

St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

Ysgol Catholig Santes Fair

Friday 12th March 2021

This weekend we celebrate the 4th Sunday in Lent, also known as Laetare Sunday.

Dear Parent,

It will be wonderful to have all of our children back in school from Monday onwards. The lockdown period has presented many challenges in school and I'm sure at home as well. The degree of normality that this will provide will be most welcome to everyone. We will assess our children on their return and ensure that we use our resources in the best possible way to provide any support that may be necessary.

I've been very pleased to see the way that our parents have respected our guidelines in relation to entering and leaving the school and to maintaining good social distancing. The Minister for Education has asked all schools to pass on the message to parents that it is essential at the moment, to maintain all our procedures to do everything we can to ensure that this lockdown will be the last one. With that in mind here is a summary of the various routines to follow around the school day:

- 8.35am, children arriving on buses are supervised onto the school grounds.
- 8.50-9am, walkers arrive. Children in Nursery, Reception and Year 1 can be accompanied around the perimeter of the school and parents leave in a clockwise pattern. Children from Year 2 upwards should be supervised to the gate and then they can find their own way to their classrooms.
- 2.50pm, parents of children in Nursery, Reception and Year 1 to collect their children if they have no siblings in school.
- 3pm, parents of Nursery, Reception and Year 1 classes with older siblings to collect their children and again leave the school in a clockwise one way pattern.
- 3.05pm, children will be dismissed from all other classrooms. Parents can wait in the school grounds in a socially distanced way outside their child's classroom.
- Parents leaving through Pedestrian Gate 2, please turn right and not left towards the bus parking zone.

Your continued support of helping with these routines is much appreciated.

Our COVID Risk Assessment has been updated again and the new version will be posted on our website over the weekend.

Last night it was a pleasure to have our Welcome Meeting for new Nursery parents whose children will be coming to us in September, via Zoom. We are very much looking forward to welcoming our new children and to working with their parents closely in the future. Our Governors are meeting soon to deal with our applications for Reception for this September. A reminder to parents that we have to distribute letters about places on the same date as the other schools in the Authority, which this year is April 16th.

The Friends of St. Mary's met remotely last night. My thanks to them for their continued commitment to the school which is much appreciated. They will be helping us with some of our end of term activities for our children. The details of which will be with you next week.

As noted at the top of the newsletter, this weekend we celebrate Laetare Sunday. Traditionally this is a day of celebration when we relax our Lenten disciplines. Hopefully by doing this it will give us a new burst of will and energy, as we head into the second half of the Lenten Season.

Our after school Sunbeam Club will recommence at the beginning of the Summer Term on April 12th. A reminder that each session costs £7.50 per pupil and £5 for further siblings. We are accepting bookings as of now; to do so, simply call 07939458204.



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