post in St Catherine's Primary School Strabane.

### St Theresa's PTA Valentine's Raffle

We look forward to our Valentine's Raffle this Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February. Lots of prizes up for grabs. £5 per ticket. Thank you for supporting us.

### Hot Food Friday's - Breakfast Club

Wendy our cook is pleased to announce that she is serving hot food at Breakfast Club every Friday starting from 23<sup>rd</sup> February. Below is a flavour of what is being offered.

**Sausage Roll 50p**

**Jambon 50p**

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**Beans and Toast 65p**

**Carton of Juice 40p**

**All other breakfast items as normal**

### Dinner Menu

The upcoming dinner menu can be viewed on our school website: Starts Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Feb

<https://www.sttheresaspsglebe.com/parents/canteen-menu/>

### Primary 7 Transferring to Year 8

Year 8 admissions - Post Primary Application Process **Closes** Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb (12 noon)

Please find the Education Authority Portal link below to complete the online application and Post Primary Admissions Information.

EA Portal Link: <https://connect.eani.org.uk/parent/> For further information, please view:

<https://www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions/post-primary-admissions-guide>

As always we are contactable at St Theresa's if you need any advice or support.

### Safer Internet Day - Allstate Cyber Safety

A huge thanks to Kristina and Michelle from Allstate Northern Ireland who delivered stimulating and informative sessions to our children about Cyber Safety, educating them on being safe and aware of the dangers present in a range of digital and virtual platforms.

St Theresa's P.S. Glebe

Principal: Mr. G. Brogan

## [Child Protection Policy](#)

A link has been sent home via our text alert system to direct you to our updated Child Protection Policy. It can be viewed and read on our school website:

<https://www.sttheresaspsglebe.com/our-school/policies/>

We also like to bring to your attention that Erin Quinn is our Designated Governor for Safeguarding in St Theresa's Primary School.

## [Sacraments: Key Dates](#)

Confirmation for Primary 7 **(St Theresa's Church Sion Mills – Sat. 16<sup>th</sup> March at 11:00am)**

First Confessions for Primary 4 **(No date as of yet)**

First Holy Communion for Primary 4 **(St Theresa's Church Sion Mills – Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May at 11am)**

## [Primary 4 and 7: Key Dates for Masses](#)

Mass of Light for Primary 7 with St Eugene's PS and Sion Mills Integrated PS

**(St Theresa's Church Sion Mills – Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> Feb at 6:30pm)**

Primary 4 Mass: Lent **(St Theresa's Church Sion Mills – Sat 9<sup>th</sup> Mar at 6:00pm)**

*We also expect a full turn out and for all children to wear their uniform to Mass.*

## [Curriculum Meeting: Play Based Learning](#)

As a school we have been moving forward with Mrs Clare Devlin, an Education Play Advisor, in developing our school's provision of Play and Outdoor Learning. We invite our Foundation Stage Parents (P1-3), as well as the Parents who have children starting in St Theresa's in September 2024, to come up to the school for an Information Session about the opportunities that children can gain through Play and Outdoor Learning. Parents will also have the chance to observe outdoor learning taking place by our children. This meeting is on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February from 1:00pm to approximately 2:30pm. Refreshments will be provided. Supervision will be provided for children in P1-3 who are able to attend. We look forward to seeing you then.

## [Relationship and Sexuality Education \(RSE\)](#)

We are planning to continue our delivery of Relationships and Sexuality Education (RSE) after Easter. We are committed to delivering RSE in such a way that reflects our strong Catholic Ethos, and very much in partnership with our parents who play a fundamental role. The Programme used to support RSE is called "In The Beginning" and we are willing to provide a refresher talk to new parents and those who didn't make it last year. This information talk is scheduled for Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 2:15pm. It will be an opportunity for you as parents to have a look at the available resources and gain more information about the content of the Programme which is delivered from Primary 2 to Primary 7. Primary 1 -3 pupils can be supervised in school on that day until 3pm, so that as many parents as possible are able to attend the Information Meeting.

## [Grandparents Day](#)

Thank you to all our Grandparents who joined us for Grandparents Breakfast on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February. It was a lovely way to acknowledge our Grandparents and to mark this important day in Catholic Schools' Week. A huge thanks to our 3 cooks (Wendy, Maria and Shelia) for the beautiful breakfast, to all the staff for helping out and our resident musician Jamie Donnelly for entertaining everyone during the breakfast.

## [Resilience & Well Being Workshop](#)

We are delighted to welcome back Rois Kelly from Much Ado Stage School to facilitate a 4 week workshop with P5 pupils in promoting Resilience & Well-Being. These 1 hour sessions are being funded through our Extended School Cluster Group and the children are very excited to have Rois back in St Theresa's this year.

