



MERCY NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents,
Happy New Year to you all. We hope that you all keep well and healthy in this New Year. We are excited for our new year and all the exciting developments that will take place this year. We begin our Mindfulness in Schools project with Edenbrooke Primary.

**CONGRATULATIONS
TO THE WINNERS IN OUR CHRISTMAS DRAW**
Our draw was held on 21st December 2018.

- 1st prize - G Horathova
- 2nd Prize - Niamh Craig
- 3rd Prize - Claire Logan
- 4th Prize - Michael Blake
- 5th Prize - Louise Smyth
- 6th Prize - Bridget Lavery

A big thank you to our local supporters and businesses.

After Schools Clubs

Our range of afterschool clubs begins again this term, Drumming, Art, Multi sports, Netball, Choir, ICT, Film Club and Homework club. We have to book the spaces in advance as outside agencies like MR Sports run the clubs. We have separated this into two payments for the term to make it easier for parents.
Look out for details, club places may be limited



Do you support someone living with Dementia? We will be running support sessions on 8th/15th/22nd, 29th January
Tuesday Nights 7-9pm
Please come along

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.

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 Wednesday 23rd January at 11 am we will celebrate Confirmation at Holy Cross Parish with Holy Cross Girl's and Boy's Schools. We will be holding a Service of light for P7 pupils on Tuesday 15th January at 7 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.

Open Afternoon!

We held a very successful and busy open day on the 29th November when we welcomed new faces and old friends to our school. It was lovely to see so many new parents and pupils. The procedure for applications has moved online this year.

Reminder: P1 Applications for September 2019 are due to be completed online before 31st January. Please remind any friends or families who may be applying for next year.



No mobile phones

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 or 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.

AR Books- If you are clearing out any novels that could be used for AR please consider sending them to school.

Parent library - Please consider sending in old novels or books that you wish to donate for our parent reading library in the parents room for all parents to enjoy.



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We have now to ask that Dogs are not permitted in school grounds. This has been an issue.

DANGER !!!!! CAR PARKING !!!!

Please take note that parents should not be driving into the school grounds. Pupils should be dropped off on the path outside school. Mr O'Connor is outside to remind parents of this. Parents should park on the main road and pupils should walk up the pedestrian pathway.



Keep the Driveway Clear



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 8-9.10am. 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 asking a question as often the information has been given and is available on the school App and website. We thank you for your patience and understanding.

Dinner Money

Payment of money to school must happen in advance. Arrears in Dinner Money/ After Schools /Snack cannot be accepted as the school must bank all money weekly and it must match the canteen numbers. We thank you for your co-operation with this.

**Snack Money £24.50
Milk Money - £12.35
Covers until 18th April 2019**

All money to be paid by Friday 18th January.

**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!

Open Door Policy

Face to Face discussions are 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. We will always endeavour to give your issues respect and privacy. Resolving any concerns will always be our first priority

Dates for Your Diary

14th January - After Schools Clubs begin.

15th January - 7 pm Service of Light P7

25th January P4 - Assembly

23rd January (Wed) - **Confirmation P7 11am**

27th January - **P4 Do This in Memory of Me Mass @ Holy Cross Church 12 noon.**

27th January - 1st Feb Catholic Schools Week

1st February (- **Grandparents Day KS1**)

11th February (Valentines Crafts) with parents limited spaces TBC

14th February Valentines Disco (PTA)

18th-22nd February **Mid Term**
School Closed (Mon-Fri)

Friday 15th March - St Patrick's Day Concert.

Monday 18th March - **St Patrick's Day**
School Closed