



# Newsletter

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## January 2015

### WELCOME BACK

Welcome back girls. We had a great first term and are looking forward to the next few weeks of work and events in school. Our Christmas activities were a great success. A big thank you to all our parents and families who supported our ballot and our hamper appeal for the Morning Star Hostel. It is heart-warming to have such supportive and generous parents and friends. Let's not forget to thank Santa too for all the fantastic presents he brought when he visited us before Christmas!! The staff wish you all a happy and peaceful New Year.

### CHRISTMAS NATIVITY

Well done to all our P1-4 pupils for their wonderful Nativity Play - The Bossy King, which was enjoyed by all .



### CHRISTMAS CARDS

Congratulations to Cara, Cuisle and Isabella who were the winners of our Christmas card competition and Brunella who designed our nativity programme cover.



### CHRISTMAS BALLOTS

We would like to congratulate all the winners in our Christmas ballot. Thank you to all who gave so generously, the total raised was over £600. Our girls enjoyed our pupils' Christmas ballot - congratulations to all the winners.

### ATTENDANCE

Our Primary 3 class topped our attendance chart this term, well done girls!



Congratulations to all the girls who won prizes for full attendance from September to December. You are fantastic!



### MATHS PUZZLER

Congratulations to all our pupils and parents who took part in the December Maths puzzler and especially to our winners.

Mrs Owens is delighted with all the maths brains in Holy Cross Girls'. Look out for our next Maths Puzzler in February.



### ACCELERATED READING

Congratulations to all our KS2 girls who achieved Ready Reader and Independent Reader certificates in December and January! Keep reading, looking forward to our next Accelerated Reading assembly on 9<sup>th</sup> February!





## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2015

Sunday Jan 25<sup>th</sup> - Saturday  
Jan 31<sup>st</sup>. The theme this  
year is "Called to Serve"  
The children will participate  
in a variety of activities

throughout the week. We look forward to  
seeing all our grandparents and family  
members at our **Grandparents' Service** on  
**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January at 10.30am.**  
Come along to see your grandchildren at work  
and have a cup of tea with us.

### VALUES

This month we will be focusing on the value of  
**RESPONSIBILITY**. Primary 2 will be doing an  
assembly for the whole school on Monday 19<sup>th</sup>  
January.

### SERVICE OF LIGHT

Congratulations to our P7 girls on a beautiful  
Service of Light last Friday. A big thank-you to  
Father Myles for making it a lovely occasion.  
We look forward to Confirmation

### CONFIRMATION



We look forward to celebrating  
the sacrament of Confirmation  
on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January at 11  
am with Bishop Farquhar.

Children and sponsors need to be seated  
before 10.45.  
Confirmation.

**Practices:** practices for Confirmation will take  
place as follows:

- Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January - P5/6 confirmation  
choir only
- Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January - P7 pupils and P5/6  
confirmation choir
- Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January - P7 pupils and  
P5/6 confirmation choir.

***Children will go home from the Church  
for 3pm.***

## CONFIRMATION & PRIMARY 1 PHOTOGRAPHS

The photographer will visit the school on  
Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January to take photographs of the  
confirmation girls. Primary 1 photographs will  
also be taken that day.

### P1 MEDICALS

The school nurse will be here this week and  
next for the P1 medicals. Please remember  
your appointment time.

## NORTHERN IRELAND CHEST, HEART AND STROKE ASSOCIATION

Primary 5 are currently taking part in  
Chester's Challenge - a 3 week programme run  
by NICHHS. They will learn about:  
- Physical activity and the heart  
- Eating your way to health  
- Stamping out smoking

### SPORT FOR LIFE

As part of the Primary 5 Sport for Life  
Programme, the girls will attend a celebration  
day at the University of Ulster on Wednesday  
21<sup>st</sup> January. The bus leaves promptly at 9 o'  
clock - don't be late, girls!

### SCHOOL OF MUSIC

P1,2,3 and 7 classes are delighted  
to be working with Mrs McCoy  
from the School of Music this term.  
Primary 7 will participate in the Music morning  
in Fortwilliam Teachers' Centre in March.



### P7 TRANSFER FORMS

P7 transfer forms will be given out the week  
beginning 2<sup>nd</sup> February and must be returned  
to the school giving the choices of post-  
primary school by Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February. Mrs  
McNally is available if parents need advice or  
would like support with this. Please ring the  
school for an appointment.



## READ IN BED

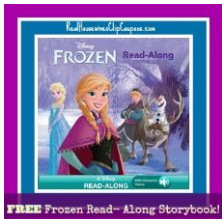
Our Read in Bed programme starts on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January. The pupils are looking forward to reading with their parents every night.

Remember:

**DON'T BE A ZOMBIE WITH A BRAIN HALF DEAD,  
TURN OFF THE TV AND READ IN BED!**

## WORLD BOOK DAY 2015

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> of March this year by dressing up as our favourite character from a children's book. More information to follow.



## BOOK FAIR

The book Fair will be visiting Holy Cross Girls' the week beginning 3<sup>rd</sup> March. We can't have an offer this year.

## SAFER INTERNET DAY

Safer Internet Day is on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February. We will be talking to our pupils about the importance of keeping themselves safe online.

Regular monitoring and discussion between parents and pupils is essential to ensure that the welfare of all our girls is protected at all times.



# PARENTS

## SOCIAL NETWORKING/INTERNET SAFETY

The University of Ulster are hosting a 4 week course (2 hours once a week). This course will help you to learn how to safeguard your child on the Internet, An information session on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January at 9.30 in the Parent's Room. Mums, Dads, Grandparents and carers are all warmly invited to attend this course which comes highly recommended. If you are interested please contact Mrs Dowds on 90391771.



## ULSTER MUSEUM

The Ulster Folk & Transport Museum have organised a Primary 1 Parent & Pupil trip to join Berkeley Bear's journey through the Transport Museum. P1 parents - look out for details to follow.

## PARENTS' DAY AT THE MUSEUM

Mrs Dowds is organising a trip for parents to the Ulster Museum on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 10.00-12.00 to enjoy a guided tour of paintings by Belfast artist, John Lavery.

Transport and refreshments will be provided. If interested **please contact Mrs Dowds on 90391771.**



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Mid-term break: School will close on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February at 12 noon. There will be no dinners but buses are available. School will reopen on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February at the normal time.
- Ceili for St Patrick's Day - Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March. School will finish at 12 noon. There will be no dinners but buses are available. Remember to wear something green (no football tops).
- School will be closed for St Patrick's Day on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March. School reopens on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March at the normal time.

## ANNE MARIE PATTERSON



Mrs Anne-Marie Patterson, our cleaner and lunchtime supervisor sadly passed away in December. Both our staff and pupils will remember her with fondness. Her family will be remembered in our prayers.

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