



# St. Gerard's Primary School

## COVID19 Coronavirus Update

The mitigations and restrictions around Covid19 appear to be lifting; this is so welcome for the whole school community. Children within the school, although not yet in the nursery, will not need to bubble. Staff will continue to maintain 2-metre distancing guidance and wear facemasks when moving through the school. We will be inviting our new P1 children and parents into the building in small groups after Easter and we are hopeful that further progress around parents' meetings scheduled for June can be made.

And thank The Good Lord that Winter is at an end and we are now in March. Happy St. David's Day to all our Welsh families.

## Fundraiser 4<sup>th</sup> March

Many thanks to Mrs Hunter and Mrs Barr for coordinating our school fundraiser for our infant department. The event is at Bellshill Golf Club at 7.30pm There are a few tickets left if you want to come along. I am overwhelmed at the support for this venture and I hope everyone has a lovely evening together. As stated before staff as a group will not be able to attend the event. This is to ensure that we do not have a collective Covid outbreak and I have a significant staff absence the following week. Mrs. Hunter and Mrs. Barr will update us with photos and no doubt stories of the evening. I hope everyone has a great time

## School Start and Finish Times

With the whole school starting at 8.50am and finishing at 2.50pm can I ask everyone to be safety conscious around the school entrance and exit areas. With the lighter mornings and evenings, it may be an opportunity to walk or cycle to school. If cycling please ensure your child has a helmet. Kelvin Road, Bell Street and Fleming Road are all busy areas so your help with this is greatly appreciated.

## Lenten Calendar of Events & Activities

Date	Activity	Class
Week beg 07.03.22	Name the Bunny	Primary 2/3
Week beg 07.03.22	Easter themed Quiz	Primary 4
Week beg 14.03.22	Colouring Competition	Primary 1/2
Week beg 14.03.22	Guess Bunny's Birthday	Primary 1
Week beg 14.03.22	Games Day	Primary 4/5
Week beg 21.03.22	Easter Egg Hunt	Primary 3
Week beg 21.03.22	Tombola	Primary 7
Week beg 28.03.22	Easter Bonnet Competition	Primary 5/6
Week beg 28.03.22	Hops-tacle Course	Primary 6
Weekly	Who's that behind the mask?	Whole School

## Contact Details

Parents should not come into the school office unless instructed to. If, for any reason you need to contact the school please email or phone the school office.

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## Lent & Lenten Programme

In the lead up to the Lenten period, our children and staff have been busy planning a programme of fundraising events to raise money for our chosen Lenten charities. Over the next few weeks, each class will be responsible for organising an event for the rest of the school to participate in. In addition to this, we will have St. Gerard's Masked Singer where we will be revealing who's behind the mask each week. Please see below for the full programme.

Each class will give more information about how much it will cost to participate in their event. Typically, it will cost no more than 50p - £1 to take part. On Fun Fridays, each child can pay £1 to participate.

As always, we are extremely grateful for the generosity shown by our families during our Lenten Fundraising efforts. This year, we hope to raise as much money as possible for St Andrew's Hospice, MISSIO and SCIAF. Our Pope Francis Faith Group will be collating a booklet of all our favourite recipes, please send in your favourite recipes to be included in their book. If you have any questions about our Lenten programme, please don't hesitate to contact the school.

## Home Learning

Many thanks for your contribution with our home learning survey. As said before we want to review our practice and will begin a pilot program after Easter with an infant and senior class. We will use the pilot and the survey to develop something new and hopefully more manageable for parents from August. Going forward please do your best to support home learning tasks but please do not allow it to be a source of stress in family life. The results indicated that 10% of parents completed the survey so many thanks for your contribution. I have added the results of our survey on the back of this newsletter.

Questions	Item	Percent	<u>Significant responses from survey</u>  100% of parents were accessing Teams  Number work +, -, x & ÷ was considered No 1 priority with Reading being No2, making up together nearly half of all the responses  77% of parents felt that homework was either stressful some or most of the time.  10% of parents felt that the school should have no home learning
Do you access home learning through Teams	Yes	100%	
	No	0%	
What platforms does your child use at home	Education city	43%	
	Sum dog	19%	
	Study Ladder	0%	
	Other	33%	
What areas do you feel home learning should focus on? Please choose <b>two</b> .	1 Number work +, -, x & ÷	25%	
	2 Reading	21%	
	3 Writing	19%	
	4 Spelling	15%	
	5 Problem Solving	8%	
	6 Times Tables	5%	
	7 Topic Work	2%	
In terms of the amount of home learning provided by the school, is it:	Too Much	24%	
	About right	57%	
	Too little	5%	
	There should be no home learning set by the school	10%	
Is home learning a source of stress for your family?	Most of the time	29%	
	Some of the time	48%	
	It is never a problem	24%	