

# ST. PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL GLENARIFF

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2021



**May Day Bank Holidays** – School will be closed on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May and 28<sup>th</sup> May–2<sup>nd</sup> June.

**Confirmation** – All children will finish school on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> April @ 1pm to facilitate preparations for the sacrament.

**Pirate Ship** – This weekend, our Pirate Ship is finally arriving! We are delighted to be receiving this wonderful addition to our playground and really appreciate the hard work of our PTFA in securing funding for this project. In the interests of Health and Safety, we would ask parents to ensure that children **do not access** the school grounds at weekends or in the evenings when the school is not open to play on the Pirate Ship. We will keep the gates locked but would really appreciate your support with this.

It has come to our attention that some of our older children and some past pupils have been knocking doors and running away, using inappropriate language and other activities which can be upsetting, especially to the older members of our community. Whilst we understand that the children are delighted to be together after such a long period of lockdown, and we are aware that these activities are happening outside of school hours, we would ask you to talk to your children about how they are playing after school. We have been encouraging them to think of others and the distress this behaviour can cause. Many thanks for your support.

**P6 & P7 Snacks & Dinners** – We will not be sending menus home with P6 & P7 from this week. Instead, if parents could write into your child/children's homework diary what days if any the children are taking lunch and what days and which snack item they are having. The menu will be available to view on the school website. Some people owe money to their ParentPay account for snacks or dinners. Could we ask that you check your balance each week and update if needed.

**Recycling - Cash for Old Clothes.** The outside store door to the left of the kitchen will be left open from 9am - 3pm to allow any drop-offs. We would ask that you place your bags into the store and **NOT outside it**, so the staff are not handling the bags. Please tell your neighbours who may not have children at the school, about the collection. You can put in clothes, shoes, handbags, curtains etc. **but no pillows or duvets**. Please leave your **black bin bags** at the door to the right of the school kitchen, during school hours. Cash for Old Clothes is a great fundraiser for the school as well as giving you a chance to clear out. Many thanks for your support.



**GAA** Dominic McKinley will start hurling & camogie next Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> April for all P1-P7 children. We strongly recommend that children bring their own hurls and helmets with them each week where possible. Hurls and helmets will be available for those who do not have their own.

**The Big Pedal is Back from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April.** Children who cycle/scoot to school **must wear their helmets** and **must always walk with their bicycle or scooter on the school pathways**. The children should **not cross the playground** during the ongoing resurfacing work. Instead, they should walk their bicycle or scooter between the 2 buildings and around the back of Mrs McDaid's classroom to the bicycle shelter.

**St. Patrick's P.T.F.A.** are holding their annual AGM virtually on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> April at 7pm. If you would be interested in joining please email [rmccarry629@c2kni.net](mailto:rmccarry629@c2kni.net) or contact any of the committee members. We would really appreciate new members to help us to organise and run events, especially for the Summer term as we have lots of ideas for fundraisers.

**Please click the Zoom link below to join the AGM:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83726290730?pwd=V3hZK3BDVUpUYzN0OWJaU0lzb000UT09>