

St. Bride's P.S.

May 2016 News Sheet

Staffing News: I would like to congratulate Mrs Granleese on her recent appointment as Vice Principal of St Bride's and Mrs O'Prey on her recent appointment as Foundation/Key Stage 1 Coordinator of St Bride's. I wish them every success in their new roles.

School Development Plan 2016-2019

The school is currently writing a new three year School Development Plan and we would like the views from our parents on a range of issues regarding their children and St Bride's. As part of this process we would appreciate it if you would complete an on-line Parents' Questionnaire which can be accessed from a link which will be sent via text message this week.

The questionnaire is anonymous and your comments will help contribute to the School Development Plan. Should you wish to complete a paper version of the questionnaire copies can be collected from the school office. We ask that questionnaires are submitted on-line and paper copies be returned to the office by Wednesday 25th May. Thank you for your continued support.

First Holy Communion is this Saturday 14 May at 10am.

We wish all our Year 4 children well for their forth coming Holy Communion and hope they enjoy this special celebration. The PTA are offering refreshments in the Parish Hall after Mass and would be very grateful for support to set up and/or serve from 11am to 12 noon or from 12 noon to 1pm. If you are available to help please email stbridespta@gmail.com

To mark the end of the school year the PTA are holding an 80's Night and Buffet in Ten Square Hotel on Saturday 18th June. Fancy dress is optional - but is all part of the craic! Tickets are priced at £25 per person and are on sale on **Friday 3rd June** and **Friday 10th June** at 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the school office on the Derryvolgie site.

You are warmly welcomed to attend the Year 7 End of Year school production of Mary Poppins which will be held in the Parish Hall on **Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th June 16 at 7.30pm.**

Tickets (£5 each) will be available from the school office on the Derryvolgie site from **Tuesday 24th May**. Ticket sales will be restricted to 4 per family until 26 May, after which remaining tickets will be sold on a first come first served basis. As space is limited, we would ask that St Bride's children from Nursery to Yr 6 do not attend on these dates as the children will see the play during the school day.

Year 7 Leavers' Mass is on **Friday 24th June** at 11a.m followed by refreshments in the Parish Hall. This will be the last school day for the Year 7 pupils.

SPORTS DAY (Years 4 - 7) Friday 3rd June at the Mary Peter's Track

Sports Day will take place in the afternoon of Friday 3rd June. The school will finish at 12.00 noon for all pupils. Nursery will finish at 11.45 am. School dinners will be served as normal on that day.

The Sports Day should end between 3pm and 3.30pm. More details will be given later.

SPORTS DAY (Year 1 to Year 3)

These will be held in the YMCA grounds Knightsbridge Stranmillis

P1 -Wednesday 22nd June from 9.30 to 11a.m approximately

P2 -Tuesday 21st June from 9.30 to 11a.m approximately

P3 - Monday 20th June from 9.30 to 11a.m approximately

More details will follow later through the class teachers

WALK TO SCHOOL AND BOOK FAIR WEEK 16th - 20th MAY 2016

St. Bride's has participated very successfully over the past few years in "Walk to School Week". This year we are aiming to improve the number of children taking part and hopefully start a trend where the children walk to and/or from school on a regular basis as part of the **WOW** campaign (**Walk on Wednesdays** or **Walk Once a Week**) or even to **walk every day**.

By walking to school there are fewer cars and less pollution, there is less congestion, the children have greater daily exercise and are fitter and healthier

So from **Monday 16th May** we would like you to consider letting your child walk to school or walk with them. Perhaps some parents may get together and form a "**walking bus**". Children should only walk to school on their own if parents are satisfied they are aware of the dangers and use the *Green Cross Code (you can Google this)*.

There are useful ideas on the "Walk to School" web site and by *Googling "Tales of the Road"* - this is interactive and fun for the children.

Teachers will go over the Green Cross Code and Road Safety with the pupils this week.

For those who wish to cycle on this week, we have a few safety reminders.

- The children should always wear a helmet
- They should always wear a high visibility vest
- School bags need to be worn correctly so that buckles etc. do not get caught up in the mechanisms and nothing should be carried on the handlebars - both hands need to be on the bars.
- The bike should be **locked** while in the shelter.
- The children must wheel the bike in the playground.
- The bike should be brought home every day.

Parents need to be confident that their child has a full understanding of the safe way to ride their bike to school before allowing them to do so.

The Book Fair will be held in the Assembly Hall during the week 16th - 20th May. The classes will visit the Book Fair during the school day but it is also open to parents between 8.30 and 9.00 and from 2.30 to 3.30 daily.

Reminder: the school is closed on Friday 27th and Monday 30th May for the Whit weekend holiday. It is also closed for Elections on Thursday 23rd June.

Please keep our Year four children in your prayers as they make their final preparations for First Holy Communion

