



April 2024



First Communion This Saturday

The summer is just around the corner. We know this as our P4 pupils will be making their First Holy Communion. The boys and girls of Mrs Bell's P4A class, Mrs Cushnan's P4B class and Mrs Clarke's P4C class have been practicing so hard towards getting ready for the big day.

The children, their teachers and the classroom Assistants went to the church on Tuesday for their first rehearsal and went extremely well. Fr Darren was there to assist the pupils in their movements around the church. We shall be going to the church again for an additional practice on Thursday to iron out any initial problems (not that there will be any).

And so to the arrangements themselves. Every child has been given a specific seat. Each pupil has a complete row to themselves to allow for family members to attend and be with them. All participants should be in their seats for **NO LATER THAN 10.40am.** This is a really important point. There is a lot of movement around the church with every pupil taking part in the ceremony. We cannot have people coming in late, it is unfair on the children themselves and for the other communicants who have been on time. Please, please, please ensure that you are in the church twenty minutes before the ceremony begins.

As usual, no photography is allowed during the mass itself but there will be a photo taken at the end of the mass which we will be sharing on all our digital platforms and at that stage families can come forward and take a quick pic. For the distribution of communion we ask that parents only come forward with their child and these groups will be given communion first. After all the children have received their first Holy Communion, the rest of the congregation may come forward to receive the Holy Eucharist.

After the photograph has been taken, the children will be taken out and there will be a cup of tea, some biscuits and for the communicants, a special party bag will be given. There might even be a sweet or two for the younger siblings so they don't miss out!!

At this stage we would like to thank the teachers and classroom assistants for their hard work preparing the children. This will be a special occasion as it is the first major ceremony which Fr Darren will be carrying out with our pupils. Without jinxing our luck, the weather looks set to be sunny so we have it all to look forward to. Oh and did we say already..... Don't be late!!!!!!

Attendance Awards Every Day Matters!

It appears that our focus on attendance this year is really bearing fruit. Various classes throughout the year have now won the coveted spoils of Attendance of the Month Winners. March saw a P6 class, Mr McAteer's, achieve the honour whilst this month's winners for the second time this year is Mrs Clarke's P4 class who achieved an average attendance rate of over 95%. They take the trophy for a month and also get goody bags and a visit to Joe's The Day Today shop for some delicious Slush Puppies.

We have to thank Joe for his continuing sponsorship of the school and the support he gives us not just for attendance but also throughout the year when we run our discos when he is on hand to provide free slush puppies to all our junior groovers. Thank you Joe for your Kindness.

Please remember that every day counts at school and the greatest thing you can do for your child from an educational point of view is to ensure that the children are in school on time, every day.

For your
Calendar

First Holy Communion Saturday 11th May at
11.00am in St Paul's Church.

Post-primary allocation of school
places announced on Saturday 18th
May.

Condolences

It is with great sadness that we learned of the sad passing of Tony Harrison, the beloved husband of our dear colleague Mrs Harrison. We appreciate that this is a most difficult time for the family and we appreciate the fact that Mrs Harrison, despite her concerns for Tony, came in to teach every day at St Clare's. We hope she knows how much we support her during these difficult times and we all pray she finds consolation in the outpouring of sympathy she has received over the past few days. May Tony rest in Peace.

Important Dates for the Diary

Term three is always a busy time of the year in schools and this year is no different. Below we are enclosing some important dates which you may want to keep in your diary.

11th May- First Holy Communion for P4 Pupils at 11.00am

17th May- School Sports day for P1-P7 (Grosvenor Playing pitches (see article below)

18th May- School Allocation announcements for Post Primary Schools (P7 pupils)

27th- 31st May- School closed for half term

7th June- Open day in the nursery for new intake for September 2024

19th June- P7 trip to Tayto park

20th June- Leavers Disco and Buffet

21st June- Leavers mass 11.00am at St Paul's Church. (Other school trips will be announced on seesaw and in the May edition of the Newsletter.

Post Primary Allocation of Schools

Saturday 18th May will see the allocation of post primary places being announced. Mr O'Doherty will be available in the school from 11.00am that morning should anyone wish to contact him. EA usually set up a helpline on that morning also and Mr O'D will forward this information to you via seesaw. All P7 parents have been wonderful in presenting their application forms online earlier in the year and we hope your child is happy with their school allocation.

Head Lice

One of the more unpleasant outcomes of 470 pupils living and learning together is the inevitable outbreak of Head Lice. There is nothing we can do as a school to stop this from happening. If your child does succumb to the headlice epidemic, please be reassured that treatment is available from the pharmacy. Remember headlice love nothing better than clean hair. We ask that if your child is going swimming each week, the pupils with very long hair should have it tied up to reduce the risk of infection.

