



**May Day Bank Holidays** – School will be closed from Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May –Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> June. We will reopen Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June.



### **First Holy Communion**

Congratulations to the Primary 4 children on their reception of the sacrament last Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> May and for their reverence in the preparation of this very important milestone on their faith journey. They did themselves proud and were a credit to the school and to their families. Many thanks to Miss McQuillan, Mrs McDaid & Mrs Higgins for their preparation of the children for the sacrament. We are very grateful to Father White for making the Mass so special, to Sylvia and

Denise who enhanced the service with their beautiful music, and to all of the parents and staff for helping to make it a great parish celebration.

**Confirmation** Congratulations to the 18 Primary 7 children who were confirmed by Fr White on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> April. We are very grateful to Fr White for the beautiful, very personal celebration of the sacrament. A special word of thanks to Sylvia and her sister, Christine, for the lovely instrumental music, especially at this time when restrictions meant that we could not have our normal school choir and to Mr Dinsmore for his hard work in preparing the children and keeping everything moving smoothly. The children were a great credit to themselves, their families and their school. We hope that this celebration of Confirmation will form one of the very special memories of their time in St. Patrick's.



### **Recycling - Cash for Old Clothes.**



The last day for leaving off any recycling is **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May**. 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 finish with the P1-P5 children next Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May. Primary 6 & 7 will start on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May for 5 weeks. 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.

**Granny's Pennies** As with so many events this year, the backpack project unfortunately has come to a halt due to Covid and transportation problems here. Instead, Mary's Meals are focusing on a feeding programme. We have received collection mugs, known as **Granny's Pennies** mugs, for each class, we are hoping to encourage each class to collect enough to feed at least one child (£15.90 for a school year) between now and the end of June.

**Mental Health** This week is Mental Health and Wellbeing week, we have been focusing on encouraging the children to take steps to manage their mental wellbeing through our Fresh Minds Education program and to remember to be kind both at school and at home. The children are really enjoying this program, the Bambers have been a great success in providing a focus during the delivery of the program.

**Shared Education Celebration Day** Next Friday, we are having a virtual celebration of our Shared Education partnership with St. Ciaran's and Bushvalley Primary Schools. Each of the schools will participate in Sports activities facilitated by a team from Causeway Coast & Glen followed by an ice-cream from Doutharts. We will record the events and make a compilation to share on our respective websites.

**Busy few weeks ahead - please see attached Diary Dates for more information**

May 2021

19	We	Last Day for GAA for P1 – P5 Children
21	Fr	Shared Education Celebration Day
24	Mo	Last day for collection for CASH FOR CLOTHES
26	We	GAA starts for P6 & P7. Please bring Helmets & Hurls. If you don't have them, the school will provide.
28	Fr	School Closed
31	Mo	School Closed

June 2021

1	Tu	School Closed
2	We	GAA Week 2 for P6 & P7
7	We	Internet Safety talk for P6 & P7
8	Tu	P1 Induction Day. Information to follow.
9	We	SHARED EDUCATION THROUGH PLAY. GAA Week 3 for P6 & P7
14	Mo	Provisional Date for Sports Day (Weather dependent). Unfortunately, due to the current situation parents will not be able to attend Sports Day this year. Hopefully we'll be back to normal next year.
16	We	GAA Week 4 for P6 & P7
23	We	GAA Week 5 for P6 & P7. Last Week.
25	Fr	Forest Park Walk. Last day for Primary 7.
30	We	P1 – P6 children finish for the summer at 11am