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April /May 2015 Newsletter

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We have a very busy time ahead this term. Please take note of any dates which affect your child.

Summerlee Visit - Monday 27th April

P1 and P1/2 are visiting Summerlee Heritage Park on the above date. The children have been learning about how people lived in the past. We hope they have a lovely day out.

School holiday and General Election Day

Our school is closed on Monday the 4th of May for the May public holiday. The same week the school is also closed to pupils on Thursday the 7th of May for the General Election. Children do not attend school on this day. The school will reopen on Friday 8th of May.

P4 First Holy Communion



Pupils in Primary 4 will receive this Sacrament for the first time on **Saturday 16th May at 12 o'clock Mass in St Brigid's Church**. Tickets will be issued on the 1st of May to families. We pray that the weather is good for this special occasion.

Thanksgiving Mass Sunday 17th May

Father Kelly is also having a thanksgiving Mass for all First Communicants the next day. The Mass will be held in St. Brigid's Church at 12 o'clock. Please make every effort to attend this special thanksgiving Mass.

New P1

We are looking forward to welcoming our new intake in August. Our new P1 children are invited to visit the school in small groups on **Friday 15th May and Friday 29th of May** to meet their teacher and take part in some fun activities. Letters with times will be posted directly to parents. There will be a third visit on **Wednesday 3rd of June at 1.30pm**. Parents of the new intake are invited to stay for an information meeting.



Book Fair - Monday 18th - Thursday 21st May

Our school is having a book fair on the above dates. Children will have a chance to view and buy books. Parents will also have the opportunity to visit the book fair with their child. Specific times to follow. Our school receives commission from all books sold

After School Clubs April/ May

Football Training for P5, P6 and P7 will run for another 3 Mondays. 27th April, 11th May and 18th May 3pm- 4pm

Athletics

Mr Kyle will run the athletics Wednesdays 3pm-4.15pm for P5, 6 and 7. The classes will run for 4 weeks. 29th April, 13th May, 20th May and 27th May. **Please note no athletics on Wed 6th May as the school has to be vacated by 3pm in preparation for elections.**

Mr Kyle is also organising an "Athlete Awards Presentation Night" for children and parents who attend athletics. This will be held on **Friday 5th of June in St. Brigid's Church hall.** More information to follow.

P1 Teddy Bear Adventure

St. Andrew's Hospice has asked all schools to organise their own walk this year. It is no longer in Strathclyde Park. We have pencilled in Wednesday 6th for P1 to bring their teddies and go out for a picnic. However we will be looking in advance at the weather forecast and this may change at the last minute if rain is likely. All money raised goes to St. Andrew's Hospice and supports them in their fabulous work

Primary /Secondary Liaison

Pupils in P7 will be involved in an extensive transition programme with St. Aidan's High School.

Mrs Fagan (DHT) will visit on Friday the 8th of May to speak to the children.

Mrs Hyslop (Partnership Officer) will visit on Thursday 28th of May

Monday 8th June - Athletics Event for all new S1 pupils.

Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th June - P7 induction days at St. Aidan's High School.

Children will be transported to and from St. Aidan's High School by bus.

Race Night Friday 29th May 7.30pm St. Brigid's Church

Our dedicated PTA have organised a Race Night. Tickets will be on sale from the school office priced £4. Please support this event as all money raised will go towards our summer outing. Buses for the whole school can cost in excess of £1600!!! Please come along as all money raised directly benefits our children.

Newmains Gala Saturday 13th June

Our school is delighted that Newmains Gala Queen is one of our pupils this year. Rachel McKeever will be taking on this important role. We also have the ladies in waiting and the flower girls. We are hoping that our school will support the event by taking part in the parade. More information to follow.

Summer Outing Monday 22nd June

We are in the process of organising a summer outing for the whole school. The visit to Blair Drummond is always a success but due to school runs we have been unable to secure a later pick up time. This has meant that the children have had only 2 hours or so at the actual park. We are trying to get buses to pick us up later but this is proving problematic. We will issue more information about the summer outing soon. If anyone has any suggestions for an alternative destination or venue for an outing please let us know.

Important Dates for P7

The P7 Ceilidh will be held on **Thursday 11th of June at 7pm.** Information to come.

Leavers Mass will be on the **Friday 19th of June at 9.30am.** Parents warmly invited.

School Holidays

Please note that the school will be closed on **Monday 4th May and Thursday 7th May (In-service)**

The school will also be closed on **Friday 22nd May and Monday 25th May** for the holiday weekend.

C. Corr

Head Teacher