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FIRST COMMUNION

Our P4 children will make their First Holy Communion on Saturday 22nd May at 11am in St Patrick's Church, Aghagallon. Further information and detail about the ceremony will follow from Mr MacDonald. The P4s will attend Mass on Monday 16th May at 10am and this will be followed by a rehearsal.

P7 choir members are asked to attend First Communion to help with the singing. Please let us know if your child is not able to be present.

GAELIC TRAINING

Gaelic training for P5, P6 and P7 will continue every Monday from 3 – 4 until further notice. A number of blitzes have been organised. Those involved will be informed prior to each blitz. I would like to thank Mr Fegan and Kieran who give freely of their time and talent to coach and inspire our children.

Anyone selected to attend a blitz should bring £3 on the day to help cover the increasing cost of buses.

Dates For Blitzes in May	
Wednesday 4 th May	Thursday 12 th May
Thursday 19 th May	Thursday 26 th May

PORTADOWN FESTIVAL

Congratulations to our school choir who picked up 3 awards at Portadown Festival this year. The children worked exceptionally hard to reach the standard they are at. I thank Mrs Lennon for all the work she does with our school choir. A huge thank you to Mrs Cecilia Hannon who accompanied the children at the festival this year.

MAY PROCESSION

Last year we started a new tradition in our school during the month of May. As our school is called St Mary's, it is only fitting that we honour Mary in some way. We plan to hold our annual procession for pupils on Wednesday 18th May in the school grounds.

SWIMMING

Swimming will continue in Term 3 for P6 and P7 pupils until 24th June.

BEE ACTIVE

Our Bee Active sessions will continue each Friday with our amazing and inspirational coach, Anto.

SPORTS DAY

We plan to run our sports day on Wednesday 1st June. Sadly, we will not be inviting parents to attend this year but will post photos and videos for you all to enjoy. Children will compete in their teams (Oaks, Elvers and Grebes); points and medals will be awarded accordingly.

DINNER MONEY

Could we ask that all dinners are paid for in the week they are taken. Dinners must be paid for using the school money app. School dinners cost £2.60 per meal. Please ensure that all payments are kept up to date. Please remember to book your child's dinner in advance.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

In terms 1 and 2, we asked for a contribution of £20 per child per term to cover the costs of the Bee Active, IXL and additional resources. We would like to remind you that the final contribution for term 3 is now due. The £20 can be paid through the school money app. Thank you, in advance, for your generosity. If you have 2 or more children at the school, we ask for £10 this term.

TRÓCAIRE

We would like to thank our pupils for the generous contributions for Trócaire before Easter. The total raised was £1810.

P7 LEAVERS

The countdown is now well and truly on for our P7 leavers as another great group of children prepare for the big transfer to secondary education. The P7s have been wearing their leaver hoodies for the last number of weeks and as term 3 progresses, a number of events will take place for the P7 children.

MASS: An end of year Mass will be celebrated for our P7s on Friday 17th June at 10am.

AWARDS: We will have our presentation of P7 awards on Thursday 23rd June at 1.30pm. Parents will be able to access this via zoom.

CONCERT: We will record the P7 concert and you will be able to view this on our school Facebook page before the end of term.

FINALLY

We continue to be grateful to all our parents and families for the support, commitment and dedication you show to your children and to our school. Please see key dates for term 3 below.

Mrs Caitriona McAtarsney
Principal

TERM 3 DATES	
Wed 11 th May	P7 Launchpad Transition Programme in Portadown (Permission slip to follow)
Mon 16 th May	P4 Mass and Rehearsal
Wed 18 th May	May Procession
Sat 21 st May	P4 First Communion 11am
Wed 1 st June	Sports Day (Pupils only)
Thur 2 nd June	Bank Holiday School Closed
Fri 3 rd June	Bank Holiday School Closed
P7 Leavers Mass	Friday 17 th June 10am
P7 Award Ceremony	Thursday 23 rd June 1.30pm (Zoom)
Thur 30 th June	11am School Closes for Summer holiday