## ST PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL GLENARIFF Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February

School finishes tomorrow for the Mid-Term break at 1pm.

**Trócaire** Our school community will be raising money for Trócaire throughout the period of Lent which starts next Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February (Ash Wednesday). Each class will hold a Bun Sale for Trocaire which will be held each Friday morning in the school. We will start with Mr Dinsmore's class, P6 and P7. All classrooms will have a Trócaire box, which can be used for any donations. This year, the money collected for Trócaire will help support the people of Malawi, following catastrophic drought, poverty and hunger.

Bake Sale Dates: P6 & P7 - Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February. P4 & P5 - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March. P2 & P3 - Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March Ceili & 'Dress in Green'- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March P1 - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March \*\* Each child is asked to make no more than 1 dozen buns each please\*\*

St Patrick's Day Holiday: Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March. 'BE SEEN IN GREEN' on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March. Children should come to school dressed in GREEN. There will be a céilí in the morning and school will finish at 1pm for all children.

**Easter Holidays:** School finishes at 1pm on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March. School reopens on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April.

## Cash for Old Clothes. The collection date is on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April.

The money raised will go towards school funds. Please tell your neighbours who may not have children at the school, about the collection. You can put in clothes, shoes, handbags, curtains etc. <u>but no pillows or</u> <u>duvets</u>. Leave your <u>black bin bags</u> in the store to the right of the school kitchen, during school hours. The door will be open from 9am - 3pm Monday to Friday. 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.

\*\*<u>ParentPay</u> Parents please keep a <u>weekly check</u> on your dinner and snack accounts and balance them at the end of each week. Some accounts are running into large amounts of debt. School meals must be paid weekly\*\*

**<u>Big Walk & Wheel</u>** From Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March the children are asked where possible to walk, scoot, wheel or cycle to school. Any child coming to school on a bike or scooter must wear a helmet and <u>must always walk with their</u> bicycle or scooter on the school pathways round to the bicycle shelter.

**P6 & P7 Swimming Lessons:** Starting after Easter from Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April. The swimming lesson will last 1 hour. The bus will leave the school at approximately 12.40pm. The lesson is from 1.30pm to 2.30pm and the children should be back at school for around 3.15pm. The children will get lunch/dinner before they go. The P6 and P7 children will go for 9 weeks. Permission letters & cost will be sent out in the next few weeks.

<u>Attendance</u>: Parents/guardians are reminded that it is their responsibility to inform the school of the reason for a pupil's absence on the first day of absence by contacting the school secretary via phone call on 028 2077 1619 or email <u>info@stpatricks.glenariff.ni.sch.uk</u> This should be confirmed with a written note when the pupil returns to school.

\*\*\*It is important that all children are seated in class and ready to begin lessons every day at <u>9am</u>. However, we would kindly ask that children do not come to school or are not left off at school <u>before</u> <u>8.50am</u>. The children will be unsupervised before this time as the staff are in class preparing for the school day.\*\*\*





