

ST. PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL GLENARIFF

June 2021



Holidays: We finish for the summer tomorrow Wednesday 30th June at 11.00am.

No Uniform Day Please note, there will be no snacks at break, no dinners and no school bus in the morning or after school on Wednesday 30th June. We re-open on Wednesday 1st September for all children. P1 will finish at 12noon for the 1st and 2nd week. Dinners will cost £2.60 in the new term and the milk will cost 21p per day. Could we please encourage all pupils to wear the full school uniform in September. This is so important for reinforcing a sense of identity and pride in their school. Full uniform lists can be found on the School Prospectus on the website, in the Parent area.



P7 Leavers: We say goodbye to our 18 Primary 7 children and wish them every success for the future and especially in their next schools. They have made great friendships over the years and hopefully these friendships will continue throughout their lives. They were super ambassadors for St. Patrick's in every field and wonderful role models for the rest of the children in the school. We are very proud of them and will miss them all. For 7 families it brings to an end their association with St. Patrick's - We thank the Fyfe, Hill, Graham, D Ward, Conway, Bruxelles & S Ward families for their support over the years and hope they will keep up their link with the school.



Classes for the next academic year

The arrangements for 2021-2022 are to be arranged:

Mr Dinsmore	P7
Mrs McCarry	P6
Miss McQuillan	P5
Mrs McDaid	P3 & P4
Mrs McAuley	P1 & P2

School Reports We have still to receive some reply slips to let us know you received your child's report. Please return any outstanding slips tomorrow.

Back to School Essentials: P1 & P2 children will be given a folder when school starts. They do not need a schoolbag. We would ask parents to supply a school pencil case to be kept on your child's desk containing everyday items, including pencils, colouring pencils, felt tips, glue stick, rubber, sharpener, ruler in order to minimise sharing of stationery. We would also recommend that each child has a labelled, filled reusable water bottle for their desk. Water fountains will not be operational during this time.

Well Done to all our Sports Day winners and to all the children who took part. Photos are displayed on our school website. **WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU ALL.**



Farewell to two Staff members: This year we say goodbye to two staff members: Colette McCarthy worked in the kitchen with Theresa for the past 14 years and always greeted the children with a friendly smile and kind words. Theresa is now running the kitchen on her own and has been doing a great job. We know she really appreciates your support in encouraging the children to continue to take breaks and lunches as it allows us to keep the kitchen running. We also say goodbye to Geraldine McNaughton who has been working in the Primary 1 classroom over the past year. She has been a wonderful asset to the school and we wish her every success as she moves on.

PTFA: Our PTFA have really come up trumps this year. They successfully applied for funding which allowed us to install our fabulous Pirate Ship which has brought so much joy and excitement to the children both at playtime and during our Outdoor Learning activities. The children have also benefitted from Fresh Minds Education with their beautiful Bamber soft toys, bumbags and hand towels. We were also delighted to get three new laptops to supplement our iPads and computers. These have been a real bonus to the school for our digital assessments and Accelerated Reading quizzes. We would encourage as many parents as possible to join the PTFA in the new academic year, especially as some of our committee will now be resigning as their children are moving to post-primary.

Many thanks to all our families for your support and generosity for our **Fundraising Walk**. We raised an amazing £441.00 which will go towards feeding 18 children in Malawi for a year. Pictures will be displayed on the website. Many thanks yet again to the Glenariff Improvement Group for providing the children and staff with a fantastic lunch. The children also got ice-cream and a goody bag. Everyone had a great day, it was so nice to see all the different age groups playing together and enjoying our beautiful local Forest Park.

Mary's Meals Backpack Challenge planned for September

The Backpack Challenge will run again between September 1st - September 30th 2021. We ask you to hold on to the children's schoolbags over the summer, we will encourage the children to bring in their **used**, (but in good condition) **schoolbags and backpacks**. **Please don't send drawstring gym bags**. More details of what to include in the backpacks will follow in August/September.

School Holiday List The suggested holiday list for the new school year will be uploaded to the website today. A copy is included on the back of this sheet.

Backpack challenge

- School bag
- Note pad
- Pencils/Crayons
- Eraser, ruler, sharpener, pencil case
- Towel
- Shorts or skirt, t-shirt or dress
- Flipflops or sandals
- Soap, toothbrush, toothpaste
- Small ball
- spoon

Happy Holidays: Please remind your children to remember their **Green Cross Code** when crossing the roads and to keep up their Cycling Proficiency skills, particularly to **wear their helmets** when out on their bicycles. We want to encourage them all to stay active and to have fun but most importantly to stay safe when out on the roads.

We sincerely hope that the incoming academic year will see an end to the disruptions of the past two years. Thank you all for your wonderful support, kindness and understanding throughout the year. On behalf of the teachers and staff, we wish you all a very happy, safe and fun-filled summer holiday with your family.

Mrs R McCarry
Principal