Sports Day 2024

One of the favourite days in the school calendar is the annual sports day. This year we are again making use of the Grosvenor Leisure Centre playing fields on Friday 17th May. We ask that all pupils are taken to the pitches by their parents for a 9.30am start. Children are allowed to go home with their parents after the events. Fingers crossed for good weather to shine upon us on that day.

P3 and P4 Camogie/Hurling Blitz.

Our friends from Davitts GAC and St Peter's PS held a special camogie/hurling experience at Dunville Park on 26th of April. All the pupils taking part had a wonderful time and many of the pupils played the sport for the very first time. At St Clare's PS we have a very proud association with the Davitts Club and we encourage all our families to allow their children to join their ranks. It is a great way for the children to keep fit and take part in sport. We thank the volunteers from the club for all they do for us at the school and for giving of their time so generously.

Infinity Room

Our wonderful pupils in the infinity room continue to flourish under the expert guidance of their teacher and classroom assistants. This has been the greatest addition to our school and watching the pupils develop and become part of our whole school community has been a great achievement. The pupils are now spreading their wings and visiting all parts of the school. Mr O'D is particularly pleased to see them attend his singing sessions in the hall on Mondays and Fridays. We hope that they continue to thrive in their new surroundings.

April's Photo Gallery



EAT SMART WITH THE LUNCH BUNCH



WEEKS SERVED	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
19 February 18 March 15 April 13 May 10 June 2 September 30 September	Golden Crumbed Fish Fingers Corn of the Cob & Chips Ice-Cream, & Chocolate Sauce	Homemade Cottage Pie Spring Greens / Butternut Squash Oven Baked Potato Wedges Summer Fruit Cheesecake	Beef Meatballs with Tomato & Basil Sauce Or Bolognaise Green Beans / Baton Carrots Steamed Rice / Pasta Spirals Date Cake & Custard	Roast Gammon & Gravy Cabbage Mashed Potatoes Chocolate Delight	School "Chippy Day" Chicken Goujons / Nuggets Beans Chips Frozen Fruit Yoghurt
26 February 25 March 22 April 20 May 17 June 9 September	Baked Sausages Baked Beans Chips Ice-Cream & Two Fruits	Pulled Pork / Pepperoni or Cheese Pizza Coleslaw & Oven Roasted Garlic & Paprika Wedges Jaffa Cake Pots	Breaded Fish & Lemon Mayo Garden Peas / Diced Carrots Mashed Potato Vanilla Sponge & Custard	Roast Pork & Gravy Broccoli & Cauliflower Mashed Potato Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt	Beef Burger / Bean Burger in Bap Corn on the Cob / Coleslaw Chips Lemon Shortbread & Melon Wedge
4 March 1 April 29 April 27 May 24 June 16 September	Beef Bolognaise OR Lasagne Sweetcorn / Broccoli Pasta Spirals / Roast Potato Chocolate Cookie	Breaded Fish & Lemon Mayo Mushy or Garden Peas / Baked Beans Chipped Potato Raspberry Jelly & Two Fruits	Chicken Curry & Naan Bread Diced Carrots & Green Beans Steamed Rice Chocolate Sponge & Custard	Roast Beef & Gravy Baton Carrots Mashed Potato Golden Krispie Square	Hot Dog / Veggie Dog with Tomato Ketchup Spaghetti Hoops / Corn on the Cob Chips Ice-Cream & Fruit
11 March 8 April 6 May 3 June 26 August 23 September	Golden Crumbed Fish Fingers Baked Beans & Garden Peas Chips Homemade Flakemeal Biscuit	Beef Ragu Italia Sweetcorn / Diced Carrots / Coleslaw Oven Roasted Potato Wedges / Rice Vanilla Sponge & Custard	Chicken Curry & Naan Bread Garden Peas / Baton Carrots Boiled Rice / Roast Potato Arctic Roll and Peaches	Roast Turkey & Gravy Garden Peas & Carrots Mashed Potato Banoffee Pots	Chicken Goujons & Sweet Chilli Dip Spaghetti Hoops / Corn on the Cob CHIPS Fruit Muffin & Apple / Orange Juice

MILK, WATER, BREAD &
FRESH FRUIT AVAILABLE DAILY

IF YOU NEED ANY INFORMATION ON ALLERGENS OR HAVE SPECIAL
DIETARY REQUIREMENTS, PLEASE NOTIFY YOUR SCHOOL ACCORDINGLY

MENU SUBJECT TO
PRODUCT AVAILABILITY

