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## MONTHLY NOTE February 2018



### School Holidays this Month:

**MID TERM:** School Closed for Children: **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February – Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February** inclusive

### Activities this Month:

Date	Activity
Monday 5 February	P7 Mrs Quinn Swimming 11.10-11.50am
Monday 26 February	P7 Mrs Farrell Swimming 11.10-11.50am
Monday 5 & 26 February	P1-P2 Multi Sports 2-3pm P3-P5 Multi Sports 3-4pm
Tuesday 6, 20 & 27 February	P1-P2 Tag Rugby 2-3pm P3-P7 Tag Rugby 3-4pm
Tuesday 6 & 20 February	P6 Mr Fegan Art 3-4pm
Tuesday 27 February	P5 Mr McIvor Art 3-4pm
Tuesday 6, 20 & 27 February	P4 & P5 STEM 3-4pm
Tuesday 20 & 27 February	P5-P7 Traditional Music 3-4pm
Wednesday 7 February	P6 & P7 Gaelic in Abbey GS 3.00-4.15pm <b>Children MUST be picked up from the Abbey GS carpark (beside Sports Hall) at 4.15pm promptly</b>
Wednesday 21 & 28 February	P4 & P5 Gaelic in Abbey GS 3.00-4.15pm <b>Children MUST be picked up from the Abbey GS carpark (beside Sports Hall) at 4.15pm promptly</b>
Thursday 1, 22 February	P1-P2 Evo Soccer 2-3pm P3-P7 Evo Soccer 3-4pm
Thursday 1 & 22 February	P6 Icode Club 3-4pm
Thursday 22 February	P7 Mrs Farrell Baking 3.00-4.15pm
Friday 2, 23 February	P1-P2 Hip Hop 2-3pm P3-P7 Hip Hop 3-4pm

### Diary Dates

Safer Internet Day	Tuesday 6 February
Parent/Pupil Interviews	Friday 9 February (No pupils in school)/School will close at 2pm on Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb
P6 St Patrick's Novena Mass	Monday 12 March at 7.30pm Newry Cathedral (all invited)
First Holy Communion	Saturday 12 May 2018 at 10.30am in St Mary's Church
Confirmation	Friday 9 March 2018 at 6pm in St Brigid's Church

### Start times

School starts at **9am**. All children must be in school for this time.

In order to help and for children protection and safeguarding, the school operates the following:

**8.10am** – Breakfast Club - £1/pupil/day

**8.30am** – 8.45am – Any pupil arriving at this time should come into the school hall

**8.45am** – Classroom doors open – children may be brought to the classroom (supervised by an adult)

**9.00am** – class begins - ALL children should be in class (**classroom doors are locked**)

After 9am – children should enter via the main school door, with an adult and the late register needs to be signed.

**These procedures form part of the School Safeguarding Procedures and are in place to ensure the safety of all children attending the school.**

### News & Events this Month:

#### After School Activities

There will be no after school activities on **Thursday 8 February** in preparation for Parent/Teacher meetings on Friday 9 February. **School will close at 2pm.**

#### Irish News Tokens

Please make sure to keep collecting and sending in your Irish News tokens to the School.

#### Shared Education

Our Shared Education Programme has begun with Bridge IPS. This is a pilot year for both schools and the classes involved this year are: P1NB, P1ND, P2GS, P4CB, P6RF and P7PF. We look forward to work with our partner school over the coming years.

St. Ronan asks us to be: *“kind and loving; wise and forgiving”*

### P7 Girls Gaelic/P6 Football

Well done to our P7 Girls Gaelic team and to our two P6 soccer teams.

### Quiz

Congratulations to our two P7 Quiz teams who did so well in the Newry Credit Union Quiz, in St Colman's College and to our P7 Road Safety team.

### P7 Transfer Forms

Could I remind all P7 parents to return their transfer forms to the Principal asap and no later than **7 February 2018**.

### School Book Fair

Our Annual Book fair will take place in the school from **Monday 26 February**. This is always a very eagerly anticipated event and your continued support is much appreciated. Commission raised through this event enables the school to buy valuable literacy resources for each class. Please check your child's schoolbag today for further details.

### Book Day – Non Uniform Day

To mark World Book Day on **Thursday 1 March** we will be holding a Non-Uniform Day (no money required) and **children may dress up** as their favourite book character.

### Catholic Schools Week

We celebrated Catholic Schools week from **Sunday 30 January to Friday 2 February**. Our P5 School and Prefect Councillors represented our school at the Dromore Diocesan mass in St Peter's Church Lurgan on **Thursday 1 February**. St Ronan's PS is proud to be part of the family of catholic schools, which offers an inclusive education to all the pupils of Newry.

### P6 Parents Assembly

The P6 Assembly for parents to attend will take place on **Thursday 8 February at 1.30pm**.

### Peace Proms

Our School choir will take part in the Peace Proms on **Sunday 25 February** at the SSE Arena with a number of other schools. Tickets are on sale if you wish to go and watch them.

### P7 Retreat

Our P7 children will take part in a retreat on **Monday 26 & Tuesday 27 February** lead by Sr Mercedes, the Dromore Diocesan RE Advisor.

### Mobile Technology Safety Parent Meeting

As part of our commitment to protecting your child when online, especially in light of the recent report on the pressures children face via social media, in conjunction with the PSNI and the other local Primary Schools there will be a Parent internet safety workshop in Sacred Heart Grammar school, for all parents of children (P1 – P7) - **Wednesday 21 February** at 7pm. Come along and get informed. St Colman's PS and All Saints' NU Annaclone, Banbridge are also hosting a similar Parents evening on Social Media Apps and Internet Safety on **Thursday 8 February** at 7pm – All invited.

### School Money

The School is now moving to becoming CASHLESS. All school events (apart from School Dinners) must be paid online via School Money, this includes milk, after school activities etc. The School Money site can be accessed via the St. Ronan's PS App – Parent Portal – Cashless/Online. Please make sure to enter the correct email address (the one that was used on the initial log in). **Only UK mobile numbers** will be accepted by the site. If you are having difficulties accessing School Money please email the school info account outlining the difficulties and we will try to resolve these for you.

Please DO NOT send cash/cheques into school. Cash/Cheques will only be accepted for School Dinners and only in other exceptional circumstances. We will be piloting dinner money for the P6 and P7 classes after mid- term. P6 and P7 parents should log in and book and pay for dinners via school money. Please let the school know what you think of the new system.

### New School Team Strip

Our P7's are continuing to work on our new school strip design. Thank you to all who have come forward to sponsor it.

### St Patrick's Novena Mass

Our Primary 6 classes and the school choir have been asked to lead the St Patrick's Novena Mass **on Monday 12 March, 7.30pm** in Newry Cathedral. **The entire school community is invited to this mass.** Please come along and support our School and our Primary 6 classes. The Novena to St Patrick will be celebrated in Newry Cathedral at 7.30pm from Thursday 8 March – Thursday 15 March in Newry Cathedral. Each of the 6 Newry Primary schools will be the lead school, on a different night.

### PE Days for PE UNIFORM:

#### **P1/P2 parents please remember PE trainers on PE Days ONLY....**

P3 - FK Tues/Wed	BH Tues/Wed
P4 - KMK Mon/Tues	CB Mon/Fri
P5 - MB Tues/Fri	MMI Mon/Fri
P6 - DB Fri	RF Fri
P7 - PF Tues/Fri	DQ Mon/Fri

**FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM TO BE WORN AT ALL OTHER TIMES**



Within St. Ronan's we seek to develop the whole child.