



# Term 2 Newsletter

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Dear Parent(s)

As we begin another busy term, on behalf of all the staff in St. Tierney's, I would like to wish you a very Happy New Year and to offer a sincere thank you for all the very thoughtful cards, messages, gifts and donations to our charities and fundraisers before Christmas. As well as donating shoe boxes for Team Hope and raising £155 for our local branch of St. Vincent de Paul, we have raised around £1800 for our school funds through our family and pupil raffles which will help pay for new interactive whiteboards.

## Key Dates for Term 2 - PLEASE NOTE SPECIFIC DATES BELOW

### January

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> - Friday 26<sup>th</sup>** - P1 Primary Admissions open online. Please remind any prospective parents within your family. Any queries or to visit the school please contact the school office.

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>** - Block 1 of Core Kids PE for all classes - focus on Dance

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup>** - Term 2 GAA with Pat Cadden begins for P4/5/6/7

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup>** - Mullaghmore Equestrian - School Jumping League 2<sup>nd</sup> Round

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>** - SCHOOL CLOSED DUE TO STRIKE ACTION BY TEACHING & NON-TEACHING STAFF

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>** - Catholic Schools Week begins.

Sunday, 21 January - Saturday, 27 January

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>** - 10am - P3 Open Assembly to celebrate Grandparents Day - All Welcome 😊

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup>** - Talk for P7 pupils with Erne Integrated Enniskillen

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup>** - Walk to School Day / Feel Good Friday - Meet at McCagues from 8.40am

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup>** - Credit Union Quiz for local primary schools - hosted in St. Tierney's

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup>** - Mullaghmore Equestrian - School Jumping League 3<sup>rd</sup> Round

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup>** - P7 Post Primary Admissions Portal Open online and closes on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup>** - Term 2 Afterschools begins for P1&2, P3 and P5 (6 week block)

**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup>** - Cumann na mBunscoil indoor blitz for participating P6/7 Boys & Girls in Lisnaskea

**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup>** - St. Tierney's Parent Teacher and Friends Association initial meeting - 7.30pm. All welcome



Catholic Schools Week 2024

Catholic Schools: Serve Our Communities

### February

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup>** - 7 week block of swimming lessons will commence for P5/6/7. £50 for the block. Letter to follow.

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup>** - St. Brigid's Day - cross making in school this week.

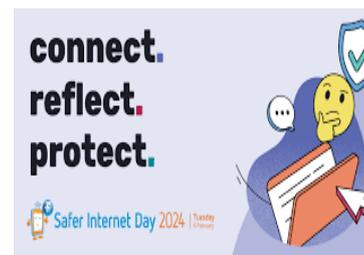
**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup>** - Term 2 Afterschools begins for P4 and P6&7 (6 week block)

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup>** - School Photographer for all classes. Full school uniform for all please.

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup>** - Safer Internet Day

**12<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> inclusive** - MID TERM BREAK - school closed for all.

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>** - Block 2 of Core Kids PE for all classes - focus on Gymnastics



### March

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup>** - Walk to School Day - Feel Good Friday

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup>** - Shared Education begins for P3 class. 4 weeks with our friends from St. Macartan's and Aughadrumsee Primary Schools focusing on supporting outdoor learning with Oakwood Forest School.

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup>** - Dress up day for all pupils for World Book Day.

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup>** - St. Patrick's Day Performances in school at 10am. All Welcome.

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup>** - School closed for all.

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup>** - P7 Love for Life Workshop. Details and permission slips to follow.

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>** - P4 Open Assembly at 9.30am

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>** - Easter Cake/Bake Sale at 10am. All welcome

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>** - Half day for Easter Holidays



Dates for First Confession and Service of Light to be confirmed. P4 pupils will also attend weekday mass at least once a month in preparation for celebrating First Holy Communion. Dates for this and any other changes or notices will be communicated by text so please let us know if you are not receiving school texts.

## Other Information

### SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Following consultation with all stakeholders during the last academic year, we have worked to produce the next 3 year cycle of our School Development Plan. We appreciate all your feedback and contributions. The plan has been adopted by the Board of Governors and is available to view on our school website, along with a summary document for the 2023-24 school year, in the Policies section. The SDP enables us to focus on specific areas that have been identified for ongoing development through each school year and to monitor progress made across these area. We hope to have a parent session in the near future to focus on this.

### CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Catholic Schools Week takes places week beginning 22nd January 2024. This year's theme is: 'Communities of Service - looking at friends, school, family, area and faith'.

We invite our grandparents and families to join us as we celebrate the very important role they play in the lives of our children. P3 will lead us all in a special assembly at 10am followed by some light refreshments and activities throughout the school. As always, we are so conscious of grandparents who have passed away and also those who cannot join us, and they will be acknowledged in a special way with pupils also. If grandparents or families cannot attend, they will be able to watch the assembly online afterwards. Certain classes will also attend mass in St. Tierney's Church during the week.

### SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER

The school photographer will be here on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February. He will take updated photos of all pupils and classes for our school records. Individual and family photos will be available to purchase. Perfect school uniform for all please on this date.

### MUSIC

Thank you to Master McCabe for the excellent accompaniment to our Christmas performances and to all pupils who provided such beautiful music and singing for Christmas Eve mass.

Music money for January & February is now due. £10 covers both months. All pupils are encouraged to participate. Please send money in a labelled envelope.

### MILK AND DINNERS

Milk Money for Term 2 is now due £13. If your child took milk in Term 1 and doesn't want to take it any longer, please let the school office know a.s.a.p. Dinner Money should be paid weekly. Please put money in envelope with child / children's name and the days they are taking dinner.

### FRIENDS OF ST. TIERNEY'S PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

Friends of St. Tierney's Parent Teacher Association was established in the 2019/20 school year and had gotten off to a great start supporting our pupils and school at various events and through fundraising. Unfortunately, covid and school closures interrupted and stalled things. We plan to move forward with the association again and invite any parents and staff who would like to get involved to an initial meeting on **Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January at 7.30pm**. We would like to thank our outgoing Chairperson Ciosa McClave for all her work and help in setting up the association, gaining charity status and organising our initial events.

**A FULL LIST OF SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR TERM 2 AND 3 ARE AVAILABLE ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE**

**Don't forget to check out [www.sttierneyspsroslea.com](http://www.sttierneyspsroslea.com) for the latest news & photographs.**

