



# MERCY NEWSLETTER

## JANUARY

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Dear Parents,

Happy New Year to you all. It seems Flu Season is upon us, thankfully most of our children have been vaccinated to protect them from spreading the virus. We hope that you all keep well and healthy in this New Year.

Why not come and get healthy with our fun parent activities this term?

### CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBERS:

At the start of this new year I wish to remind you to keep your contact details updated. Bad weather and illness are just some of the reasons we may call you or send a text.

Thank you for keeping us updated especially if you have changed numbers over the holidays.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS IN OUR CHRISTMAS DRAW

Our draw was held on 19 December 2017.

- 1<sup>st</sup> prize - K Dalton
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize - C McGuinness
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize - C McCafferty
- 4<sup>th</sup> Prize - P McCormack
- 5<sup>th</sup> Prize - C Harrison
- 6<sup>th</sup> Prize - D Farrell
- 7<sup>th</sup> Prize - S Murphy



### After Schools Clubs

Our range of afterschool clubs begins again this term, Drumming, Art, Multi sports, Drama, Gymnastics, Choir, ICT and Homework club.

Look out for details, some club places may be limited

### School Matters!



**ATTENDANCE:** You will receive a letter home if your child's attendance has fallen below 85%.

It is a great resolution to try to get 100% attendance this term.

### Confirmation for Primary 7

On Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January we will celebrate Confirmation at Holy Cross Parish.

We will be holding a **Service of light** on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January at 3.15 pm in our school.

### POST PRIMARY OPEN EVENINGS

Primary 6 and Primary 7 pupils should consider attending the post primary open days/nights that are happening this month. Some of the post primary schools have been in to talk with our P7 girls about their schools. Further details are on our school Facebook page.



Get Fit and have fun.  
**Thursday Night 7.30-8.30**  
6 weeks of free classes for parents and adults at Mercy

### Open Afternoon!

We held a very successful and busy open day on the 30<sup>th</sup> November when we welcomed new faces and old friends to our school. It was lovely to see so many new parents and nursery pupils.

**Reminder: P1 Applications for September 2018 are due in on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January.** Please remind any friends or families who may be applying for next year.



**MOBILE PHONE ALERT!** Just after Christmas it is important to remind the children that mobile phones and other electronic devices are not permitted in school. We cannot be responsible for the loss of, damage/ theft of personal belongings of this nature.

Any brought to school will be removed and sent to the office until collected by a parent. Primary 7 pupils please take note. This includes smart watches and tablets also.



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Due to dog fowling in our back playground we have had to decide that Dogs are not permitted in school grounds. Safety of our pupils is paramount.

### CLASS DO JO

We love to keep parents updated through Class Do Jo and Facebook. However, we need also to ensure that staff aren't on call 24hrs a day. To reinforce this any queries may be answered between 3- 6pm or between 8-9. After these times unless an emergency they will be responded to as soon as possible in the next working day. Please check newsletters for information before messaging as often the information has been given and is available on the school App and website. We thank you for your patience and understanding.

### Open Door Policy

Face to face discussions are always preferable/ alternatively a phone call if there is any issue, no matter how small. Parents are asked not to discuss any school business on Facebook/Social Media but are welcome to call and make an appointment with Mrs Loughran or the class teacher at any time.



### Counselling

Some places have become available for individual counselling, Please contact Mrs Loughran for details.

**Snack Money £18.20 - until 28<sup>th</sup> March**

**Milk Money £8.93**

All money to be paid by Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January. Please note:

**NO SNACK/ MILK CAN BE ORDERED AFTER THESE DATES**

**ONCE A WEEK TAKE A PEEK!**

Please check hair is free from unwanted visitors on a weekly basis. Thank you! We have sent out notes today as some unwanted visitors have arrived at school.

### Dinner Bands

Our pupils will be using a new dinner system to keep track on pupils going to the canteen. This is due to a small number of pupils availing of a dinner without payment. All money must be paid weekly and in advance. We thank you for your co-operation with this.

### Dates for Your Diary

13<sup>th</sup> January - P4 Do This in Memory of Me Mass @ Holy Cross Church 7pm.

15<sup>th</sup> January - After School Clubs begin.

17<sup>th</sup> January - 3.15 pm Service of Light P7

18<sup>th</sup> January- Time to code celebration

19<sup>th</sup> January P5 - Assembly

22-24<sup>th</sup> January - P7 Parent Transition Interviews.

24<sup>th</sup> January - Cancer Focus Visit

26<sup>th</sup> January (Fri) - **Confirmation** P7 11am

29<sup>th</sup> Jan -2nd February - Catholic Schools Week.

TBA (Valentines Crafts) with parents  
7<sup>th</sup> February - Sing Out Concert P6

8<sup>th</sup> February Thursday Valentines Disco

9<sup>th</sup> February - (Friday) SCHOOL CLOSES at 12noon for staff training.

12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> February Mid Term  
**School Closed (Mon-Fri)**

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March - St Patrick's Day Concert.

Mon 19<sup>th</sup> March - **St Patrick's Day**  
**School Closed**