



Spring 1 Term Newsletter

Welcome back and a Happy New Year to everyone!

It's great to see everyone back to full health after the various bugs and colds prior to Christmas.

Dates for your Diary

21st January—P7M 'Not so Serious Burns' workshop.

24th January—P4L Chinese New Year workshop

26th January - Transfer Results

27th January @ 11am Do This in Memory Mass for 1st Communion pupils

30th January PTFA meeting at 6pm

31st January Midnight Closing day for Nursery and P1 applications

9th February at 3pm Confirmation In St Eugene's Cathedral.

15th February Children can wear trainers to school in support of Mary Peter's Foundation

18th February—22nd February
Mid-Term Break

10th March @ 11am Do This In Memory Mass for 1st Communion pupils.

18th March School Closed

14th April @ 11am Do This In Memory Mass for 1st Communion pupils.

Tuesday 16th & Wednesday 17th April
KS2 show

18th April to 26th April
Easter Holiday

4th May First Holy Communion @11.30 in St Eugene's Cathedral

6th May School closed

27th & 28th May School Closed



School Attendance

Before Christmas an increasing number of children were arriving in school later than usual. All children should be in at 9am so that they are ready when lessons begin so that vital teaching time is not missed and the flow of the classroom is not interrupted. By law all children are required to attend school 185 days per year. Early withdrawals or late attendance are marked on the school register as ½ day absences. School attendance is managed electronically and as such is closely monitored by the Department of Education. Consequently, frequently being late could result in unnecessary visits from the Educational Welfare Officer.

Nursery & Year 1 Digital Admissions for September

Parents requiring assistance with the Nursery or Primary 1 Online Application Process may receive support from the school from Monday until closing date.

Please call 028 71262188 ,or follow the link below, should you require any further information on your application.

www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions



Canteen money

Canteen money must be paid up to date. If canteen money is forgotten the canteen will only provide soup and a sandwich on that day. The money must be paid in full the following day. This is Board policy. You can pay in the canteen on a Monday for the week or you can call in to the canteen each morning and pay for the dinner.



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Year 7 Transfer to Post Primary School 2019

Transfer discussion meetings and the completion of the Year 7 Transfer Application Forms will take place from Friday, 25th January until Thursday, 31st January. Individual appointment times will be issued in due course.

Please check the link below for further information:

www.eani.org.uk/admissions-guides/postprimary

THIS SCHOOL IS A NUT FREE ZONE!

Due to a child having a severe nut allergy we must insist that nuts and snacks containing nuts or peanut butter are strictly forbidden.



Easter Holiday

18th April finish at 12 noon
(no bus or taxi service) to
26th April



I have been advised by the Education Authority Health & Safety Inspector that parents should only park in designated spaces in Academy Road as a result of a near miss.

In the interest of Health & Safety and Child Protection we advise strongly that all Parents and Guardians come into the school playground and collect their child/children and walk along the footpath provided to their vehicle.

We ask drivers to adhere to the parking regulations and observe School - Keep - Clear notice. Please be extra vigilant when driving/reversing out of a space.

We are constantly striving to keep our children safe in a very congested area. We have been in contact with the traffic management section who will be ensuring more regular traffic warden checks. I appreciate your support in this very crucial matter.



Confirmation

Bishop Donal McKeown will celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday 9th February at 3pm in St Eugene's Cathedral along with St Anne's P.S. On the 28th January the P7s will be attending a confirmation retreat in St Mary's. They will have confirmation practice with St Anne's on Thursday 7th February at 1.30pm.



5TH February NSPCC O2 Workshop on Internet Safety for parents @ 9:15 in our school assembly hall. Further Information will follow. Please make every effort to attend

The "Speak Out, Stay Safe" programme by NSPCC will be delivered to our children in Key Stage assemblies on 5th February. This will be followed by workshop sessions for our P6 & P7 children.



Books go Home



You will get an opportunity to see your child's work again on Thursday 14th February when their books will go home. Please remember to fill in the comment box and return to school along with the books the **following day**.

PTFA- Wednesday, 30th January @ 6pm. We would love to welcome new parents/guardians /grandparents and friends to attend.



Eco-Friendly Newsletter



All future newsletter will continue to be posted on the school website www.modelps.co.uk and Our School App. available on the Play Store. **BT48 7HJ** postcode needed to download the app.

