



St Bride's Primary School

Dear Parents,

St Bride's, as a Catholic school and committed to the principle of inclusivity, seeks to deliver a range of enrichment activities designed to engage as many pupils as possible. With this ethos in mind, following last year's consultation with parents and Governors and taking into consideration the views on the merits of the Ski Trip and the trip to the Share Centre, the Board of Governors have agreed for this year, to offer a Ski Trip for current Year Six children (and one parent if they wish). A Week Long Programme of sporting, scientific and artistic activities will be organised for those children not wishing to go on the Ski Trip. There will also be a trip to the Share Centre at the end of the year. Year Six parents have already received information about these trips.

I have been pleased to receive positive feedback from parents regarding the Early Morning Drop Off, that it is allowing parents to get to work a little earlier and that it has helped to ease traffic congestion in the mornings. This will continue next Term.

Upcoming Events in St Bride's

First Holy Communion

First Holy Communion will be held on **Saturday 14th May at 10 am** (further details will follow)

There will be a meeting for parents of Year 4 children who are making their First Holy Communion on Monday 18th April in the school Assembly Hall @ 7.30pm.

Children's Disco

The PTA are organising a Children's Disco which will be held in the Parish Hall on **Tuesday 22nd March** from 5p.m. until 7 p.m.

Tickets are £5 per child which includes a drink and hotdog. All children in years 1- 4 **must be supervised by an appropriate adult**. Tea & coffee will be available for parents attending with their children.

Pub Quiz

The PTA are holding a Pub Quiz on Thursday 14th April in the Errigle Inn 8.00pm till late (details previously sent home on a PTA flyer)

Some reminders for our parents and pupils

If a pupil needs to leave the school during the normal school day, for medical or other reasons, parents are asked to send a note to the class teacher and have the child collected **from the classroom** by a responsible adult. No child may leave school without these procedures being followed.

For safety reasons, girls are to wear stud earrings. Boys are not allowed to wear earrings. Girls with long hair must have it tied back and boys must have their hair no longer than collar length but not shaved.

Mobile Phones

Children are not allowed to have a mobile phone in school, unless for a particular reason that has been discussed and agreed with either Mrs Quinn or Miss Joyce. Those allowed to have a mobile phone must leave it with Miss Joyce first thing in the morning, who will secure it safely in a locked cupboard in her office until it is collected at home time.

Walking home

As the days become warmer and drier, it is great to see so many children walking home from school. As some of the older children are now walking home with friends but not with an adult, I would ask parents to remind their children about their behaviour as they walk home in groups. I have received, a small number of phone calls from members of the public and parents regarding the behaviour of some children identified as belonging to St Bride's. The 'high jinks' behaviour described to me, whilst not malicious, is not behaviour I would like to be associated with St Bride's pupils. Accidents can also happen very easily along the busy Lisburn & Malone Roads where a child could slip off the pavement, so a gentle reminder from parents would be helpful.

Easter holidays

The school will close at 12 noon on Thursday 24th March (11.45 a.m. for Nursery) and will re-open on Monday 4th April.

Please note that no school dinners will be served on Thursday 24th March

Summer Term closures

Friday 29th April	Staff Training
Monday 2nd May	May Day holiday
Thursday 5th May	Assembly Elections (this was not on the original holiday list given to parents)
Friday 27th May	Staff Training
Monday 30th May	Bank Holiday
Thursday 23rd June	Elections
Thursday 30th June	School will close at 12 noon

We wish all our children and parents a very Happy Easter

