

ST. PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL GLENARIFF

Friday 26th March 2021



We are delighted to welcome our children back into school following the prolonged absence due to lockdown. We are doing everything we can to keep school as normal as possible and safe for everyone. The children are adapting very well to the changes and seem to be very happy to be back with their friends and teachers - I know the staff are all very happy to see them all back in their classrooms again!

Could we please remind all adults to wear a face covering when collecting children from the school premises and to maintain social distancing when on the school grounds and at the school gates.

Easter Holidays: School finishes next Thursday at 11am for all children.

This will be a non-uniform day.

School reopens on Monday 12th April 2021.



P3 First Confessions - Date and time to be arranged (10 children)

P7 Confirmation - Tuesday 27th April @ 4pm (18 children)

P4 First Holy Communion - Saturday 8th May @ 11am (18 children)

We hope that the sacraments will go ahead as planned but we are awaiting further details from the diocesan office. We expect all sacraments to be subject to restrictions in terms of numbers, music and so on. We will liaise with Fr White and let you know of further details or any changes as soon as we can.

Movie Day Next Wednesday we are organising a **Movie Day** as our

Fundraiser for Trócaire for the children in their bubbles in school: Primary 1 & 2, Primary 3-5 and Primary 6 & 7. The children will have a selection of movies to vote for and may take in popcorn or a cinema-style snack to enjoy during the movie.

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ParentPay: Many thanks to everyone for activating their ParentPay account. We are delighted that the school has become cashless over the past few weeks and the feedback from parents has been very positive. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you cannot find your child's details or if you are having problems allocating funds to your account.

Cyclists: We hope to run our Active Travel campaign in the third term. Children will be given details of where and when to park their bikes and scooters. Those who cycle to school must wear their helmets and must always walk with the bicycle or scooter on the school pathways.

If your child is absent or has to leave school during the school day for an appointment you must send an explanation note for our records. Please inform the school and arrange to have a test if your child or anyone in your household becomes unwell with possible Coronavirus symptoms (new, continuous cough; high temperature or fever; anosmia (loss or change to your normal sense of smell or taste)).

School Uniform Please ensure the children have a coat and warm jumper in school every day, even in the warmer weather, as we will continue to encourage outdoor learning and play as much as possible. The girls may wear their summer dresses to school in the last term (if they wish). White or navy leggings may be worn underneath the dresses - children must wear socks, preferably not trainer socks, rather than bare feet. Flipflops or open-toed sandals should not be worn in school. If track suit bottoms are worn, please provide plain navy bottoms with no writing.

Pencil Case Reminder: Could you please check/restock your child's pencil case over the Easter holidays to ensure they have a supply of pencils, colouring pencils, rubbers, sharpener and glue stick.