

**Welcome back to term 3, the final term this academic year!**

**Trócaire**

Thank you so much for your support with our recent Lenten Trócaire Campaign. We had great fun participating in a varied range of fund raising events in the primary school and in our nursery unit. The total amount raised this year was a tremendous £617.00 and this will be forwarded to Trócaire this week. .#We can…be connected.

**Parish Community**

Do This in Memory Masses

These masses are especially arranged to involve those children preparing for Sacraments in Years 3 and 4. The children take turns to read prayers at the masses. We would encourage all parents of the children preparing for Sacraments to bring their child along to the masses.

13th April in St Mary’s Greencastle

14th April in St James’s Church (Year 4 children will say Prayers of the Faithful)

First Holy Communion (Year 4 children) 8th May at 11.00am in St James’s Church

After each mass the families are invited into the Parish Hall for refreshments. Thank you to Cathy and the Parish Hall committee.

Year 7 Leaver’s Mass Tuesday 18th June 7:00pm (to be confirmed) #We can…be connected.

**School Closures**

Please remember that we are closed on the following dates:

Monday 6th May

Monday 27th May, Tuesday 28th May and Wednesday 29th May

School closes half day on Friday 28th June for the summer holidays

**Admissions**

Admissions Outcomes for pre-school places (stage 1) and primary school Year 1 will be notified on Thursday 25th April. Parents/Guardians will be informed by email from the Education Authority (please check your junk mail).  Please ensure that you log into EA Connect to accept or decline the place offered.

Parents/Guardians who made an application for underage children or a late deferral (stage 2) application will receive their outcome on Tuesday 11th June 2024.

Outcomes of admissions to Post Primary Schools for our Year 7 children will be announced on Saturday 18th May 2024.

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St James’s Jotter

April 2024

**Assemblies in April**

Each class has an opportunity to deliver an assembly to the school. The parents/guardians of the children in that designated class are welcome to attend and will receive a notice from the teacher via SeeSaw. Assembly begins at 9:15am. We ask that parents/guardians who are early wait in the canteen before the assembly where tea and coffee will be available.

19th April Year 5

26th April Year 4

**Oher Important Dates**

Sports Day 24th May 2024 #We can…be fit and healthy.

Reserve Sports Day Monday 31st May 2024

PTA Summer Fair -Thursday 6th June 2024

Year 7 Show – 13th June (evening)

Nursery End of Year Celebration-Thursday 20th June 2024

**PTA event-volunteers needed**

There will be a meeting of the PTA committee on 18th April at 5:00pm. We will be preparing for our big event this term -The Summer Fair which is due to take place on Thursday 6th June. Last year’s event was very successful and great fun. We need a list of volunteers who are happy to help on the evening with an allocated stall or job. If you would like to volunteer to help us, please give your name and contact number to Mrs Brown at the office (02890866201) and one of the PTA committee members will be in touch with you.

**School Car Park**

It has been brought to our attention that some children have been running unsupervised in the car park in the morning and on two occasions children ran out in front of a car. For maximum safety please ensure that your child is supervised in the car park area.

**Reading Partnership**

Thank you to those all who volunteered for the programme. We look forward to completing training and beginning the project this month. # We can……learn.

**Value of the Month:** Patience

**Monthly Mathemagician:** Peer Teaching (child as teacher)

**Eco Award:** Best Healthy Eaters