



# St. Teresa's Primary School

"Doing ordinary things extraordinarily well"



## Spring Newsline 2023

Parents / Guardians,

### COVID-19 Regulations

We are still currently maintaining guidelines from the Dept. of Education, PHA and the Government regarding our school, but can I reiterate, **if your child is displaying symptoms of coronavirus, please notify the school and take the necessary precautions.** Please make sure your contact details are up to date in the school office at all times, and if your child does test positive they have to remain at home to isolate for 3 days.

### Seesaw

All teachers will keep in touch with parents / guardians via the Seesaw App. Please make sure you are signed up to your child's teacher / class.

### Food Allergies / Healthy Break

**Can I ask you to adhere to precautions we have in school for children with severe allergies? To date we have 3 children (who require epipens) and can I ask that NO nuts or fish are brought into school at ANYTIME. As we are a healthy eating school we require our children to bring in water, fruit or vegetables to eat / drink at breaktime. We hope to see an improvement in concentration and behaviours as we move forward together on this.**

### Lurgan Credit Union Quiz Team

Congratulations to our P7 Credit Union Quiz Team who represented our school on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March in the Malone Lodge Hotel, Belfast. The team made up of Lucy, Ava, Bethany and Belle and were narrowly pipped at the post in the final rounds. We are proud of them all!



### School Gaelic Team

Congratulations to our school Gaelic Team who represented St Teresa's at the Armagh v Galways game on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March at the Athletic Grounds Armagh. They won their match against St Moninna's and definitely rose to the occasion in front of a packed crowd of 17,000 spectators. They even got their picture in today's Irish News (Page 51!!!)



### Absences from school

Absences from school during term time are discouraged and will affect your child's attendance rate. If your child's attendance rate falls below 85% the 'Education Welfare Officer' will contact you or pay a visit to your home. If you do need to take your child out of school, please notify Mr. Kearney in writing. (This does not include days of sickness; you can notify school about sickness using the Absence Form on our school app).

### Music Service

Thank you for supporting the Music / EA tutors in our school as P4, P5 & P6 children are all receiving music tuition. We will continue into Term 2 & 3. The next payment will be due on **28<sup>th</sup> April 2023**. This can be paid via school app in the Parents Area (Music Individual Fees).

## **Sacrament of Penance – Primary 4**

Thank you to all our Parents / Guardians who helped our children receive their Sacrament of Penance on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March in St Peter's Church. Fr. Josef officiated the Sacrament and our children were excellently prepared by Mrs Fox, Mrs Loney, Mrs McKerr and Mrs Duffy.

### **Sacraments Dates / Times**

**P4 – First Holy Communion**

**10<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at 11am in St Peter's Church, Lurgan.**

**P7 – Confirmation**

**30<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 11.30am in St Peter's Church, Lurgan.**



### **Trocaire Campaign**

Each class is continuing to support our school Trocaire Campaign in school by bringing in coppers (2p's & 1p's) and the P4 class will be holding a Bun Sale on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March in school. Any donations of cakes/buns (please be aware of allergies **NO NUTS**) will be gratefully received on the morning of the Bun Sale into school.

### **New iPads**

We are also hosting our **5K Easter Fun Walk/ Run/ Jog on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April** within the school grounds to raise money for new iPads. P1-P3 received smarties tubes to fill and P4-P7 received sponsor sheets for this event. Please ensure that monies are returned to school by Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – good luck!

### **Book Fair**

Our Scholastic Book Fair was in school from 25<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> January 2023. We were able to raise **£1242.99** to help provide new reading materials for children throughout our school. P3 & P6 classes have already received new reading resources / books to support them. Thank you for all your support.

### **Questionnaires – looking ahead...**

We have collated some questionnaires that will allow us to get your views and opinions and to plan ahead for our 'School Development Plan' for the next 3 years. (Children, staff, and Governors will fill these out also). We would be grateful if you could complete. These can be found in the 'Parents Area' of our school website under 'Feedback/Surveys'. This will take a short time and would be appreciated. Closing date **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April** for all questionnaires.

### **Key Dates:**

29<sup>th</sup> March – P1 trip to Oxford Island with PIPS & Bun Sale in school for Trocaire

30<sup>th</sup> March – Confirmation in St Peter's Church for P7 at 11.30am

31<sup>st</sup> March – P2 trip to Tannaghmore Gardens with PIPS

4<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Bunny Run for all children

6<sup>th</sup> April – School closes at 11.30am for Easter

17<sup>th</sup> April – School re-opens Term 3

18<sup>th</sup> April – P3 trip with PIPS (TBC)

27<sup>th</sup> April – Gaelic Blitz at St Michaels Magheralin P6 / P7

28<sup>th</sup> April – NIE Talk for P4-P7 in school

1<sup>st</sup> May & 8<sup>th</sup> May – School closed

9<sup>th</sup> May – St Mary's Aghagallon Gaelic Blitz P6/P7

Week of 8<sup>th</sup> May & 15<sup>th</sup> May – Standardised Tests for P3-P7 children in school

16<sup>th</sup> May – St Mary's Derrytrasna Gaelic Blitz P6/P7