

St. Bride's P.S.

May 2015 News Sheet

Trocaire Appeal

St Bride's would like to support Trócaire's emergency appeal for support to help deliver aid to those in dire need following the massive earthquake in Nepal. The 7.9 magnitude quake destroyed buildings in the capital Kathmandu and flattened villages in the surrounding region, leaving many thousands dead or injured. The appeal is aimed at getting shelter, food and water to people left homeless as a result of this devastating earthquake. If you would like to contribute to this appeal, please send your donations into your child's teacher before Wednesday, as we are presenting a representative from Trocaire with a cheque for the funds raised by the parents & teachers during Lent. Additional money contributed this week will go directly to the emergency appeal for Nepal.

Thank you once again for your generous contributions to date.

Dinner Tickets should be purchased on Mondays. Parents paying by cheque are asked to make cheques payable to **E.A. Belfast** (Education Authority, Belfast – replacing B.E.L.B.)

Reminder that the school is closed on Monday 25 May for the Whit weekend holiday.

First Holy Communion is this Saturday 16 May at 10am.

We wish all our Year 4 children well for their preparation and hope they enjoy this special celebration. The PTA are offering refreshments in the Parish Hall after Mass and would be very grateful for support to set up and/or serve from 11am to 12 noon or from 12 noon to 1pm. If you are available please come and help.

PTA BBQ is on Friday 29th May at The Lock Keepers Inn. Tickets (£25each) are on sale on **Friday 15 and Friday 22 May at 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.** at the school office on the Derryvolgie site.

Year 7 End of Year school production of "Annie"

The Year 7 end of year production "**Annie**" will be held in the Parish Hall on **Wednesday 10 and Thursday 11 June 15 at 7.30pm.**

Tickets (£5 each) will be available from the school office on Derryvolgie site from **Tuesday 20 May. Ticket sales will be restricted to 4 per family until 28 May.** As space is limited, we would ask that St Bride's children from Nursery to Yr 6 do not attend on these dates as the children will see the play during the school day.

Year 7 Leavers Mass is on **Wednesday 24 June** at 11a.m followed by refreshments in the Parish Hall. This will be the last school day for the Year 7 pupils.

SPORTS DAY (Yrs 4 – 7) Friday 5 June at the Mary Peter's Track

Sports Day will take place in the afternoon of Friday 5 June. The school will finish at 12.00 noon for all pupils. Nursery will finish at 11.45 am.

The Sports Day should end between 3pm and 3.30pm.

DINNERS WILL BE SERVED.

More details will be given later.

SPORTS DAY (Yr 1 to Yr 3)

These will be held in the YMCA grounds Knightsbridge Stranmillis

P1 - Tuesday 9th June from 9.30 to 11a.m approximately

P2 - Wednesday 10th June from 9.30 to 11a.m approximately

P3 – Friday 12th June from 9.30 to 11a.m approximately

More details will follow later through the class teachers

WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK 18 – 22 MAY 15

St. Bride's has participated very successfully over the past few years in "Walk to School Week". This year we are aiming to improve the number of children taking part and hopefully start a trend where the children walk to and/or from school on a regular basis as part of the **WOW** campaign (**Walk on Wednesdays** or **Walk Once a Week**) or even **to walk every day!!!**

By walking to school there are fewer cars and less pollution, there is less congestion, the children have greater daily exercise and are fitter and healthier

So from **Monday 18 May** we would like you to consider letting your child walk to school or walk with them. Perhaps some parents may get together and form a **"walking bus"**. Children should only walk to school on their own if parents are satisfied they are aware of the dangers and use the Green Cross Code (*you can Google this*).

There are useful ideas on the "Walk to School" web site and Googling "Tales of the Road" - this is interactive and fun for the children.

Teachers will go over the Green Cross Code and Road Safety with the pupils this week.

For those who wish to cycle on this week, we have a few safety reminders.

- The children should always wear a helmet
- They should always wear a high visibility vest
- School bags need to be worn correctly so that buckles etc. do not get caught up in the mechanisms and nothing should be carried on the handlebars – both hands need to be on the bars.
- The bike should be **locked** while in the shelter.
- The children must wheel the bike in the playground.
- The bike should be brought home every day.

Parents need to be confident that their child has a full understanding of the safe way to ride their bike to school before allowing them to do so.

Please keep our Year four children in your prayers as they make their final preparations for First Holy Communion

