

St Bride's Primary School



Easter holidays

The school will close at 12 noon on Thursday 2nd April (11.45 a.m. for Nursery) and will re-open on Monday 13th April.

Please note that no school dinners will be served on Thursday 2nd April.

The Board of Governors has approved and adopted '**St Bride's PS Attendance Policy for Pupils**' which is now available to view/download from the school website. Parents may request a hard copy from the school office.

May I take this opportunity to thank parents for their response to my letter regarding the educational trips organised for Year 7 children. It is encouraging that so many parents shared their opinions and views on the organisation of these trips. I will take time to consider the comments, liaise with others and will communicate back to parents in the coming months.

I would like to draw your attention to a circular which provides advice to parents about the importance of informing schools and other organisations about any concussion related injury sustained by a child. This can be found on the DENI website and is called: **Concussion – Informing the School – Advice for Parents**

Upcoming Events in St Bride's

The PTA are organising a Children's Disco which will be held in the Derryvolgie school hall, on **Tuesday 31 March** from 5p.m. until 7 p.m.

Tickets are £5 per child which includes a drink and hotdog. They will be on sale in the Foyer outside the office on the Derryvolgie site on Friday 20th and Friday 27th March at 9 a. m. and at 2 p.m. (as previously advertised on a recent PTA Flyer). All children in years 1- 4 **must be supervised by an appropriate adult**. Tea & coffee will be available for parents in the school Dining Hall.

Raffo Cup Final

The school Gaelic Team have got through to the Final of the Raffo Cup which will be played on Tuesday 24th March @ 8.00pm at The Dub Playing fields. Well done and good luck to the boys and thanks to the coaches, Mr Cunningham, Mr Mc Gurk & Mr McNicholl for their dedication and hard work with the boys. Parents and children are welcome to support the team.

First Holy Communion

There will be a Meeting for parents of Year 4 children who are making their First Holy Communion on Tuesday 28th April in the school Assembly Hall @ 7.30pm.

First Holy Communion will be held on **Saturday 16 May at 10 am** (further details will follow)

Pub Quiz

The PTA are holding a Pub Quiz on Thursday 23rd 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 any 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 only. 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.**

In the interests of the children's safety, parents are reminded **not** to park on the footpaths on Windsor Ave and Derryvolgie Ave, to leave the entrances to the school clear and to observe the "No Parking" yellow lines. **These are now legally enforceable and tickets will be issued by police and wardens.** The times of the restricted parking are on display on the road signs.

Children should enter the premises through the pedestrian gates and **not the staff car parks** and use the Patrolman at all times. We would ask all parents to take great care in the mornings, at 2 pm and at 3 pm to avoid any accidents. Parents are asked **not** to use the staff car parks for parking or access.

Summer term closures

1st May	Staff Training
4th May	May Day holiday
7th May	Elections
25th May	Whit holiday
30th June	School will close at 12 noon

Thank you for your donations and support for our Non-Uniform Days. We were able to present the St Brigid's Third World Group with a donation of just over £1,500 for their projects in Malawi. I would like to thank you once again for your generosity in donating to our collection for Trocaire this Term. The children are enjoying a variety of fund raising activities including a sponsored skip, zumbathon, sponsored spell, a cake sale and numerous ballots.

We wish all our children and parents a very Happy Easter.