Dates: **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February, Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March, Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March and Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March.**

## [Core Kids NI and Free Fresh Fruit Fridays](#)

Core Kids is a huge hit in St Theresa's and the children love the lessons taken by Freya. 2 sessions remaining: **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February** and **23<sup>rd</sup> February**. Also our children just love the Fresh Fruit platters being provided in St Theresa's at the moment. Unfortunately we can't sustain that cost. However, please continue to send fruit into school with your child as a healthy snack.

## [Maintenance & Minor Works](#)

We are nearing completion of our Minor Works in the weeks ahead. We are very proud of our new ramps, the adjustment of our pathways and the toilet refurbishment for the girls. It is great to be able to improve our facilities within the school.

## [St Theresa's Polytunnel](#)

Check out our latest new addition to St Theresa's Primary School. We are delighted to showcase our new polytunnel, and we offer our sincere gratitude to Allstate Northern Ireland for securing the funding for St Theresa's Primary School.

A special mention to our parents Reece McDaid for getting the wheels in motion to make this happen and also Sabrina Lynch for overseeing the initiative. It is wonderful to see how both parents want the best for our school and our new polytunnel is standing out in its glory!

A huge thanks to the whole team behind this initiative in Allstate and also to Ryan and his workmen from Morris Polytunnel for erecting a strong and well finished polytunnel.

We look forward to developing this further in the months ahead so that the children can get the best experiences out of this new resource in our school and community.



## Coming Up...

### Events in February

- 1<sup>st</sup> Grandparents' Breakfast  
1<sup>st</sup> Roots of Empathy Family Visit  
2<sup>nd</sup> Confirmation Art with Gloria Perry (P6/7)  
5<sup>th</sup> Children's Mental Health Week (5<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> February)  
6<sup>th</sup> Internet Safety Day: Allstate Cyber Safety Talk  
6<sup>th</sup> Year 1 Screening  
9<sup>th</sup> Confirmation Art with Gloria Perry (P6/7)  
9<sup>th</sup> PTA Valentine's Raffle  
9<sup>th</sup> All pupils finish school at 2pm  
12<sup>th</sup> **Staff Training (No pupils)**  
13<sup>th</sup> **Mid Term break 13<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup>**  
19<sup>th</sup> Mrs Kerlin commences P6/7 school experience (5 weeks)  
20<sup>th</sup> Cumann na mBunscol Boys' Indoor Football: Healy Park  
22<sup>nd</sup> Post Primary Online Portal Closes  
22<sup>nd</sup> **Play based & Outdoor Learning Curriculum Meeting for Parents: 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb at 1:00pm**  
22<sup>nd</sup> Cumann na mBunscol Girls' Indoor Football: Healy Park  
23<sup>rd</sup> Resilience and well being workshop (4 weeks) with Rois Kelly - P5 pupils (9:30 - 10:30)  
26<sup>th</sup> Primary 4 First Holy Communion Online Preparation (and 27<sup>th</sup>)  
29<sup>th</sup> Mass of Light for Primary 7: St Theresa's Church (6:30pm)

### February Birthdays

Year 1 Sophia & Charley Rose

Year 2 Jamie

Year 3 Rós

**Have a great day everyone!**

### Upcoming Dates in 2023

#### **February Mid Term**

Staff Training: 12<sup>th</sup> Feb

School Closed: 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> Feb

Children return on 19<sup>th</sup> Feb

**Curriculum Meeting: Play based & Outdoor Learning Curriculum Meeting for Parents: 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb at 1:00pm**

**St Patrick's Day: School Closed 18<sup>th</sup> Mar**

**Curriculum Meeting: RSE Parental Workshop: 25<sup>th</sup> Mar at 2:15pm**

#### **Easter Holidays**

School Closes on 28<sup>th</sup> Mar at 12 noon

School Closed: 29<sup>th</sup> Mar to 5<sup>th</sup> Apr

Children return on 8<sup>th</sup> Apr

**May Bank Holidays: 6<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> May**

Staff Training: 28<sup>th</sup> May

### Repeating Weekly Events:

**Breakfast Club** Daily - 8:30am to 8:50am

**2-3 Wrap Around Club:** Daily (P1-3)

**Monday** Sean O'Kane: Gaelic Coach (P1-7)

**Tuesday** Violin (P5-7) with Lauren

**Wednesday** Tin Whistle (P4-7) with Noel

Irish (P1-7) with Antaine

Football & Fitness (P5-7) with Mr Coyle

Netball with Marty Gormley (P5-7 girls)

Adult Irish Classes with Antaine 7:30-8:30

**Thursday** Musical Pathways (Una) (P1-3)

Roots of Empathy with Primary 5

**Friday** Whole School Assembly: (P1-7)

Core Kids NI: (P1-7)

Confirmation Art with Gloria Perry

Free Fresh Fruit Fridays

Rois Kelly Drama: (P5). Starts 23/02/23