**St Blane’s Primary**

**March Newsletter 2021**

Dear Parent/Carer

It has been wonderful to have the school full of children again. There is a real buzz about the place. It has been a big change for children getting back into the routine of coming to school every day but the positivity they have shown has been really obvious as I walk around the school and chat to the children. This has been a long and unusual term for everyone at school but we are putting lockdown firmly behind us and moving on with enthusiasm and energy into term 4. (following all Covid guidelines)

In term 4 our curriculum focus will continue to be Literacy, Numeracy and Health and wellbeing. All other curricular areas will be embedded in our learning. This term will give us a chance to reflect and evaluate the progress across the year and how we can improve and move forward. I will send out a short survey after the holidays to allow you to give us your views as we round up our session 2020-2021. We will be re-designing our curriculum to ensure the contexts are relevant to our children, offering breadth and challenge for each child, raising attainment and building skills for learning, life and work.

It was great to have some children back to read at mass on Monday and look forward to more opportunities for this as restrictions lift. Preparation for the Sacraments in P3, P4 & P7 are well under way and will continue with the support of Fr Lawlor and our church community. Registration forms were issued by email to be returned to Fr Lawlor. Primary 6 and Primary 7 will begin God’s Loving Plan (catching up where necessary from last year) in Term 4 also. If you have any questions, please contact the school.

Live n Learn are a wellbeing company who work with schools to build children’s resilience, grit, determination, positive growth mind-set and attitudes. They have been working virtually with our P5-P7 classes every Wednesday to support their return to school. This will continue as we move into next session.

It really has been a positive end to the term with our Easter competitions. Thank you for supporting this with your child – there was a lot of fun on the day and the children really enjoyed themselves (a small moment of normal). Congratulations to our winners! Well done everyone!

Thank you to our Parent Council for donating an Easter Egg for every child, they were delighted! We also have a donation of an Egg for each child from Our Lord Provost, Philip Braat so double chocolate for everyone! Thank you.

I Just want to take a moment to thank the amazing staff here at St Blane’s who go above and beyond every day for your children. Their dedication to care for, teach, nurture, challenge and support each child is immeasurable and I am very appreciative to work with each and every one of them. Thank you all.

On behalf of everyone here at St Blane’s I wish you all a joyous Easter holiday with your families. Stay safe, take care and God bless.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 19th April 2021 at 9am.

Kindest regards,

Mrs Lara McVey

Head Teacher