



ST. MICHAEL'S PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2018

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Dear Parent/Carers,

Welcome back to all our pupils to the new term and to 2018. We have a busy time ahead of us between now and the Easter Holidays, and I pleased to say all the children have settled well and there is great learning evident in all the classes.

P.1 ENROLMENTS

If your child, or a child you know, is 5 years of age on or between 1st March 2018 and 28th February 2019, they are eligible to be enrolled for starting school in August 2018.

This will take place at St. Michael's Primary School on:

Monday 15th January from 9.15am - 10.15am

Tuesday 16th January from 2.00 pm - 4.00pm

Wednesday 17th January from 8.00 - 10.30am and 2.00 - 4.00pm

Thursday 18th January 2017 from 2.00pm - 4.00pm

Please bring your child's BIRTH CERTIFICATE AND A RECENT COUNCIL TAX BILL AS PROOF OF YOUR ADDRESS.

Mrs Greechan and/or a member of the management team look forward to meeting you and your child.

SACRAMENTAL WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS

Sacramental meetings will be held for the parents of the pupils making their First Reconciliation (P.5), First Holy Communion (P.4) and Confirmation (P.6&7) on Weds 17th January at 6.30 p.m. Please confirm your attendance via the email ink previously sent out. As always arrangements for your child to make a Sacrament should be made directly with Fr. Michael.

UNIFORM

Uniform is worn at our school to develop a sense of pride in being a member of our very special school community and to ensure equality for all. We ask that you help us to maintain this high standard and ensure your child is dressed in the correct uniform.

BOYS

White shirt, long or short sleeve (not polo shirt)
Brown tailored trousers or shorts (summer)
Brown v-neck jumper
School tie (traditional or elastic)
Green P.E. shorts & t-shirt

GIRLS

White shirt, long or short sleeve (not polo shirt)
Brown skirts or pinafore dresses, trousers (winter)
Brown v-neck jumper or cardigan
School Tie (traditional or elastic)
Green P.E. shorts & t-shirt

We try to make the as affordable as we can by recycling good quality uniforms at minimum cost at Coffee Mornings, etc. Our next measuring night will be held Tues 1st May at 6.30 p.m.

COFFEE HOUSE PARTNERSHIP

We are delighted once again be working with The Coffee House in developing the young workforce here at St. Michael's. Primaries 6/7 and 7 will begin their work experience there on Friday 26th January and the following 3 Fridays. Please come along and lend your support.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Are you able to help?

We're looking for volunteers

- To help prepare classroom materials
- To support literacy and numeracy activities
- To help with the nursery activities

If you have some free time please phone the school office or speak to myself directly.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Mrs Celino is currently organising a large variety of clubs for this term. Please check your emails for incoming information.

BISHOP TOAL VISIT

His Lordship Bishop Toal will visit the school on Thurs 1st February to speak to the Confirmandi candidates. We look forward greatly to his visit which will no doubt be invaluable as Primaries 6 and 7 prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Mon 19th February.

ASH WEDNESDAY

This year Ash Wednesday falls on the 14th February which is an Inservice Day. The children therefore will be able to receive their Ashes at either 10.00 a.m. or 7.00 p.m. Mass at St. Michael's Church.

MINDFULNESS

St. Michael's are working hard to reduce stress amongst pupils and we have created a Mindfulness Plan using a combination of Nevro-Linguistic Programming techniques, deep breathing and Yoga. We now offer mindful breaks regularly each day to learn new strategies to calm their thinking.

STAY AND PLAY

We are delighted to see so many children and parents on a Friday morning at our Stay and Play sessions. All preschool children are welcome, please pass this information on to anyone who may be eligible.



BARNARDOS COFFEE SESSIONS

We will also be continuing with our coffee drop in sessions in conjunction with Barnardos. These will take place every Wednesday morning in the Play Room from 9.00 a.m. onwards. Please drop in for coffee and a chat.

WATER BOTTLES

Please also ensure you child has a suitable water bottle with them every day, these can be refilled at the water fountains.

ALLERGIES

Please remember that we are a nut free school when you are giving your child their snack or packed lunch. Your co-operation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

COMMUNICATION



We have a growing number of followers on twitter - @StMichaelsPNS - and would ask if you could please follow us in order to keep up to date with news and events. The school website is an excellent source of communication also as it is regularly updated. We will continue to email letters as we have had very positive feedback regarding this.

THANK YOU

Following on from our successful Christmas Raffles we, at St. Michael's, would like to thank the following generous businesses for their donations.

K.S.C., Crowwood Golf Club, Mount Ellen Golf Club, Bladerunners, Jacqueline's Beauty Room Devro, Co-op, Red Deer, De-Bloemist, Collins Butchers, Bannatynes Gym

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Weds 17 th Jan	Sacramental Information Evening at 6.30 p.m.
Fri 26 th Jan	P.1 & P.7 Dental Checks
Thurs 1 st Feb	Bishop Toal visit
Mon 5 th Feb	Parent Council Meeting at 6.30 p.m.
Mon 12 th & Tues 13 th Feb	School closed
Weds 14 th Feb	In-service day - school closed to pupils
Fri 16 th Feb	P6/7 Confirmation Retreat
Mon 19 th Feb	Confirmation for P6/7 at 7.00 p.m.
Tues 20 th Feb	First Reconciliation (P.5) Retreat
Thurs 22 nd Feb	First Holy Communion (P.4) Retreat

As always if there is anything in this newsletter that you would like to discuss or indeed any aspect of school life, please call the school office to arrange an appointment. Alternatively you can use the tear off slip overleaf to make any comments or suggestions.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Karen Greechan
Head Teacher

COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS