



# April 2021



## IMPORTANT DATES

<b>Mon</b>	<b>April 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>School reopening for Term 3</b>
<b>Mon</b>	<b>April 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Confirmation in Holy Family Church at 11am (JMCF)</b>
<b>Tue</b>	<b>April 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Confirmation in Holy Family Church at 11am (NR)</b>
<b>Mon</b>	<b>May 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Bank Holiday –school closed</b>
<b>Wed</b>	<b>May 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>P4 First Confession (CMcC) -to be confirmed</b>
<b>Thur</b>	<b>May 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>P4 First Confession (SO'N/PM) -to be confirmed</b>
<b>Mon- Fri</b>	<b>May 24<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b><u>Summer mid-term</u></b>
<b>Mon</b>	<b>May 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Bank Holiday –school closed</b>
<b>Sat</b>	<b>June 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Proposed date for P4 First Holy Communion</b>
<b>Wed</b>	<b>June 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>School closing at noon for the summer break</b>

## **SCHOOL RESTART**

We are all so delighted to have all of the children back in school for face to face teaching. The restart has gone very smoothly and the children have really enjoyed reconnecting with their classmates and the staff. Well done to all of our families on your efforts at keeping the children's learning going over lockdown. We hope that you have enjoyed a bit of peace since the children started back in school.

## **COVID 19 SAFETY REMINDER**

Thank you to all our staff and families for working so hard to keep everyone safe. I urge you all to continue to follow PHA guidance to minimise Covid transmission.

In particular, any pupil who is ill should not come to school. If your child, or any member of your household, displays any symptoms of Covid-19, everyone in the household must stay at home and the symptomatic person should be tested. Advice from DE available at [https://www.stthereseoflisieux.co.uk/cmsfiles/items/downloads/2020-09-30\\_13\\_18\\_24/012176 Department of Education Parent Carer Information A4 NEW HR.PDF](https://www.stthereseoflisieux.co.uk/cmsfiles/items/downloads/2020-09-30_13_18_24/012176%20Department%20of%20Education%20Parent%20Carer%20Information%20A4%20NEW%20HR.PDF)

Unfortunately, some local schools have already had to have 'bubbles' isolating since the restart due to positive cases being identified.

When collecting your children at hometime, please remember the following:

- Wear a face covering in the playground, unless exempt
- Keep 2m distance from other adults
- Only one adult per household should be in the playground.
- Leave the playground as soon as you collect your child.
- Do not congregate at the entrances/gates.

If any of the children test positive over the holiday period please email the school at [info@stthereseoflisieux.belfast.ni.sch.uk](mailto:info@stthereseoflisieux.belfast.ni.sch.uk), so that we can contact the PHA for contact tracing.

## **SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS**

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

## **OTHER ILLNESS**

We have a number of pupils with compromised immune systems and coming into contact with common infectious conditions, especially chickenpox, measles, shingles or stomach bugs, may have serious implications for their treatment. If you think your own child may have come into contact with chickenpox please let the class teacher know so that we can pass this information on. Please note that children with a tummy bug should not return to school until they have been well for 48 hours. Advice on children returning to school after illness is available at

[http://www.publichealth.hscni.net/sites/default/files/Guidance\\_on\\_infection\\_control\\_in%20schools\\_poster.pdf](http://www.publichealth.hscni.net/sites/default/files/Guidance_on_infection_control_in%20schools_poster.pdf)

## **PARENT REMOTE LEARNING QUESTIONNAIRE**

Thanks to everyone that has already completed our Remote Learning Questionnaire. We all hope and pray that we will not have another lockdown but just in case, we are asking for feedback on our provision during the Jan-March 2021 lockdown so we can evaluate how the process could be improved if we are ever in that situation again. The short questionnaire only takes around 5 minutes to complete. The link for each year group is on ClassDojo.

## **RETIREMENTS**

Mrs Mallon, our P2 Classroom Assistant retired in Feb after working in St Therese for 14 years. Mrs Hughes retired today, after 28 years as a P1 CA. Thanks to both of these highly valued members of the staff team. We wish both of them a long, happy and healthy retirement with their families.

