



Saint Patrick's Nursery & Primary School

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## Lá Fhéile Pádraig Shona Daoibh!

### PUPILS ON-SITE BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL

We would like to remind parents and carers that pupils should not be in the school grounds before school starts or after school ends, unless they are attending our Breakfast Club or one of our accredited After School Activities. We have noticed that we have children on-site when they shouldn't be and this is in breach of our Health & Safety Policy as well as our Child Protection Procedures. The school cannot accept any responsibility for pupils when they are on-site when they shouldn't be and in these circumstances duty of care rests solely with parents and carers.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING DINNER MONEY

As a result of a recent, intensive school audit of school meals/dinners carried out by the Education Authority, we have been instructed to change the way we do things here, to ensure that school meals are paid for daily or in advance. If you pay for your child's meals and wish to set up a payment plan, you are welcome to call the school to discuss this. Meals from now on will only be provided with approval and so it is vitally important that you organise payments to ensure that your children continue to avail of the meals service. All outstanding monies owed for school meals must be paid by Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March.

### SAINT PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

This year around 50 children have indicated they would like to take part in the Newry St. Patrick's Day Parade along with their parents and the Friends of St. Patrick's. Today, your child will have received a letter with all of the details in connection with the parade. If you indicated that you wished to take part, your child will also have received a costume to wear in the parade. The weather forecast is for a dry, but exceptionally cold morning in Newry on Saturday. Please make sure that your child has something warm under their costume for the duration of the parade and hats and gloves might be needed also.





Well done to Miss Cullen and our Peace Proms choir who recently took part in the Peace Proms at the SSE Arena in Belfast. It was a fantastic evening and all of the children did our school, themselves and their families proud. Thanks also go to those staff members who accompanied the children to the event.



Well done to all of the children who took part in the St. Patrick's Novena at the Cathedral last week. Their reverent contribution to this sacred event was outstanding. Many thanks to all of the parents/carers who supported the school by ensuring their child/children took part. It was a great evening.

### **CONFIRMATION**

Confirmation will take place this year on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March @ 6pm in St. Brigid's Church. As a school family we look forward to seeing all of the families at this key event. We also look forward to welcoming you all back to school for our traditional 'get together' after the ceremony.



### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March

St. Patrick's Day Parade

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March

**SCHOOL CLOSED**

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March

Confirmation @ 6pm @ St. Brigid's

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March

School Closed at 12pm (Easter Holidays - no dinners or After School on this day.)

**SCHOOL CLOSED 30<sup>th</sup> March - 8<sup>th</sup> APRIL. SCHOOL OPENS AFTER EASTER ON 9<sup>TH</sup> APRIL.**



We have had a fantastic response to our Smarties Lenten Fundraiser. We have had lots of tubes returned so far. Remember, you still have up until the Easter holidays to return your tube to the class teacher. Every penny raised will be spent on enhancing the learning experiences of the children in the school. If you have lost your Smarties tube, just send in as many 20p coins as you can in a little bag. Thanks again!