



St. Teresa's Primary School

"Doing ordinary things extraordinarily well"



Autumn Newline 2023

Parents / Guardians,

Welcome Back

A big welcome back to all our children and especially our Primary 1 children. Thank you for adhering to our drop off time (8.50am-9am) in the mornings and collections via either gate at 2pm and 3pm pick up times.

Can I ask you to NOT park at the corners / bends of Tarry Lane in the mornings or at pick up time, this causes a build up of traffic and difficulties for other users. Please use the car park on Tarry Lane (if possible). We have new signage on Tarry Lane for our school erected over the summer and are awaiting painted road signs on the Cornakinnegar Road by the DFI – this will help with safety arrangements around our school.



Communication

School Website – for 'whole school' information will continue in September

Seesaw – each class will continue with this in September. 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.

School App – for messaging / forms / bookings / payments this will continue throughout the year.

Newline – will continue throughout the year.

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 4 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.

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 all who have paid deposits / consented for music tutors this year (so far). Mrs Holland (Violin / Viola) will be working with our children every Wednesday, Mr Murphy (Saxophone / Recorder) will be working with our children every Thursday.

A further letter will be issued soon outlining remainders of money to be paid to school for EA tutors / lessons.

School Development Plan

Thank you for completing our Parent / Guardian questionnaires last term. This helped us plan ahead for 2023 / 2024. If anyone requires a copy of our SDP this year – please contact the school office. The Annual school report for last year can be read on 'school letters' within the Parents Area on the school website.

Financial Help!!!!

In June the school approached local business / companies to ask for financial help to support our school. Resulting from this, we gratefully received a number of generous donations totalling £4500.00 from:

- Boconnell Properties
- Daly Park & Co
- Brendan McIntyre
- Statsports (Paul McKernan 3 new ipads)
- Hannon Steel

So if you can support our school financially or otherwise we would be very grateful.

The donations would help with the following:

- Accelerated reader - £4200 (3 years – ends 2025)
- Reading Eggs / Maths seeds - £5500 (3 years - ends 2025)
- Athletics - £2200 (3 years ends 2025)
- GL Assessment - £3500 per year
- School App - £280 per year
- School Website - £360.00 per year
- School Counsellor - £5000 per year
- Twinkl - £900 per year

Key Dates: (on the calendar on school website too!)

20th Sept – P7 Swimming programme starts

26th Sept – Opening Year Mass (in school)

27th Sept – FOST AGM 7pm in school

28th Sept – St Peter's Coaching P5 / P6

5th Oct - St Peter's Coaching P5 / P6

12th Oct - St Peter's Coaching P3 / P4

19th Oct - St Peter's Coaching P3 / P4

22nd Oct – Pumpkin Patch in school 2-4pm (Tickets £5 per child available from School Office)

26th Oct - St Peter's Coaching P1 / P2

27th Oct – Halloween Dress Up Day – possible finish at 1pm for all children (TBC) for staff training

30th Oct – 3rd Nov – School Closed for Halloween break (inclusive)

6th Nov – School Photographer

9th Nov - St Peter's Coaching P1 / P2

13th Nov – 17th Nov – Parent Teacher Meeting for all children to finish at 1.15pm each day

22nd Nov – P7 Swimming Ends

26th Nov – Christmas Fayre in school 2-6pm with Santa/ Light Switch on / Christmas Stalls etc

29th Nov – P6 Swimming programme starts

4th Dec – School Pantomime in Armagh Market Place for whole school

22nd Dec – School closes at 11.30am for Christmas Holidays