



1<sup>st</sup> June 2020

### **SCHOOL WEBSITE**

Thanks to everyone who sent in pictures showing how the children are keeping busy during the lockdown. It was great to see everyone and how much they have grown! As our school website is vital to our communication, we would encourage everyone to download the website's app which provides notifications of when it is updated. The link to download the app is on the homepage.

### **END OF YEAR COLLECTION – P1- P6 ONLY**

The teachers have prepared the final home learning packs for P1 – P6 children. These can be collected from the back entrance of the school on **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June between 9.30 a.m. and 11.00 a.m.** The children's exercise books and school reports will also be given out at this time.

### **END OF YEAR COLLECTION – P7 ONLY**

Mr Campbell will handout the P7's school reports and exercise books on the last week of June. We will confirm the date and time in the near future as we are still planning how to celebrate their last days as pupils of St. John's around the lockdown rules.

### **SCHOOL WEBSITE – HOME LEARNING PAGE**

In addition to the packs, the teachers have been posting activities on their class home pages. Thanks to everyone who has contributed to their class pages by posting comments or submitting work. We have been very impressed with the creative learning taking place! We encourage you to keep checking your home learning page!

### **P7 – POST PRIMARY PLACEMENT LETTERS**

The P7 children should receive their post primary school placement letters on **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June.** Please contact the school via email if anyone does not receive their letter or needs assistance with this matter.

*Parents can also contact the EA's admissions helpdesk: 028 9598 5595 Monday to Friday (9am – 5pm)*

## **P6 – POST PRIMARY TRANSFER REGISTRATION**

Obviously there has been a lot of speculation in the local media about next year's transfer test and if indeed it will take place at all. In relation to the Dungannon area, we must presume at this stage that it will.

At this time of the year the children who wish to sit the test usually purchase summer packs from the school. Due to the the current situation, parents can order these packs directly from the publisher at a cost of around £10:

**FAIRFIELDS - telephone: 028 91 884069**

Registration for the transfer exam will open on **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June and closes on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October at 2.00 pm.** Registration packs can be found on St. Patrick's Academy's website:

<https://www.stpatricksacademy.org.uk/admissions/p6-p7-parents/>

We have also added a letter from **St. Patrick's Grammar School, Armagh** to the website for parents of P6 boys to consider.

## **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS**

Thank-you to Fr. Connolly for acknowledging our P4 children during the recent online Mass. Also, many thanks to Mrs Hughes for collating the children's work and adding it to the school's website. The response from the P4 children and their parents was fantastic and don't forget that their special day will take place!

## **ACCELERATED READING - UPDATE**

Congratulations to all the children who met their individual targets – keep an eye out for the AR updates on the website!

Also, congratulations to the following children who have achieved the one million word challenge since our last newsletter: **John McKearney and Kate McKearney!**

**Rory McCool has now reached over two million words and Maeve Stewart has reached over four million words!**

There are a number of children who are near the one million words. Remember you have until the end of June to achieve this challenge!