

St Tierney's Primary School

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Please see key dates and information for the second half of Term 2. There may be a few changes to dates/events sent out in January.

Key Dates - February, March & April

Music continues with Master McCabe every Tuesday. £10 to cover March & April is now due.

Every Tuesday until 12th March - Drama/Lego Afterschool Club P1 1.45-2.45pm. P3&P5 2.50-3.50pm.

Every Thursday until 14th March - Art and Cooking Afterschool Club - P4 & P7 2.50pm - 3.50pm

Every Wednesday until 10th April - Core Kids - Gymnastics with Sasha, PE uniform for all classes.

Every Thursday until Thursday 21st March - Swimming for P5/6/7

Every Friday until Friday 22nd March - Hurling with Pat Cadden for P4/5/6/7, PE uniform please.

Tuesday 27th February - P7 Service of Enrolment for Confirmation in school at 1.30pm.

Wednesday 28th February - Library Van

Thursday 29th February - P1&2 Assembly - Please note this is NOT an Open Assembly.

Friday 1st March - Walk to School Day -No Breakfast Club

Thursday 7th March - P4 First Confession in St. Tierney's Church at 7pm. School Choir to sing.

Friday 8th March - Dress up Day for World Book Day and/or Bring Your Favourite Book to School

Wednesday 13th March - Library Van

Wednesday 13th March - Parent Support Group Meeting at 7pm.

Friday 15th March - St. Patrick's Day Concert in school at 10am. All welcome

Monday 18th March - School Closed for all

Tuesday 19th March - School Nurse for P1 Health Checks

Thursday 21st March - Parents evening 7pm- focus on Online Safety/Building Digital Resilience in children. More details overleaf.

Friday 22nd March - Parent Support Group and School Council event - Cinema Night for all pupils. Details to follow.

Saturday 23rd March - Mullaghmore Equestrian Schools League

Monday 25th March - Love for Life programme for P7 pupils.

Tuesday 26th March - P4 Open Assembly at 9.30am

Wednesday 27th March - School closes half day for Easter Holidays - 12noon finish for all. No Breakfast Club, snack or school dinners.

Monday 8th April - Term 3 commences.

Wednesday 10th April - Library Van

Thursday 11th April - P7 Service of Light in chapel at 7.00pm. Parents welcome.

Wednesday 17th April - Library Van

Saturday 20th April - Mullaghmore Equestrian Schools League

Sunday 21st April - Confirmation in St. Tierney's Church at 3pm

Tuesday 23rd April - P3 Assembly - Please note this is NOT an Open Assembly.

Wednesday 24th April - Library Van

Friday 26th April - Walk to School Day

P3 Shared Education Dates

Tuesday 27th February
in St Tierney's

Wednesday 6th March
in St Macartan's

Thursday 14th March
in Aghadrumsee

Friday 22nd March
Field Trip to Marble
Arch Caves

Monday 4th March

Lilly Lantern making
for P5 and P6 with
Sliabh Beagh Arts

Monday 4th March

P7 pupils to attend 11am
mass in Monaghan
Cathedral.
Full uniform please.

* Keep up to date with events and school holidays on the calendar section of our school website www.sttierneyspsroslea.com



WORLD BOOK DAY

We will celebrate World Book Day on Friday 8th March. Children are encouraged to dress up as their favourite book character and/or bring their favourite book to school. We will also celebrate World Book Day with Paired Reading with the older and younger classes throughout the week.

EASTER EGG RAFFLE

Tickets will be on sale in school throughout March. 50p a strip or 3 strips for £1. Raffle will take place on Tuesday 26th March. Any donations of eggs welcome.



P6 TRANSFER CLUB

Afterschool Transfer Club will begin on Monday 4th March from 3pm-4pm for pupils intending to sit the SEAG entrance exam in November 2024. Separate letter sent to P6 parents.

PARENTS EVENING

We are delighted to welcome Dr Deborah Webster from Thrive Academy NI to host a Parents Evening on Thursday 21st March at 7pm. This event is extremely relevant to parents of pupils in all classes and aims to highlight the important issue of keeping our children safe online and nurturing their mental and emotional wellbeing. The focus will be on:

- What children are doing online - The risks they are facing online - The impacts on their wellbeing - Top tips and things we can do to help our children become more digitally resilient.

FRIENDS OF ST. TIERNEY'S PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

Our Parent Support Group are excited to hold a **Cinema Night** in school for all pupils on Friday 22nd March, supported by our School Council pupils. There will be a short meeting on Wednesday 13th March at 7pm for organising this event and we really ask anyone who can volunteer to help out to come along. More info to come.



STUDENT PLACEMENTS

We currently have 3 students from St. Mary's University College on placement up until Easter. Ms Orla McGuinness in P6/7, Mr Tommy McDermott in P5 and Ms Alicia Lappin in P4. They have settled in well and are grateful for the lovely welcome they have received from staff and pupils.

