



Dear Parents,

I am delighted to be returning as the permanent Principal of St Bride's and would like to welcome all our pupils back to school. A special welcome also goes to our new Primary One and Nursery children and their parents. To celebrate the beginning of the new school year, there will be a School Mass in St Brigid's Church on Tuesday 22nd September at 11.00am for all Year 4 - Year 7 children. Parents are also welcome and I hope many of you will be able to attend, to celebrate as a school community. I wish everyone a successful and happy year.

M. R. Quinn

CURRICULUM MEETINGS

There will be a series of parent evenings when you will have an opportunity to receive an outline of the curriculum being covered by your child during the year.

Year 7	Wednesday 9th September at 7.30 pm (previously notified)
Years 1 & 2	Tuesday 15th September at 7.30 pm
Years 3 & 4	Wednesday 16th September at 7.30 pm
Years 5 & 6	Thursday 17th September at 7.30 pm

These meetings will take place at 7.30pm in your child's classroom and should last 30-40 minutes. Letters will be sent through your child's teacher. We hope you will be able to attend.

School Meals

Dinners cost £2.50 each / £12.50 per week

Parents are asked -

- To send money for dinners on **Mondays only** into the class teacher, in an envelope with your child's name clearly marked on the outside.
- If your child has any special dietary requirements or food allergies please contact the school.
- Cheques **MUST** be made payable to **"E.A. Belfast"** and not **"St Bride's"**

In the interest of health and safety, children taking packed lunches should bring their lunches to school in lunch boxes rather than plastic bags.

REMINDER, NUT FREE SCHOOL

As we have a growing number of children with nut allergies we ask that no foods containing nut products be sent into the school. This should also **include** sesame seed products (e.g. sesame snaps, seeded bread or crackers, and hummus).

We also ask that parents do not send in cakes for the class to share on birthdays, as some of these also contain nuts or nut traces. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Please note: School uniform includes black school shoes, **not black trainers**. Girls with long hair should have it tied back. Boys' hair should be no longer than collar length and no shaved or patterns are allowed.

St Bride's After School Activities

MONDAY

- **Judo Classes** for Yr 5 / 6 / 7 from 3.15-4.15pm Start date 14 September
- **Boys' soccer team** training 3.15 -4.15pm Start date 21 September
- **Girls' Gaelic football** training for P6/7 girls in the Ashleigh Playground from 3-4pm (Weather Permitting) Start date 14 September

TUESDAY

- **Orchestra** rehearsals from 3.15 - 4 15 pm. starting on 15 September. Children can be collected at 4.15 pm from the Derryvolgie site.
- **ICT Code Club**, Year 5, Tuesdays 3.00 - 4.00pm. Venue: Computer Suite, Ashleigh Building.
- **French classes** from 2 - 3pm (Year 3) and 3 - 4.10pm (Year 4) Start date 15 September

WEDNESDAY

- **Judo Classes** for Yr 4/5 (new class) from 3.15 - 4.15 Start date 16 September
- **French classes** from 2 - 3pm (Year 3) 3 - 4.10p.m. (Year 5) Start date 16 September

THURSDAY

- **Boys' Gaelic Football Training** is at Harlequins 3.30 to 4.30 Start date 10 September
- **Girls Netball** Yr 6 & Yr 7 in the school from 3.15 - 4.15pm. Start date 17 September
- **Brass Ensemble** Start date 10 September

Parents are asked to collect children **promptly** following after-school activities. **Any children remaining after this time will be sent to the main entrance foyer on the Derryvolgie site and should be collected from there.**

Reminders about Pupil Safety

If any pupil needs to leave the school during the normal school day, for medical or other reasons, parents are asked to send a note to the class teacher and have the child collected **from the classroom** by a responsible adult. No child may leave school without these procedures being followed.

In the interests of the children's safety, parents are reminded **not** to park on the footpaths on Windsor Avenue and Derryvolgie Avenue, to leave the entrances to the school clear and to observe the "No Parking" yellow lines. **These are legally enforceable and tickets will be issued by police and wardens.** The times of the restricted parking are on display on the road signs.

Children should enter the premises through the pedestrian gates, **not the staff car parks** and to use the Patrolman at all times. Parents are asked not to use the car park on the Ashleigh site when collecting children at 3 p.m. We would ask all parents to take great care in the mornings, at 2 pm and at 3 pm to avoid any accidents. Parents are asked **not** to use any of the staff car parks for parking or access.

If parents have a concern

If you have a concern about your child please make an appointment to discuss your concern with the class teacher. If you wish to discuss your concern further, please make an appointment to discuss with a Key Stage Coordinator, (Miss Joyce KS1 (Years 1-4) or Mrs Granleese KS2 (Years 5-7)). At any point you may speak directly to Mrs Quinn by making an appointment through the Office.

Concerns of a Child Protection nature should be brought to Miss Joyce, the Designated Teacher for Child Protection or Mrs Granleese, the Deputy Designated Teacher for Child Protection.

I look forward to visiting classes and getting to know the children well. Together we will try to ensure

"Attainment for all, within a happy, safe, caring Catholic environment"