



April

2024



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IMPORTANT DATES

Mon	April 8 th
Mon- Fri	April 15 th -19 th
Thur-Fri	April 25 th -26 th
Wed	May 1 st
Fri	May 3 rd
Mon-Fri	May 6 th -10 th
Mon	May 27 th
Sat	June 1 st
Sat	June 15 th
Tue	June 25 th
Fri	June 28 th

School reopening for Term 3
 Book Fair Week
 P7 Residential Trip to Ganaway
 Community Open Day 10am
 PTA Fundraiser-Break the Rules Day
 School closed for Summer Half Term
 School closed for the Bank Holiday
 P4 First Holy Communion
 Ms White/Miss Norton-10am/Ms McClenaghan-12pm
 PTA Summer Fair
 P7 Leavers' Disco
 School closing at noon for the summer holidays

SACRAMENTS

Congratulations to our P3 pupils who made their First Confession in March. Our thanks go to their families, Fr Michael Spence, Fr John O' Lavery who supported them so well as they prepared for the sacrament. Thanks also to the P7s who sang with the P3s during the ceremony.

ST PATRICK'S CONCERT

Huge congratulation to everyone involved in our St Patrick's Day celebrations. We had outstanding performances in both concerts from our very talented children in the P4 and 5 year groups, our musicians, dancers and storytellers! What a talented bunch!



P6 PASSION PLAY

Congratulations to our wonderful P6 children who presented the Passion Story to the school community during Holy Week. The children were amazing and showed such reverence in their readings, drama and singing. It was a beautiful way for us all to reflect on the events of Holy Week and to prepare for Easter.

WALKING BUS PILOT

Our Walking Bus from the Cavehill Road will continue this month. It meets at Boots on The Cavehill Road at 8.40am, walks down to Tivoli Gardens, turns right onto Ophir and then Salisbury Avenue and finally down Chichester to enter the school by the steps at the back gate. It aims to improve physical and mental health, help reduce car dependency, reduce congestion, and improve road safety near schools. Parents/carers are welcome to walk along with the Walking Bus. If you would like your child to join the Walking Bus please let their teacher know on ClassDojo and a Hi-Vis jacket will be sent home with them. **The bus will not operate on wet mornings.**

COMMUNITY OPEN DAY

As part of our 50th anniversary celebrations we will be holding a Community Open Day on May 1st. Children from P4-7 are learning about life during the past 50 years. Past pupils, staff, governors, parents and members of the local community are invited to call in to see the children's work and the photos that have been shared with us by past pupils and families, as well as take a tour of the school.

ENGINEERING WEEK

Our P7 pupils took part in a special workshop led by engineers from AECOM, to celebrate Engineering Week. The children worked together as a team to plan, design and create structures/bridges which linked in well with their WAU topic of 'Wonders of the World' as well as providing great opportunities to develop creative thinking and problem solving skills.

ROYAL ACADEMY OF ENGINEERING

We have been extremely lucky to secure funding from the Royal Academy of Engineering allowing us to participate in a new education programme. This Engineering Education Programme aims to encourage greater numbers of young people to study STEM subjects. The money provided will give the P4 - P7 classes the opportunity to participate in Sentinus workshops that will promote their interest and understanding of engineering overall. The grant has also allowed us to purchase a set of Spheros which will be used to enhance the children's coding skills.

SPORTING NEWS

Both the boys' and girls' Gaelic football teams were in action recently. The girls had three great wins and topped their group. They will play Gaelscoil na bhFál in the semi-final next week. The boys' team won two out of their three matches and now wait to see who their opponents are in the next round. Congratulations to the 6 boys and girls who represented St Therese of Lisieux P.S. in the half-time match during the Antrim v Wicklow league game at Corrigan Park. Well done everyone!

PE UNIFORMS

Please note that the **only** logo on our PE uniform is the school badge on the sweatshirt. Plain navy jogging bottoms are readily and cheaply available. Trainers should be **dark** and as plain as possible. We ask that branded sportswear is **not** worn to school as it is not part of our PE uniform. **PE sweatshirts and plain jogging bottoms can be purchased from Truly Fare on the Antrim Road or online [here](#).**

SCHOOL SAFETY

No dogs are allowed on the school grounds, other than assistance/ guide dogs. We also ask that dogs are not left unattended outside of the school while you collect your child, in case they are frightened if approached by excited children. Please share this message with whoever collects your child!

SHARED EDUCATION

The boys and girls are looking forward to meeting up with the children from Cavehill Primary School, our Shared Education Partners. Some year groups have already been to visit Cavehill Primary in Term 2 and welcomed their Cavehill friends to St. Therese. In Term 3, all classes will be taking part in some fun activities and lessons in both schools. They enjoyed reconnecting with their friends from our partner school and participating in all the lovely activities and games and making new friendships.

BUDDY READING

Our Buddy Reading Programme for all P3 and P7 children has finished. This excellent programme encourages and establishes good reading practices among all the participants. Always a very enjoyable experience for everyone involved as well as giving a great opportunity to the P3s to develop their reading skills and the P7s to develop their leadership skills.

WORLD BOOK DAY

We were blown away by the amazing book characters created from potatoes, other vegetables, fruit, wood, junk materials and construction toys for World Book Day. Have a look at them [here](#). Thanks to everyone who took part - a wonderful way to celebrate our love of reading!

SCHOOL BOOK FAIR

We are delighted that the Scholastic Book Fair is returning on **Monday 15th - Friday 19th April**. As always, it will have a huge range of books from various authors and the 3 for 2 offer will be available. Book Fair Week provides lots of excitement and discussions throughout the school, and we receive commission on books sold! The money raised helps provide additional resources for all year groups. More details will be sent out after Easter.



HOLIDAYS 2024-25

The draft holiday list for next year is available [here](#).

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

Mon to Thur: 8.30am-4.15pm Fri: 8.30am- 3.15pm



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