

Family Note No. 14 – 29th April 2019

Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a lovely Easter and enjoyed the break and the good weather (for the most part!). As we start into the final term of this school year today and remind the children at assembly about the importance of continuing to listen, work and try their best at school right through to the end of the year, it only seems like a few weeks ago that we spoke similarly at the start of the school year. Time and tide waits for no man!!

In this Family Note, we ask you to pray in a special way for our dear parish priest, Fr. George, who has undergone a significant operation recently and is recovering at present. Being the dedicated person that he is, Fr. George is finding it difficult to ‘stay put’ and fully rest in order to make a full recovery. We are not sure yet whether he will be back on his feet for our First Holy Communion or not, but if he isn’t, Fr. Cian is ready to step in and is only too delighted to do so.

Regarding First Holy Communion:

Our First Holy Communion will take place on the 11th May in the Church of Christ our Light at 11 a.m. The children have been preparing all year for this special sacrament with the Religious Education Programme ‘Grow in love’ that is taught in school. I know you the parents have been working with your child and helping them to understand the main theology and values underlying the programme. This triangular support between home and school is very important so the children can see the real life significance of the beliefs and values underpinning the sacrament of First Holy Communion in their home environment. We have also been practicing some lovely songs and hymns for the day, please continue to help your child with the learning of the words of the songs and prayers. We are looking forward to this special occasion.

Below are some reminders of a few other dates and events over the coming weeks:

- 6th May: School closed for May Bank Holiday
- 24th May: School closed for elections
- 30th May: Information Meeting for Parents of next year’s Junior Infants
- 30th May: City Sports
- 3rd June: School closed for June Bank Holiday
- 5th June: Information meeting for parents re. 6th Class Manchester Trip
- 6th June: Book Sales Day for next year in the school hall
- 12th-15th June: 6th Class Manchester Trip
- 19th June: School Sports Day (weather permitting, 20th June as a second option)
- 18th-20th June: Junior Infants finish at 12 p.m. to accommodate visits of next year’s Junior Infant pupils
- 21st June: 6th Class ‘End of Year’ Mass at 11.30 a.m. in the Church of Christ our Light
- 28th June: School finishes at 12 p.m. for the Summer Holidays

Regarding Health & Safety:

Concerns have been raised by parents about a very unsafe situation that has developed on the road outside the school between ourselves and our Lady of Good Counsel School and I have been asked to draw all parents’ attention to it. It would appear that some parents are waiting in their cars on that road for their children to come out of Scoil Barra. The children are then running out between cars to get to their parents’ cars but cannot be seen by drivers until they have run out onto the road. Obviously, this is an accident waiting to happen. Therefore, I would urge parents (of younger children in particular who may not have road sense yet) not to wait in your car for your child but to wait for them in the school grounds so you can walk with them safely to your car.

Meanwhile, enjoy the last ‘leg’ of this year’s journey and thank you for your continued co-operation and support.

Karen O’Sullivan (Principal)