



St. Teresa’s Primary School

“Doing ordinary things extraordinarily well”

 **Summer Newsline 2023**

Parents / Guardians,

**COVID-19 Regulations**

We will be relaxing our one-way system around the school in September 2023, so you will be able to collect your child via either gate at 2pm & 3pm pick up times.

**New School Arrangements 2023/2024**

School will start at **9am each morning during the week (not 9.10am)**, in August/September. School will also **finish at 2pm every Friday** for all children to allow staff time to accommodate scheduled meetings and adequately planning for the week ahead. School will finish at 3pm Monday – Thursday as normal.

**Communication**

**Seesaw** – each class will continue with this in September. All teachers will keep in touch with parents / guardians via the Seesaw App. Please make sure you are signed up to your child’s teacher / class.

**School App** – for messaging / forms / bookings / payments this will continue in September

**School Website** – for ‘whole school’ information will continue in September

**Newsline** – will continue in September

**Text Service** – WILL STOP due to lack of funding

**Food Allergies / Healthy Break**

**Can I ask you to adhere to precautions we have in school for children with severe allergies? To date we have 3 children (who require epipens) and can I ask that NO nuts or fish are brought into school at ANYTIME. As we are a healthy eating school we require our children to bring in water, fruit or vegetables to eat / drink at breaktime. We hope to see an improvement in concentration and behaviours as we move forward together on this.**

**Absences from school**

Absences from school during term time are discouraged and will affect your child’s attendance rate. If your child’s attendance rate falls below 85%, the ‘Education Welfare Officer’ will contact you or pay a visit to your home. If you do need to take your child out of school, please notify Mr. Kearney in writing. (This does not include days of sickness; you can notify school about sickness using the Absence Form on our school app).

**Music Service**

Due to budget restraints, a letter will be issued to Parents over the next few weeks, if they wish for their child to partake in ‘core music lessons (Individual). Whole class lessons ‘Pathways teaching’ are part of the curriculum. Money will have to be paid in full, in order to secure the services of an EA Music Tutor for the year ahead. Fees will be issued in the music letter over the next few weeks.

**Netball Champions**

Congratulations to our P7 Netball Team who won the

recent ABC competition in South Lakes LC for the

1st time in our school’s history. Our team defeated

 Tannaghmore PS, St Anthony’s PS, St Francis PS, Bronte PS and

St Mary’s Banbridge PS along the way.

We wish them continued success at the Northern Ireland Finals

 in Lisburn on Sat 3rd June!!!

**Trocaire Campaign**

Thank you for the recent fundraiser campaign in school where we collected **£1000** for Trocaire. This money will go directly to help children in Health Centres in Somalia, reinforcing our rights to help others in poor countries of the world. (As we are a Rights Respecting School)

**School Development Plan**

Thank you for spending the time completing the questionnaires on our website. We are still in the process of collating and prioritising the data. The information will be shared with you in due course as this helps us to plan for next year (2023/2024)

**Financial Help!!!! We need you!!!**

I’m sure you are well aware of the challenging financial crisis affecting our school. During the month of June I will be approaching local business / companies to ask if they would be interested in supporting our school, in whatever way possible (ie) donations / or backing an individual incentive we have in place to help our children. Some ideas we need help with include School Counsellor / Literacy & Numeracy programmes / School Website / Baseline Assessment Programmes / School App which all require school monies to function. If by any chance you would like to contact Mr Kearney first in advance to support our school, please do so over the next few weeks. Thank you in advance – as all your help / co-operation is appreciated.

**Summer Weather**

As we are experiencing better weather at the moment, can you ensure your child has water in school, suncream applied (if required). Children may wear P.E uniforms / summer dresses too!

**Key Dates: (on the calendar on school website too!)**

29th - 2nd June – School closed

1st June – Lismore Testing 9am in Lismore for P7s

6th June - P3 Trip with Shared Education

6th June – St Ronan’s Gaelic Tournament at Clan na Gael GAC

8th June – Love for Life Talk (P7s)

8th June - P1 Trip with Shared Education

9th June – St Ronan’s Testing 9am in St Ronan’s for P7s

10th June – First Holy Communion (P4) St Peter’s Church at 11am (P3 Parents / Guardians asked to support)

12th June – Bee Safe Event P7s

14th June – Summer Music Concert in school at 9.30am for all children partaking in music programmes this year parents/guardians welcome

15th June – KS2 Sports Day 9.30am start (P5-P7) Parents / Guardians welcome

16th June – F/KS1 Sports Day 9.30am (P1-P4) Parents / Guardians welcome

 - P7 trip to Emerald Park

 - Annual reports will be sent home for all children

19th June – In House Soccer Tournament – Des Hughes Cup

20th June – In House Gaelic Tournament – Master Lavery Cup

20th, 21st & 22nd June – School Nurse for P1 Assessments

22nd June – P7 Leavers’ Assembly – 9.30am, Mass – 11am in school, P7 Celebration in St Peter’s Club from 1-3pm

24th June – FOST Fundraiser Night in Woodville Arms – Tickets available from school office £10 each

27th June – Exploris Trip P1/P2/P3 9am – 4pm

30th June – School to finish for all children at 11.30am

All newslines and dinner menus are available on the school website [www.stteresaslurgan.com](http://www.stteresaslurgan.com) and School App