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## **THE FRIDAY NOTE (10<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2024)**

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

It has been another busy week in Saints and Scholars with only 1 more week to go until the Wizard of Oz. It's also fantastic to see some long-awaited sunshine so I hope you all make the most of it over the weekend.

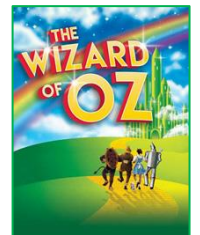
Please find some important information about the week ahead.

Thank you!

### **WIZARD OF OZ**

The Wizard of Oz rehearsals are in their final stage and the children are working incredibly hard in wrapping up the show for your entertainment.

Can all cast members please arrive in school for a full-dress rehearsal tomorrow at 10am with a packed lunch. Pupils can be collected at 3pm.



There will be three performances of the show – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May, both starting at 7.30pm and a matinee performance on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May which will start at 10am.

There are 16 tickets remaining for Wednesday's show at 7-30pm and 9 for Thursday's show at 7-30pm. There are lots of tickets available for the Thursday show at 10am. If you haven't bought tickets yet, we would encourage you to do so as the children deserve a full house for all the hard work and dedication they have put into the show. Please help support them by asking family members and friends if they would like to attend or if you know of any community groups that would be interested in coming along, please also let us know.



A reminder that as a thank you to the children involved in the show- all cast can have Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May as a day off (if they wish). This will not affect your child's overall attendance. If we could keep this as a surprise for the children- I will let them know after the last performance on the Thursday evening. Thank you.



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## **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

Congratulations to our 16 P4 pupils who made their First Holy Communion on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May – we were so proud of all of you and hope you enjoyed the rest of your special day.



Thanks to Mrs Tohill for managing all the preparation for the ceremony.

Thank you to the parents and guardians of all the children who gave up their time to sing in the choir and to join their classmates to celebrate with the children. The choir were outstanding, and we'd like to take this opportunity to thank Sara-Jane Kelly and Mrs O'Braonain for supporting them.

## **CONFIRMATION**



Confirmation for P7 children is taking place on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May in St. Patricks Cathedral, Armagh. The children will join pupils from other schools for Confirmation at 2pm – there are no limitations this year on the number of people who can accompany your child. A separate note will follow with more specific arrangements.

## **HEAD LICE**

We have been made aware that some of the children in school have head lice and would ask that you please check your child and treat as necessary.

## **END OF YEAR TRIPS**



We are currently working on a schedule for our end of year school trips which will be shared with you soon.

## **P7 REISIDENTIAL TO CARLINGFORD**

Our P7 children are off to Carlingford for their annual residential trip from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> May. Please ensure remaining balances for this trip are settled on Parent Pay as soon as possible.

## **SPORTS DAY**

We plan (weather permitting) to hold our annual Sports Day on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June. Please keep this date free- it would be great to see lots of parents supporting their children at this event.



## **UNIFORM LABELLING**

Please ensure all items of school uniforms are clearly labelled with your child's name to allow for lost items to be easily identified. With the warm weather we are experiencing, it is especially important to make sure cardigans and jumpers are labelled.

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## **SAINTS AND SCHOLARS GO COUNTRY**

Our Parents' Council are thrilled to announce they are hosting a fundraising event to celebrate our school's 30th year anniversary. The event will take place in The 4th Wall at the Marketplace Theatre on Saturday 15th June 2024. Doors open at 7pm and promises to be a fantastic night complete with fun photo booth, fabulous food (by On The Hoof) and music by the amazing band Stonewall! We are also having a silent auction and raffle for you to take part in to win some amazing prizes! All proceeds from our event will go directly to Saints and Scholars IPS to purchase new technology equipment for our school. We are very excited to host this event and invite our community to join us in supporting our school. Everyone is welcome! Tickets are priced at £40 each and are available to order at [saintsandscholarschoolcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:saintsandscholarschoolcouncil@gmail.com)

## **REMINDER: END OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS**

Please be advised of the end of term arrangements for our children.

- The P7 Leavers' Assembly will take place on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June at 10am. After the assembly, school will close at 12 noon to allow teachers and staff to attend the Leavers' Lunch.
- The final day for our Primary 7s will be on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June. This will be a normal collection time.
- The Nursery Graduation will take place on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June. This begins at 9.45am. At 11am (when the ceremony is over) Nursery children will go home with their parents. This will be their last day of Nursery.
- A transition morning has been planned for Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June. Children will spend the morning in their next teacher's classroom with their classmates.
- The last day of term for all children (except for the P7 and Nursery children) will be Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June.

As always, if you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch with your child's class teacher or myself via Class Dojo. I am also outside the school each morning and afternoon if you need to catch me. If you have a safeguarding concern, Mrs O'Braonain (our Designated Teacher for Child Protection) can be contacted by email at [aobraonain211@c2kni.net](mailto:aobraonain211@c2kni.net).

Have a great weekend – enjoy the sun!

**Mr A Scott-Mulholland (Principal)**