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Congratulations to our Primary 4 and Primary 7 Pupils

On Saturday we had our final Sacramental celebrations when our Primary 7 pupils received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Only a few weeks beforehand our Primary 4 pupils received the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist. We are very proud of them all! We would like to thank Miss Pyott, Miss Kearns, Father Laurent and all our families for working so hard with the children to ensure that they were more than ready for these special moments in their lives. A special thanks is also conveyed to the parishioners of Holy Family Church for their hard work in preparing the altar and ensuring that the church was sanitised between each Mass and Service. May God bless them all!



COVID 19 Testing



Thank you for continuing to follow the national safety advice to help keep our community safe. Should your child, or anyone in the family, display any signs of COVID, the whole family must self isolate immediately and a full COVID test (a PCR test) must be undertaken by the person who is displaying symptoms. A rapid lateral flow test should not be used for this purpose.

Parents' Evenings

Our calls to parents are now complete. Thank you this new process. Hopefully in the new session we have face to face meetings again. If you happened from your child's class teacher please call the school another appointment time.



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End of Term Sports Event with Active Schools



Brad Cathie, our Active Schools co-ordinator, is currently working with P6 and P7 to develop their leadership skills. As part of this programme, our P7 pupils are devising an end of term sports event for all our classes. As we still need to keep our pupils within their classes, we will not be able to bring classes together for our usual style of Festival of Sport. However, Brad and our P7s have promised that our classes will still have lots of fun. Please look out for photographs on Twitter. The event is scheduled to take place on 15th June, weather permitting.

Belville Community Garden School Grounds Project

Thanks to an outdoor education grant we have received, each class will be able to take part in two outdoor learning sessions that will be delivered by the team from Belville Community Gardens. Please ensure that your child has their relaxed school uniform on and is prepared for any kind of weather! That might mean sun cream and a sunhat or it could mean a waterproof jacket and welly boots! We have arranged for classes to take part as follows

Wednesday 2nd June – P7, P6 and P6/5

Thursday 3rd June – P5, P4, P2

Tuesday 8th June – P3A, P3B, P1

Monday 14th June – P7, P6 and P6/5

Thursday 17th June – P5, P4, P2

Monday 21st June - P3A, P3B, P1



Transition Events

St Stephen's High School will hold a webinar for P7 parents on Wednesday 2nd June. Full details will be emailed to parents and shared via Twitter. We are delighted to say that our Primary 7 will now be able to have a visit to St Stephen's High School before the summer holiday. We will get this information to you as soon as we have it.

Later this week we will be posting transition information to the families of our new Primary 1 pupils. We look forward to meeting with our new pupils really soon!

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Staffing for the new session

As yet, we do not have confirmation of our staffing for the new session. Mrs McEnaney and Mrs Watson will be on maternity leave in August and we will be appointing two temporary members of teaching staff to cover this period. In June we welcome Mrs Harkins and Mrs Moses back from their maternity leaves. We will be delighted to have them with us once again. Mrs Neeson and Miss Delaney will continue to teach their classes until the end of term. When we have a clearer picture of our staffing for August we will share it with you. We will be able to share the name of your child's class teacher for the new session at that time.



Primary 7 Celebrations



Primary 7 have been discussing with Miss Kearns what they would like to do to mark the end of their seven years here in St Michael's. Whilst they may not be able to have the usual celebrations that previous classes may have had, we will make sure that this is a very special and memorable time for them. Following local authority advice, any celebrations must take place as late in the school term as possible. Once we have plans finalised we will share the dates and details with you.

Holidays

Please keep a note of the following dates

- Friday 28th May – Holiday
- Monday 31st May – Holiday
- Tuesday 1st June – In Service day for staff
- Wednesday 23rd June – School closes for the summer holiday at 1pm

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Education Services

| Term | School Term Dates, In-Service Days & Local Holidays - Session 2021/2022 | Working Days (Teachers) |
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| First | <p>In-Service Day Monday, 16 August 2021 In-Service Day Tuesday, 17 August 2021</p> <p>Pupils Return Wednesday, 18 August 2021</p> <p>Close Friday, 03 September 2021 Local Holiday Monday, 06 September 2021</p> <p>Re-Open Tuesday, 07 September 2021</p> <p>Close Friday, 08 October 2021 October Break Monday, 11 October 2021 to Friday 15 October 2021 (inclusive)</p> <p>In-Service Day Monday, 18 October 2021 Pupils Return Tuesday, 19 October 2021</p> <p>Close Wednesday, 22 December 2021</p> | 87 |
| Second | <p>Re-Open Thursday, 06 January 2022</p> <p>Close Friday, 11 February 2022 Mid-Term Monday, 14 February 2022 Mid-Term Tuesday, 15 February 2022</p> <p>In-Service Day Wednesday, 16 February 2022 Pupils Return Thursday, 17 February 2022</p> <p>Close Friday, 01 April 2022</p> | (147) 60 |
| Third | <p>Spring Break Monday, 04 April 2022 to Monday, 18 April 2022 (inclusive)</p> <p>Good Friday Friday, 15 April 2022 Easter Monday Monday, 18 April 2022</p> <p>Re-Open Tuesday, 19 April 2022 May Day Monday, 02 May 2022</p> <p>In-Service Day Tuesday, 03 May 2022 Pupils return Wednesday, 04 May 2022</p> <p>Close Thursday, 26 May 2022 Local Holiday Friday, 27 May 2022 Local Holiday Monday, 30 May 2022 Pupils Return Tuesday, 31 May 2022</p> <p>Close Tuesday, 28 June 2022</p> | (195) 48 |