P4 FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Children preparing for First Holy Communion will go to mass in St Tierney's Roslea on the following dates:

Thursday 7th March @ 9.30am

First Confessions also on 7th March @ 7pm in St Tierney's Church Roslea.

Thursday 18th April @ 9.30am

Thursday 16th May @ 9.30am

Parents are welcome to join us at these masses.

Saturday 18th May - First Holy Communion @ 11am. School Choir to sing.

There will be refreshments in the Community Centre afterwards and Theresa McMahon will be present for family photographs. If you would like to book a slot please contact her directly on 00353876290804. Following on from the success of last year, we will be asking parents of P3 pupils to help out in the community centre and to provide refreshments, then these families will benefit from the same arrangement the following year.

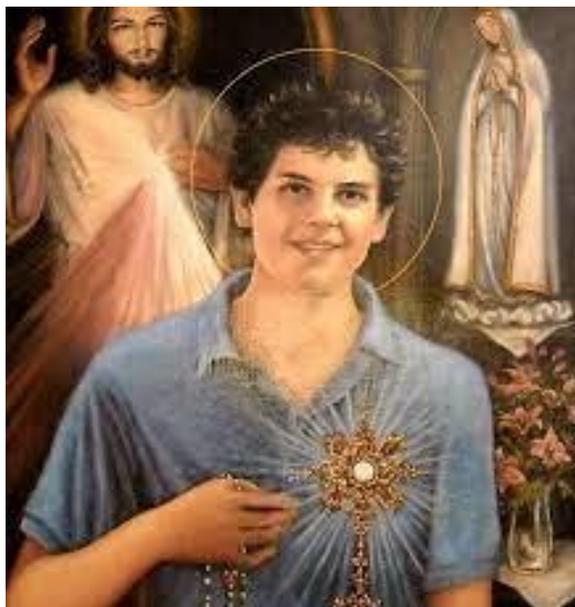


P7 CONFIRMATION

Tuesday 27th February - Enrolment Ceremony for pupils in school at 1.30pm. Parents Welcome.

Thursday 11th April - Service of Light and Pledge Ceremony in chapel at 7.00pm

Sunday 21st April - Confirmation in St. Tierney's Church @ 3.00pm along with pupils from Scoil Mhuire Magherarney and Scoil Mhuire Gransha.



Let us pray:

Dear Father, who has given us the ardent testimony of the young servant of God, Carlo Acutis, who made the Eucharist the core of his life and the strength of his daily commitments so that everybody may love You above all else, let him soon be counted among the Blessed and the Saints in your Church. Confirm my faith, nurture my hope, strengthen my charity in the image of young Carlo who, growing in these virtues, now lives with you. I trust in you, Father, and your Blessed Son Jesus, in the Virgin Mary, Our Dearest Mother, and in the intervention of your Servant, Carlo Acutis

Blessed Carol Acutis:

Next Sunday 3rd March the Relic of Blessed Carol Acutis will visit the Cathedral in Monaghan. London Catholic born in 1991 Carlo Acutis of Italian parents lived in Milan. On the one hand, he was your normal child and teenager, played soccer, PlayStation, was skilled at film editing and studied computer science, and nicknamed *the kid in the jeans and sneakers*. On the other hand, he possessed a mature faith for his years, was committed to daily Mass and Holy Communion, the Rosary and spent long periods before the Blessed Sacrament at his local parish church. As a teenager he was a catechist to children preparing for Holy Communion.

Sadly, aged only 15 years in October 2006 he was diagnosed with acute Leukaemia and died within a fortnight. He was buried in Assisi, the town of St. Francis in Umbria. A process for his Beatification formally began in October 2012 and eventually he was beatified '*Blessed and Servant of God*' by Pope Francis in October 2020. He is Patron Saint of the Internet.

The golden reliquary brought to the Cathedral in Monaghan next Sunday contains a first-class relic of Blessed Carlo, a piece of the pericardium tissue from the heart. Bishop Larry Duffy will celebrate Mass at 3pm after which there will be individual blessings with the relic. There will be Rosary at 6pm and a Holy Hour at 8pm. The relic will leave the Cathedral on Monday after Mass at 11.00a.m to arrive in Enniskillen's St. Michael's Church at 4pm for a Holy Hour followed by individual blessing and Rosary at 6pm. The relic will leave St. Michael's Church on Tuesday after 11.00 Mass.

It would be lovely for families, especially those with children preparing for the sacraments, to try and visit the relic when it is in the area.

As part of the schedule of prayer and veneration of the relic, along with Fr Chester, we will be bringing the P7 Confirmation pupils to the special Mass for young people in Saint Macartan's Cathedral - Monday 4th March @ 11am.