



### **Feast of St Brigid**

There will be a Mass for children and parents to celebrate the Feast of St Brigid on Wednesday February 1<sup>st</sup> at 11.00am.

School will close at 2.00pm for all pupils to mark this Feast Day

### **Confirmation & Service of Commitment and Light (Year 7 pupils)**

There will be a Parents' meeting for Confirmation on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2017 at 7.30pm in the school assembly hall.

The Service of Commitment & Light for Year Seven children and their parents will be on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm Mass in St Brigid's Church.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February at 4 p.m. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the Parish Hall, all welcome.

### **Year 1 Prayer Service**

A Prayer Service for Year 1 pupils will take place on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February at 1.15 pm in the school assembly hall. All Year 1 parents are invited to attend.

### **First Penance (Year 3 pupils)**

There will be a Parents' meeting for First Penance on 21<sup>st</sup> March at 7.30pm in the school assembly hall.

First Penance will be at 4 pm on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2017 in St Brigid's Church.

School uniform is to be worn.

### **First Holy Communion (Year 4 pupils)**

First Holy Communion will be held on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May at 10 am. More details later.

### **Dates for your diary**

18 <sup>th</sup> January	Half day (am) strike by some teachers (previously notified)**
18 <sup>th</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 1 Parent Workshops (previously advertised)
13 <sup>th</sup> - 17 <sup>th</sup> February	Mid-Term Break, school will close 2pm on Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Non Uniform Day. Children are asked to wear something pink or red. A suggested donation is £1 per child or £2 per family.
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	St Patrick's Day Concert for parents of children in the Nursery & Years 4 - 6 at 10.30am in the Parish Hall (details to follow)
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	School closes at 2.00pm for all pupils
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	St Patrick's Day (school is closed)
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	12.00 finish for Easter
17 <sup>th</sup> - 21 <sup>st</sup> April	Easter Holidays School re-starts on Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> April
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Staff Development Day (school closed)
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Bank Holiday (school closed)
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Staff Development Day (school closed)

### **After School Care**

The provision for After School Care between 2.00pm and 4.00pm has been warmly welcomed by parents. It is a wonderful addition to the school and reports from parents have been very positive. In order to facilitate the smooth running of this service, parents are asked to complete a booking form at the beginning of each month, stating the days you wish to avail of the service.

#### **Activities include:**

- Multi sports games delivered by our qualified coach from 'Sports for Fun'
- Traditional Games
- Daily Arts & Crafts
- Musical Games
- Construction Activities and Table Top toys
- Access to the Outdoor Play Park

There are places available. If you wish to apply for a place, booking forms can be collected from the Derryvolgie Office and once completed, returned to the Ashleigh Office.

#### **What our children say about After School Care:**

*"I love the sports activities we do with the coach", Erin*

*"I like playing inside with all the table top toys and Art activities", Julia*

*"I love going to the play park the best", Dan*

*"Playing football is the best thing", James*

#### **Exciting new On-line Maths Resource for St Bride's:**

St. Bride's has recently subscribed to Mangahigh.com for children in years 3 to 6. Mangahigh is one of the world's first games-based-learning sites, where pupils learn Mathematics via purpose-built casual games that balance fun and learning. Games-Based Learning fuses computer games and academic subjects to provide a compelling and exciting supplement to traditional pedagogy. This website can also be accessed at home to enhance your child's learning. Your child has been given their Mangahigh password, but if they are unsure, please see their class teachers. The website can be accessed from the following link:

[www.mangahigh.com](http://www.mangahigh.com)

#### **Contact Details**

Please inform the school office of any changes to contact details, either address, mobile number or name of persons to contact in cases of illness or emergencies. (90381700)

#### **Passport Forms**

Parents requesting the completion of Passport Forms will be asked for a donation of £5.00. This donation will go to a charitable organisation.

#### **Transfer Meetings**

Transfer Meetings for parents of Year 7 children will take place between Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January and Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February. Details of appointments will be sent home with your child.

#### **\*\*Dinner/Lunchtime arrangements for the Day of Strike Action (Wed.18<sup>th</sup>)**

**Nursery & Years 1 – 3** Dinners will only be available to the classes in school for the full day. Other classes will be supervised in respective yards at 12.30 (no dinners/lunches).

**Years 4 – 7** Dinners will be available for all classes. Children are asked to line up in their respective yards, from where they will be brought to the dining hall or classroom, if lunches.

Sorry for the inconvenience and thank you for your understanding in this matter.