



School Newsletter



Monday 5th February 2018

Red Day

The children may come to school wearing something red this Thursday 8th Feb. The cost is £1 per child.

Friday 9th February Early Finish

The school term will end on Friday 9th February. The school will be closed the week beginning 12th February and all pupils will be back on Monday 19th February. **On Friday 9th February school will finish for all pupils at 12.30pm after they have received their lunch.** This is to accommodate essential staff training which is taking place at Holy Evangelist Primary School for all staff. Hence there will be no clubs or fun club on that day. This training is to assist our teachers in the latest updates on use of see-saw which is now becoming a vital component in our communication with all parents. It is vitally important that all children are picked up on time as we have a very tight turn around in order for all our staff to get to Holy Evangelist Primary School on time.

Accelerated Reading Word Millionaires

Congratulations to our latest word millionaires who received their certificates at a special ceremony in the school on Friday. This is a great achievement for Ben Tuite P6A, Russell Allen P6A, Hannah McAllister P6B and Rory Osborne P6B. We encourage all our pupils in primary 5 and primary 6 to try to reach their personal targets each month.

Assembly

P1 Red Mrs McIlroy's class will have their assembly this Friday at 9.30am.

Peace Proms

The choir are working extremely hard towards their performance at the SSE Arena at the end of the month with the Cross Border Orchestra of Ireland. Extra tickets have been made available at the SSE Arena Box Office but as always the show will be a sell out so if you still need to purchase your ticket it is vital that this is done over the next couple of days. The choir will be attending a rehearsal for this concert tomorrow at the Whitla Hall. They will return on time for lunch.

Important Dates

Confirmation- Monday 12th March at 4.00pm (P7 children go home after lunch on that day, no uniform at school, school uniform for confirmation)

P7 Service of Light- Tuesday 6th March at 7.00pm

Early Finish- Friday 9th February at 12.30 whole school

Mid-Term- 12th-16th February, school begins again for all pupils on Monday 19th February.

First Confession- P3 Pupils and parents Tuesday 27th March at 11.00am, children to go home afterwards.

Car Park

We had an unfortunate incident in the nursery carpark last week during the 3.00pm pick up where a white Fiat Panda car was seen by parents to knock into another car which had a child in a baby seat within it. The white Fiat Panda did not stop and considerable damage was done to the car which was stationary. We have drawn attention to this many times yet a few parents or carers still insist in doing their own thing despite appeals from the Principal for awareness of health and safety procedures around the grounds of the school, especially when so many children are exiting their lessons at the end of the day. There are also cars parking alongside the mobile classroom and driving over the grass where there is now a lot of damage. Mr O'Doherty will patrol the grounds now at the end of each day. There is a large carpark which can accommodate many cars and it is unfair that so many cars come up and park around the roundabout endangering the pupils. **If the position does not improve this week, a decision will be made after mid-term to close the gates at 3.00pm as other schools do.** The Principal regrets the tone of this note but it is obvious that despite reasonable requests, our appeal is being ignored by some.

Inspection Report

The inspection report from ETI has been published and is available on the ETI website www.eti.gov.uk We are so delighted with the positive comments regarding the pastoral care, standards, management and governance of the school. As you are aware like most other schools the inspection took place under the industrial action by teacher unions. This led to evaluations not being able to be completed by ETI. However, as non-compliant inspections go, the inspection team have been very generous with the amount of positive statements they have included in their report. This confirms the great work at an academic, pastoral and governance level which takes place in Our Lady Queen of Peace PS and Nursery Unit day and daily. A link to the report will be placed on the website this week.

Transfer

The Principal would like to offer a word of thanks to all the parents for the way they attended the transfer interviews over the past two weeks. We recognize that this is a most stressful time for all concerned and regardless of grade, we are very proud of each and every one of our P7 pupils. They have tried their very best and they are ambassadors for our school, each and every one of them. A grade on a piece of paper does not define a child. We know them inside out and every one of them will succeed, that much we can be sure of.

P6 Transfer Meeting

There will be a meeting for all P6 parents who are interested in their child undertaking the transfer assessment test in November 2018 here in the school on Wednesday 28th February at 7.00pm in Mrs Bleakley's room led by the Principal. This is an opportunity to find out what is expected from the pupils, arrangements which parents must make and how the school will assist with the transfer in the coming months.